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Red Oak, Texas

Reaching Up to God,
Moving into the World,
Making Disciples for Christ



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THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 9



Every year, the church attempts to follow the life of Christ. From the announcements about the coming Savior's birth during Advent, through the Christmas Season to Easter, and Pentecost, we attempt to learn from the Bible how we relate to God and each other. As the church grew with more and more people needing to study what it meant to be a Christian, the season of Lent was introduced.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock of where we are in our spiritual journey. Lent originated in the earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism.

By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. During this forty day period of time, Christians sometimes fast from certain items so that they can spend more time in prayer and contemplation. Jesus fasted for forty days but most of us are not prepared for that. So one day of fasting per week or fasting from something that you love causes you to reflect on where you are in relation to God. We skip Sundays because they are "little" Easter celebrations. (Continued on page 2)

Soup Supper 6pm & Ash Wednesday Service 7pm – March 9th

Priscilla and Aquila Award Winners for 2010

Congratulations to **Dana & Keven Davis** as recipients of the Priscilla and Aquila Award!! This award is given to two of our fellow workers for Christ at FUMC in recognition of their tireless dedication and service. Dana & Keven are the first husband and wife team to win these awards in the same year, and that seems very appropriate since the namesakes were a couple Paul referred to as 'my fellow workers in Christ Jesus.' Plaques were presented to Dana & Keven in the service on Feb 20 and their names were added to the wall plaque in the foyer by the front entrance. Please take the time to see it and to congratulate Dana & Keven! They both are committed to the prison ministry, Kairos and work many hours with the Angel Tree program for inmates' children at Christmas. Many people had comments on their involvement in choir, Lord's Acre, the Emmaus community, adult Sunday School, service on church committees & teams, financial planning and in general, just serving this church in whatever manner they were asked. We are so very blessed to have them!



The Radical Hospitality Team (formerly Evangelism Committee) would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for your wonderful participation. We are very lucky that we have many names submitted each year.

Schedule of Servants:

-Communion Servant; Sandra Doyle

- Flowers given by

3/6 McKnight family in honor of Andrew's Birthday
3/13 Valerius Family in honor of Allyson's 17th Birthday
Helen Malone in memory of her Loved ones.
3/20 Paige & Ian Davis in honor of their 18th Anniversary
3/27 Dana Davis in honor of Keven's 60th Birthday

- Acolytes

3/6 Emma Eguia & Alexis Palma
3/13 Nathan Wilson & Matthew McKnight
3/20 Katelyn Newport & Brooke Vassallo
3/27 Drew Davis & Michael Plumb

- Prayers for Pastor

3/6: Don Newman & Terry Brown
3/13 Jerry Pomeroy & John Persefield
3/20: Don Newman & Keven Davis
3/27: Jerry Pomeroy & John Young

-Ushers & Greeters — 8:30

Royce & Betty Miller (except first Sunday Charlotte & Steve Yeadon)

10:50 Ron & Pam Briden, Whitney Young & Josh Williams, and Elaine & Valerie Nobles. .

- Counters

3/6: Melody Durazo & Stephanie Vassallo
3/13: Jerry Kirby & Tim Brownlee
3/20: Lionel Hazard & Suzanne Barry
3/27: Brandy Young & Curtis Doyle

- Sound Technicians

8:30 Les Mitchell & Don Newman
10:50 Tom Rogers, Jackson Smiley, and Kayleigh Kitzman

- Video: Carolyn Haffey & Youth ONE

Season of Lent Continued from Page 1

Lent begins on Ash Wednesdays and ends on Thursday before Easter when we celebrate Holy Communion. The service that we will observe on March 9 will include a soup supper at 5:45 and a worship service at 7 pm. During the worship service we will read scriptures about repentance and focus on our own sinfulness. Ashes are placed on the forehead as a reminder that we are human beings and not God. The words "Dust you are and to dust you will return" are said as the ashes are imposed.

Ashes are not a way of parading our piety before others, which Jesus condemns, but a way of reminding each of us that we will one day return to God from whom we have come. The Bible does not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.

This year during the season of Lent, you are encouraged to examine your life, spend more time in prayer and seek out God's leadership for your life. Contemplate all that Jesus has done for you in his dying on the cross and resurrection from the dead.

