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LORD'S ACRE DAY! * * * * * SEPTEMBER 25TH!

The Lord's Acre Day has been a tradition at First UMC of Red Oak since the 1950's. Come by the Lord's Acre display at the Church and see our scrap book of some of the memorabilia. Find out who won the quilt in the past. Don't miss this exciting event, barbeque and auction.

The United Methodist Men will be cooking the Barbeque for Lord's Acre on the night of Friday, September 24. Come join the crew any time from 7:00 pm Friday til 9:00 am on Saturday. Ladies are welcome to drop off their food items for the barbecue or food for the guys to eat while they work. Men of all ages bring your guitars, cots, lawn chairs; and help us prepare for Lord's Acre.

Please begin preparing your donations to the Silent and Live Auctions. The following are suggestions for popular items from former Lord's Acre Day Auction donations, but anything goes. We have even had donations of live animals and garden fruits and vegetables in the past.

SILENT AUCTION: Hand Crafted items, sports memorabilia, yard art, holiday items, music CD's, movie DVD's, table decorations, crystal and glassware, small antiques, toys and games, dolls, and other collectibles.



LIVE AUCTION: Antique and new furniture and household items, hand-crafted furniture, lawn & patio furniture, electronics (such as TV, VCR, DVD players, telephones, boom boxes, game equipment), decorative items, holiday items, gift baskets, baby blankets, home baked goods, computer accessories and equipment, art work, clothes, musical instruments, etched or stained glass, wreaths, tickets to sporting events, trips to the spa, Dinner Out for 2 vacation rentals, services from your favorite place of business, gift cards, automobile accessories. Use your imagination!!

Lord's Acre Committee members will be at the church from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday 9/22, Thursday 9/23, and Friday 9/24 to accept donations to the silent and live auctions.

Please remember this is an auction, not a garage sale. If you have any questions, please call John Young at 214-356-5852. (continued on page 3)

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

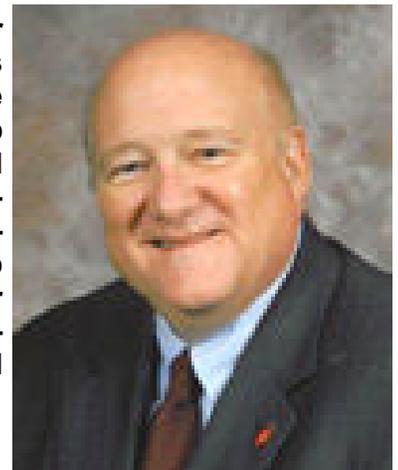
BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 15 AT 5:45 PM—6:30 PM

9/15—Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Frosted Crispy Square

9/22—Mama Mary's Nachos Mexican Salad & Brownie Sundae

9/29—Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Pumpkin Pie

Bishop Lowery will be in our District to meet with pastors and lay members of the church who are in leadership positions. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 13 at FUMC Waxahachie, 7:00 pm. Bishop Lowry is a gifted preacher and leader. Everyone is encouraged to attend if at all possible.



**LIONS CLUB
BREAKFAST**

Red Oak Lions Club third Saturday Pancake Breakfasts are back!! Beginning September 18th, join us every third Saturday for all you can eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee -- \$4 adult; \$2 children. Come and have breakfast with your friends and neighbors at the clubhouse - 207 - W. Red Oak Road.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN'S
FOUNDER'S DAY BOOTH
SEPTEMBER 11**

The United Methodist Men will be setting up for Founder's Day on September 11. at their booth at ROISD High School. The men will be offering donuts and coffee at the booth for the men in place of the monthly meeting. All men are invited to come for donuts and help prepare the booth for Founder's day. Help is also needed in maning the booth during the day. The site will be set up between 6:00—8:00am. The men will be serving Turkey Legs and Sausage on a Stick. If you would like more information, please contact Steve Smiley, President at 214-263-9919 or John Young at 214-356-5852

DECORELLIS EMMAUS GATHERING AT RED OAK

Please join us on September 7th at 7:00 pm. The Emmaus Gathering rotates around the Waxahachie District. The September Gathering will be held at Sardis Methodist Church, 645 Sardis Rd., Midlothian, TX 76065. We begin with praise music. If you play an instrument you are welcome to join in. Please bring a snack to share for fellowship after the service.

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announcement. Bible studies, topical studies, discipleship studies will help each of us to know more certainly what God wants us to do with our time.

So if you want to discuss how the Lord Jesus can help you, please call on me or just come on by on Sunday morning. I'll even buy you a donut.

I am honored to be your Senior Pastor
Allen

**Children's Sunday School "Live BIG" Curriculum
*Believe In God***



Each week the children begin their class with a video and singing. Bongo the Bible Bird Puppet come to the students on the Backyard Time DVD with Mr. Z to welcome them and tell the Bible story.

In September the lessons focus on the belief that God chooses ordinary people to make a difference in God's World.

God Chooses Us is our theme for September and the bible verse is: *And God said, "I will be with you."* Exodus 3:12

Each week the children have a different bible story and objective. Please be sure to look over the papers and book mark the children bring home and try to incorporate the readings on the bookmark with your weekly devotions.

You can visit the Live B.I.G. website (www.iLiveBIG.com)for opportunities to lead at-home activities and the kids can click on the "Kids" heading for activities to try at home, weekly summaries, and the opportunity to meet Mr. Z and his Backyard Time friends.

Bring your children and join us for some learning about Jesus and fun too at 9:40 am every Sunday at First United Methodist Church.



CONTINUED LORD'S ACRE NEWS



The all you can eat Barbeque Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., along with to-go lunches. You can buy lunch tickets in the foyer next Sunday, or they can be bought at the door on Lord's Acre Day. The tickets sell for \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, children under 3 years are free. Sign up sheets are in the foyer to bring briskets to barbeque, potato salad, relishes, bread, and cobbler. We would appreciate all the help we can get.

Our wish is that every member can be present on Lord's Acre Day and share in this exciting event. If you can't be present for the silent and live auctions, and want to be a part of this annual event, you can write a check for donation to FUMC and in the memo section simply put Lord's Acre. Come and

enjoy a day of **FUN, DELICIOUS FOOD & GOOD OLD FASHION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.**

Church Commemorative Plates & Christmas Ornaments Still Available

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40 am - Meet in the Sanctuary.

Jr. & