



## From the Pastor's Desk



Good morning everyone!

The fall is a beautiful time of year. I remember the changing of the seasons when I was a child and loved to watch the breezes blow the colorful leaves. I remember that I liked the cooler weather when I could wear a jacket or sweater to school. I knew that changes in the weather and the season meant that Christmas was coming - a new year was coming - another chance to start over was about to happen.

Now as I grow older, I also see changes — but they don't always remind me of seasons, or Christmas, but do remind me that God does give us so very much. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, a lot has changed in our lives. People are gone who used to be here to love us and the whole character of our town is changing. We are no longer the same healthy person we used to be. Now many of us struggle with diseases and physical challenges that cause lots of frustrations.

And yet, even those changes can remind us that Christ has come to give us another chance. No longer as children but now as adults, parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Our roles have changed and we get the opportunity to change with them. Now we can contribute even more to make people's lives better.

Come on back to church this week and join us in prayer and worship.



*Harvest is Here*

*"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." - 2 Corinthians 9:10*

**You can be a part of raising 48 million dollars in donations for the United Methodist Church this holiday season!**

Harvest time is here and many of you are already planning for the holiday season. This means time with family and friends.  
And, let's not forget about **holiday shopping**.

Over 50% of families in the US now do their shopping online!  
This means that 4 million Methodists will be shopping for the holidays through online retailers. **If the average Methodist spends \$400 through UMCmarket, that would mean 48 million dollars in donations in the next few months.** This is an amazing opportunity for our churches!

**We need your help! 100% of the donation percentages through UMC market goes to the church. Visit [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org) today!**



**The Methodist Music Makers (Grade 2-6 choir) will sing in the 10:50 am service this Sunday, Oct. 12. Please make every effort to have your children at rehearsal Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 pm and have them gather in the choir room at 10:30 am that Sunday.**

**Wanted: First Responders**



**FUMCRO is looking for certified individuals to serve as designated First Responders in the event of an emergency during church services and functions. Please consider volunteering if you are a medical professional or have a CPR/AED certification. Those interested should email or bring a copy of your certification(s) to the church office.**

## Belk Charity Day Sale - Private Ticketed Event



Save the Date for Saturday, Nov. 8th! From 6 am to 10 am, Belk Shoppers with a private ticket will benefit from a 20-70% off Charity Sale storewide, including special savings on RARELY DISCOUNTED BRANDS to benefit local charities. Get your \$5 ticket NOW from the FUMCRO office to benefit **Daniel's Den** and receive a coupon for \$5 off your first purchase. Please contact Dani Muckleroy or call the FUMCRO office for more information.

## Volunteers Needed

Daniel's Den is the only Homeless Shelter in Ellis County and needs our help. Joy Ranton recently opened a Thrift Store to help pay for the shelter and continue providing for those who are homeless.

Second Chance Apparel & More  
1313A West Main  
Waxahachie

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday thru Friday for 4 hours each afternoon — once a week, or once a month. Joy works on Saturdays, but she could probably use some help on this day as well. And we need PRAYERS to get this project moving and providing income for Daniel's Den. If you can help, please call 972-938-0103 to volunteer.

-Pastor Allen Grant

## GIVE FREELY

FUMCRO is helping to collect items for a family in need of household staples. This single-parent household would greatly benefit from the following items:

- Microwave
- Coffee Maker
- Can Opener
- Twin Sheets
- Blankets
- Queen Sheets
- Towels
- Wash Cloths



Donated items can be placed in the foyer under the "Give Freely" signage. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Wilson at 469-232-8022.



Field trips begin Wednesday, October 1st!

Party in the Patch and Trunk or Treat on  
Saturday, October 25th from 2-4 pm!

**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

Please sign up in the foyer or contact Rhonda Meyer,  
Volunteer Coordinator, to find out how you can help!



## Wednesday Activities

- 10:30 am Bible Study - Book of Ecclesiastes
- 6:00 pm Dinner provided by Missions/Evangelism
- 6:30 pm Youth & Bible Study - Book of Ecclesiastes
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

# 'I said YES, now what?'

## Premarital Seminar



October 25th 2014

9am-5pm

The Oaks Fellowship

*Overgram*

\$240/couple Includes:

- Voucher that waives the \$60 state marriage license fee & 72hr waiting period
- Catered lunch
- Wedding cake
- Keepsake photograph
- Door prizes galore!

For more information, contact Brenda Elledge:

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