During Holy Week we will reenact the triumphant entry into Jerusalem with Palm leaves, observe that last supper with Jesus on Holy Thursday, then remember the death of Jesus on Black Friday and have a joyful celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

Come, join us in worshipping Christ our risen Lord!

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Church Dinner



The Wednesday Fellowship Dinners are held on Wednesdays at 5:40 pm weather permitting. The donations collected will benefit the Apportionments / Connectional Giving.

Menus are as listed below. If you would like to help, the crew is always in need o extra help for cleanup after the dinner is served. For more information call Mary Young 972-741-3120 or Mike Stricker 972-765-0326.

3/2 Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Frosted Crispy Squares

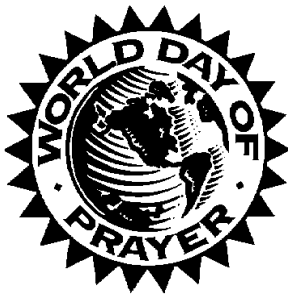
3/9 Potluck Soup Supper— sponsored by Worship Committee

3/16 Spring Break—No Wednesday Dinner

3/20 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Ice Cream / Choc Syrup.

4/6 Broasted Chicken, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Chocolate Chip Cookies.

World Day of Prayer – March 4th



March 4th is designated on the calendar as World Day of Prayer. Because prayer is a very significant and vital part of our Christian spiritual life, the church sanctuary and altar will be open for prayer from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM on Friday, March 4th. A notebook in which to record prayer requests will be available as well as candles to light as intercessory prayers are made for specific persons. If the weather is nice, the Prayer Garden at the entrance of the church may also be used. Everyone is invited to come for a time of quiet reflection and prayer.

Wisdom Seekers

What: A new group based on 12 step groups, John Wesley's classes, support groups, Christian disciplines, Emmaus 4th day group, etc. You will also be sharing your personal path to wisdom with others in the group. You can participate by listening or you can share your story or become a mentor to others. We will all be at different places on our journeys.

Who: For women who are interested in personal growth. Facilitated by Darlene Grant a Deacon, licensed social worker and individual interested in personal growth. I have lead a variety of groups since 1992, and had training in counseling and groups during my ministerial training during both bachelor and master's degrees.

When: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 in fellowship hall (we will talk over supper). We will begin during lent (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday).

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FUMCRO
Now accepts electronic donations

Travelers keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, First United Methodist Church relies on your regular contributions. **FUMCRO** appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year—especially during popular Spring Break and other travel periods. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions. Please contact the church office for details or go to our website at www.fumcro.org and click the donation link.

Thanks again for your donations.

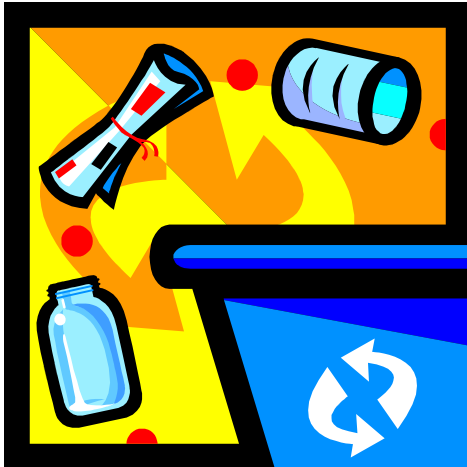


March 13— Spring ahead one hour!

TALENT SHOW/FUNDRAISER BENEFIT FOR MISSION

On April 2nd, the youth will be hosting a talent show to benefit the mission trip this summer. This talent show is open to all. There will be a limited number of spots available with try-outs on March 26th from 2 to 4pm. Please fill-out a registration form, available through Heather or the church office, and hand into Heather by 19th of March. We are looking for a variety of talents from bands to skits. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the summer mission trip.

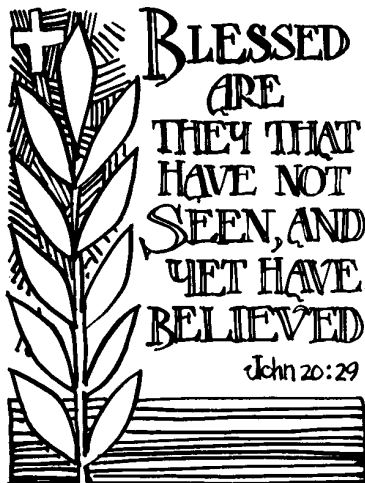




**FUMCRO
RECYCLES CANS, PLASTIC & PAPER**

**PLEASE PUT ONLY CLEAN PAPER IN THE
RECYCLE TRASH CANS
IN THE FOYER.**

**ALUMINUM CANS & PLASTIC CUPS OR
BOTTLES CAN BE PUT
IN THE RECYCLE BINS
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**



RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS

The Risk Taking Mission & Service Team is using the money raised from your aluminum can donations to purchase gift cards during the year for the ANGEL TREE Kid's Birthdays. Angel Tree Kids are those children in Red Oak who have a parent in Prison. Prior to Christmas we receive a new list of children birth—18 years old, who have been placed on the list to receive gifts for Christmas with a message from their parent.

We continue to collect cans to help fund this Prison ministry. Please place your cans in trash bags (to prevent them blowing away) behind the maintenance shed in the back side of our parking lot. Aluminum Cans only are taken for recycling for money to fund this project.

We are also still accepting paper back books to send to our troops and magazines to take to the nursing home.

Mike Stricker, Chairperson, Risk Taking Mission Team

Children's Council News

Children's Council has decided to cancel the Children's Church activities during the 10:50 am service on Sunday mornings due to lack of interest.

Busy Bags have been brought back and are available in the foyer on the tables by the sanctuary doors. Please feel free to use the busy bags and Children's bulletins. We would prefer if you return the busy bags to the foyer so that they can be used again. The Busy Bags will be in the red bin baskets. They are provided for the children by the Children's Council. Thanks for returning them after the service.

Questions: Please call Jennifer McKnight, Children's Council Chairperson at 972-223-76 or mcknight@sbcglobal.net

Lord's Acre Chili & Dessert Cookoff Winners

This year we once again had a fun time with the Chili and Dessert cook off. We had 9 Chili contestants and as many Dessert contestants. Every thing was absolutely delicious. This is an annual event, so if you missed it this year there is always next.

Chili Winners: 1st Place was Chili #5 John Young/s Texas Red.; 2nd Place was #3 by Jane Aberg; and 3rd Place was take by #9 Charles Daubitz with his Venison Chili.

Dessert Winners: 1st Place was Lynne Grandstaff's Southern Comfort Apple Pie; 2nd Place was Travis Young's Banana Cake, and 3rd Place was Pam Briden's Key Lime Cream Puffs..

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40 am - Meet in the Sanctuary for singing/video and then go to classes. March we begin a new three month focus moving toward Easter and the resurrection. Our BIG Idea is **"We believe that God promises to be with us always."** Bible Verse for March is **Psalm 47:7a "The Lord All-Powerful is with us."**

Jr. & Senior Hi: Meeting in the Youth ONE Room. Lead by **Heather Rodenberg**

Sunshine Class: Meeting in classroom on the right of the Sanctuary. Rotating Teachers: March Study: [We Worship God](#); Unit 1: **A Guide for Worship Leaders. 1 Timothy 2, 3, 4 & 5.**

Enrichment Class: - Meets in the Fellowship Hall. Adam Hamilton's study on **World Religions:** 2/27 Buddhism; 3/6 Islam; 3/13 Judaism; 3/20 Christianity. 3/27 New Lenten Study begins.

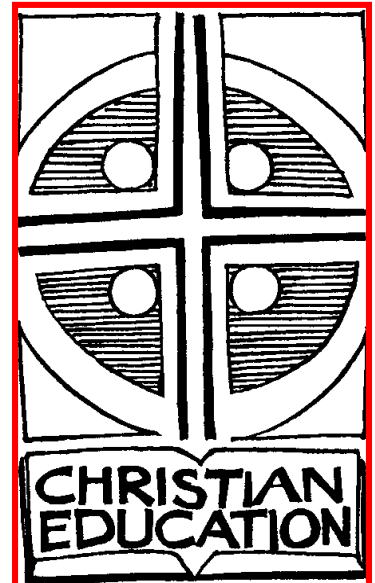
Nomads: Meeting in the Church Office. Classroom Teacher: Joanna Johnson. Studying **"When the World Takes the Wind Out of Your Sails"** by Moore.

Young Adult Class - Meeting in the Church Library. Study new every Sunday from the Upper Room: **"Alive Now"**.

Pastor Class: Will meet in the Sanctuary to study.

Adult Bible Study: Wednesday at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

Financial Peace: Teacher: Terry Brown—Class begins at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR ALL AGES :
9:40—10:35 AM**

Imagine NO Malaria: One Child means the world to somebody.

Every 30 seconds, an innocent child in Africa dies of malaria. A loving daughter, a future doctor, a beloved grandson, a best friend – malaria takes more than 1 million lives each year. Malaria causes immeasurable suffering, devastating families across Africa. Left untreated, its flu like symptoms – fever, chills, vomiting,

headache – leads to convulsions, organ failure and countless unnecessary deaths. All caused by a parasite called Plasmodium, transmitted through the bite of a tiny mosquito.

Together, we will
beat
fight malaria.
IMAGINE NO MALARIA

 Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

Malaria is preventable, treatable and beatable. We are uniting faith and works to share the resources that help overcome malaria in Africa. By standing together, the United Methodist Church, some 11 million strong, and putting discipleship into action, we can eradicate malaria in our world just as we have smallpox and polio. Our Missions Team will be bringing you some ideas soon to show that we can make a difference worldwide. Watch for more information. This is now more than nets, it is education, treatment and prevention. We can achieve a sustainable victory over malaria.

ONE GOD — ONE FAITH — ONE WAY — YOUTH ONE CORNER

Mission Trip 2011



This summer our church will be sending 23 participants on a weeklong mission trip to the East Texas/Louisiana coastal regions. The trip will take place on June 12th through the 18th. During this trip, participants will help with home repairs for persons who are in need within the area.

These trips are very fundamental in building faith, friendships, and life skills for the youth. The youth are not only hearing about God but are experiencing God.

I encourage you to become a shareholder for this summer's trip. What is a shareholder and what are the benefits? Good questions! Well by making a donation and purchasing a full share, $\frac{1}{2}$ share, or a $\frac{1}{4}$ share, you are making an investment into changing the life of a teenager. As a shareholder, you will receive the name of a participant(s) that will be going on the trip. You will travel with them in spirit and pray for them while they are gone. Once everyone returns from the trip, you will be invited to a shareholders dinner where you will get to hear about and see how the trip has changed the lives of these youth. I would ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a shareholder.

Shares can be purchased by stopping by the church office or dropping the payment in the Sunday offering. Please mark "Youth Mission Share" when giving. You will then receive a shareholder certificate as the trip approaches with the name and picture of the participant(s). If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Heather Rodenberg, our youth minister.

Mission Trip Attendees

To qualify for early bird registration and for the church to save some money, we need to have your \$100 deposit in to Heather by March 6th so we can get it in the mail. Please get it in as soon as possible. Please contact Heather with any questions concerning Mission Trip 2011.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SHARES

Donate to Youth Mission Trip. We need a total of 25 shares.

1 Share = \$300

$\frac{1}{2}$ Share = \$150

$\frac{1}{4}$ Share = \$75

Please mark Youth Mission when donating.



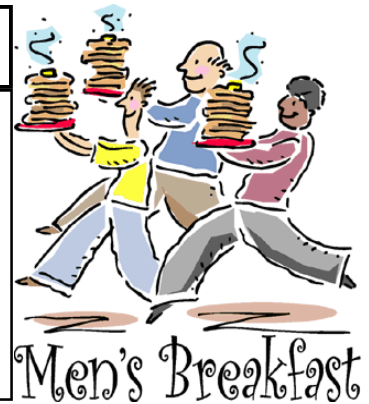
**MINISTER
OF YOUTH**
Heather Rodenberg

FUMCROYouth@gmail.com

ATTENTION: UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Monthly Men's Breakfast will be held on **March 12 at 8:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Nick Durazo & Travis Young will be preparing breakfast and Stu Dorsey will be providing the devotional. All men are invited to attend this meeting.

Any questions please contact Steve at 214-263-9919, or Mike Stricker at 972-765-0326.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS



- **Y*A*W*N Circle** will meet first Monday of the month in the church office at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. For more information call Melody Durazo at 469-964-4188.
- **General Meeting** of UM Women is held on the second Sunday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Sunshine Classroom. March 13 will begin the two part Mission study presented by Melba Watson, "For Love of God." Special thanks to Darlene for speaking to the group last month. Childcare will be provided upon request.
- **Circle of Love** meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone should bring a covered dish to share. March 22 is the date of this month's meeting. Melba Watson will present the Program and Jennifer McKnight and Lynne Grandstaff will be our hostess. All the women of the church are invited to attend. Meetings are not held in the Summer months.

- **Friendship Circle** meets on the fourth **Thursday of the month** except November at **7:00 P.M in the Fellowship Hall**. This circle does not meet in June or July. The UMW Friendship Circle will have its regular monthly meeting on **March 24th, at 7:00 PM**. We will be discussing Lesson Eight: The Empire Has Fallen! Evacuate Now! from our Bible study, *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*. The scripture is Revelation 17-18. Arnell Kimbro will present the devotional, and Beth Norris will provide refreshments. **All women are invited to become a part of this UMW circle of friends**. We always have good fellowship, delicious refreshments, and lively discussions (most of the time on the discussion book!)...come join us!
- **The Circle of Hope and Healing** conducts our Prayer Shawl Ministry. They at 10:00 am on the first and third Saturday and second Friday of the month at the Church. The group continues to knit and crochet prayer shawls.
- **The United Methodist Women** are collecting disposable diapers and baby formula (powdered) for the United Community Center. We continue to collect "Box Tops for Education" and Campbell's soup labels for Education. Baby items can be placed in the collection bag in the foyer for this purpose. Children & Youth Underwear can also still be donated. Labels go in the mailbox on the UMW bulletin board.
- **Women's Reading Program:** Books are available in the Sunshine Room. Please check out your book by listing it in the spiral kept in the red binder on the shelf with the books. Book lists are turned in at the end of August 2011. To count in our quest to be a 5 Star United Methodist Women's Group, each reader must read at least one book in the four categories of Education for Mission, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, and Nurturing for Community. You must also regularly read from Response and/or New World Outlook Magazines. If you have any questions please contact Lori Stricker—Reading Program Secretary.



If childcare is needed during any UMW activity, please call the church office 972-617-9100 to schedule.

NICODEMUS by Joan Pomeroy

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It occurs 46 days (40 days not counting Sundays) before Easter. It is, in my opinion, the perfect time in our year, to think about our personal walk with our faith.

When I did this I came across a person seldom talked about, but important enough that he is written about three times in the Bible. Nicodemus, a Pharisee, and a secret disciple of Jesus, so filled with the fear of the Jews, that he could not openly acknowledge Jesus, but came to him at night. Yet, after Jesus was crucified, Nicodemus went with Joseph, of Arimathea (obviously not the father of Jesus) to claim Jesus' body. Wrapping the body with myrrh and aloes and strips of cloth, they placed him in the new tomb according to Jewish custom. John: 19: 38-42. I was told, five years after Jesus' death, Nicodemus was speaking in public places about the death and resurrection of Jesus. He had given up the fear of the Jewish leaders; he had given up his secret life.

I then began to pray for insight to where I feed my own fears, thus letting them control the person I could become. Does fear affect my personal security, thus I arrange for my self, to be at ease in a restricted area of life? Do I hide my faith in Jesus Christ because of my fears of rejection, just like Nicodemus did? What can I do to change these patterns, to become less fearful and grow to be the person God wants me to be?

As a church can we step out of our comfortable confining space, and reach out to others we might not know, both in our community and in our church?

Joan Pomeroy - Writing for Enjoyment group leader

PARENT'S DAY OUT NEWS



Christy Niven
PDO Director

Hello everyone!

I am so excited to be a part of the Parents Day out Program. I have had some time to get to know this amazing group of children that come in every morning happy to be here and ready to soak up everything they possibly can. Painting seems to be a very popular activity here at Laugh and Learn! How fun it is to watch the children create their product and swell with pride as they share with others. The teachers here truly love these children and do a great job teaching and caring for them. Many new ideas are floating around in the children's wing. We will be looking for your help and support as we begin to transform the children's wing into Noah's Ark. Again, I am so excited to be here. Come by for a visit when you have a spare minute.

God Bless, Christy Niven



CONGRATULATIONS, NEW ACOLYTES

Congratulations to new acolytes, **Emma Eguia**, **Alexis Palma**, and **Nathan Wilson**, who completed the acolyte training class on February 13th. The new acolytes will begin serving as acolytes and helping to lead in worship during February. They have pledged to be faithful followers of Jesus, actively participate in worship, be faithful in carrying out the acolyte duties and set good examples for others to follow. As these children begin and continue their service to Christ and His church in this important position, please support them with your prayers. The next acolyte training class will be held in September for 3rd through 6th graders.



Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Neel March 27



*The Women of the church invite you to attend
The Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Neel
Daughter of Suzanne and Chester Neel.*

*The shower will be held
2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 27th.*

*In April, Elizabeth will marry Ryan Hinz in a Florida wedding.
Elizabeth is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Crate and Barrel. Please come and
help us celebrate this wonderful time
in Elizabeth's life!*

Rent a Scout

Help a Boy Scout out to pay for camp or other activities

___ March 5 ___ April 2

If you need anything cleaned, raked, lights taken down, mowing grass, trim hedges, painting, you name we can decide if the boys can do it!! Just let us know.

Please call Tamela Sackett @ 469 230 4560

MARCH PRAYER LIST

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

First United Methodist - Red Oak
Members, Leaders and Friends

INDIVIDUALS

Our Home Church Folks:

Nell Burnett (Red Oak Rehab)
Golda Punkoney (Nursing home in
Center, Texas)
Mrs. Miner (Debbie Anderson's mother)
Kayleen Johnson-Gallagher (Joanna's
daughter)
Hazel Butner (Margarett Butner's mom)
Judy Martin (Mike Martin's mother)
Dorothy White (Sherry Martin's mother)
Dorothy Grant (Pastor's mother)
Dorothy Doty (Dean Doty's mother)

MEMBERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Rita Dugger - recuperating at home
Florene Nix
Doris Maechel (Cindy Belote's mom)
Dollie Fouts
Kay Merrifield (Rene Fouts' mother)
Jo Ann Hardin (Curtis Doyle's sister)
Wanda Cutler (Paige Davis' grandmother)
Charles Brown (Oma's brother)
Kenneth Denney (Yeadon's brother)
Cecil Fields (Valerius grandfather)
Doug Newman (Don's brother)
Grace Weir (Keven Davis' mother)
Pauline Brown (Oma's mother)
Aunt Helen (Beth Norris)
Xander 10 yr old with cancer (Dee
Taylor's grandson)
Lina Royce (Dana Davis mother)
Karen Herriott (Becky's sister)
Sylvia Wolaver (Gaines' sister)
Elliott Woolridge
Lisa McKenzie (Lori Stricker's Sister)
Kally Robbins
Catherine Nichols
Roland Stevens
Laurie DiCave (Stephanie's Sister)
Sandra White
Elsie Augustus & caregiver,
Janet Fogt
Nell Fulton
Sandy Hughes (friend of Lanes)
Billie Howard (Terri Yates grandfather)
Ginger Alexander (Maureen Plumb's
sister)
Betty Brown (Eddie Mae Newman's sister)

Friends & Family Continued

Dalton Valerius
David Horn
Linda Peterson's sister
Those seeking employment

Joy Brock

Family of Leeann Kouns

Tila King (Joan's Niece)

Jada Nobles

Apolonia Garcia (Joe's mom)

Jack Christianson (Linda Higgins)

Doty family in the loss of

Sherry's Father: Jerry Rice

Nobles family in the loss Jada Nobles

Praise:

Nancy Robinson's new

Great-grandchild

Wood family new Great-grandchild



March BIRTHDAYS:

1/ Avery Osentoski, Dale McKnight,
Alexandria Ross
2/ Katie Paquin
4/ Neva Ransom
6/ Betty Wood
7/ Andrew McKnight, Nancy Davis
8/ James Vinson
9/ Jada Nobles
10/ Ray Stevens, Mary Young,
12/ Mike Stricker, Racheal Merrill, Bryce
Yates, Cynthia Hein
13/ Andy Malone
14/ Jackson Smiley, Rita Dugger
15/ Gary Moore
16/ Olivia Wolford
17/ Herbert Shelton
18/ Allyson Valerius
19/ Paul McAlister
20/ Randy Perkins, Bevin King
21/ Valerie Nobles
23/ Stephanie Vassallo, Claudia Mason,
Rigo Sanchez, Kelila Littlejohn
25/ Jerry Pomeroy
27/ Kayleen Johnson, Keven Davis
28/ Ryan Wu
30/ Chris Vinson, Hunter Szostek
31/ Joanna Johnson

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Wisdom of our leaders.

Our Nation & Our Military Service men and women.

Mike Webb (cousin of Rene Valerius)
Damien Guss (Stricker)
Harold Valyou (Wilson)
Adam Dugger
Sean Acrea (Yeadon grandson)
David Malone (Watson)
Christopher Brandon Hall (Sackett)
Chris Coffey
Fred Ballard Jr.
Doug Cantrell (Suzanne Neel)
Michael James (son of Oma Mitchell)
Jason Maris (Katie Almond's nephew)
Curtis Windsor (Neel)
Robert Grandstaff
Hugh Taylor Grandstaff
Sylvia Grandstaff

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Here's How YOU can be in Mission to the World

- ❖ North Ellis County Outreach
 - Pasta & Oatmeal
 - Food for Outreach
 - School Supplies, Backpacks & Coats, clothing.
- ❖ Military Personnel
 - Paper Back Books
 - Letters from Home
- ❖ ROISD
 - School Supplies & Uniforms
 - Dollars for Prescriptions
 - Belts & Uniforms
- ❖ Carter Blood Donations
- ❖ Prison Ministry
 - Gift Cards

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

- Walk to Emmaus
- United Methodist Women & Men
- Sunday School
- Bible Studies
- Choir
- Marriage Encounter

First UMC, First UMC Youth, US Holidays

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 2011 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8:30am - Traditional 9:40am - Sundav School 9:40am - Sundav School 10:50am - Blended 10:50am - Blended 12pm - Chill and 4pm - Bov Scout Troop 4pm - Confirmation 6pm - Youth Group 6pm - YouthONE	28 9:15am - L&L Dav 7pm - Cub Scouts Den 7pm - Waxahachie 7:30pm - Y*A*W*N*	1 12:30pm - Writing for 2pm - Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Ala-Non 7pm - AA 7pm - Emmaus 7:30pm - Ala-Teen	2 9:15am - L&L Dav 10:30am - Bible Studv 5:40pm - Fellowship 6pm - Financial Peace 6:30pm - Childrens 6:30pm - Youth & Adult 6:30pm - Youth Bible 7:30pm - Adult Choir	3 7pm - 4-H 7pm - AA 7pm - PDO Board	4 9:15am - Fun Filled 10am - Jada Nobles 4pm - Dave Cassidy 6pm - Pack 658 8pm - Ala-Non World Day of Prayer	5 10am - Shawl Ministrv 12pm - Blue and Gold
6 Mission Trip Deposit 8:30am - Traditional 9:40am - Sundav School 9:40am - Sundav School 10:50am - Blended 10:50am - Blended 12pm - Council Lunch 12pm - Fundraiser 12pm - Handbells 12:30pm - Program 2pm - Girls Scouts 2:30pm - Girl Scouts 4pm - Bov Scout Troop	7 9:15am - L&L Dav 7pm - Cub Scouts Den 7pm - Waxahachie 7:30pm - Y*A*W*N*	8 12:30pm - Writing for 5pm - Daisv Girl Scouts 6:30pm - Ala-Non 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - AA 7pm - Waxahachie 7:30pm - Ala-Teen	9 Ash Wednesday 9:15am - L&L Dav 10:30am - Bible Studv 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Ash Wednesday 7pm - Ash Wednesday	10 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - AA 7pm - Cancer Support 7pm - Waxahachie	11 9:15am - Fun Filled 10am - Hope & Healing 12pm - Early Release 8pm - Ala-Non	12 8am - UM Men's 5:30pm - Scrapbooking
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Good morning everyone,

We are about to enter the season of Lent. Interesting, isn't it that we refer to a period of time as a season. But when you think about it a season is a period of time that can have lasting effects. You will see more about Lent in other articles, but I wanted to share with you some of the sermon topics that God is leading me to do during this six week period.

March 6	Transfiguration Sunday – “Mountain Top Experiences”
March 9	Ash Wednesday - Why Nice is Not Enough
March 13	Dealing with Temptation
March 20	I Just Don't Understand? How can a person be born again?
March 27	Can Anybody be Part of God's Kingdom?
April 3	Sunday School Sunday – Sermon Title: Real Blindness
April 10	Girl Scout Sunday – How To Raise the Dead
April 17	Appropriate Praise
April 21	Holy Thursday – Holy Communion
April 22	Good Friday – A Service of Darkness
April 24	Easter – He is Risen!
May 1	Confirmation Sunday – Do Not Doubt but Believe

I hope you will join us each week for worship and while you are planning, think about inviting someone to come and worship our Savior with you. See you this coming Sunday, Allen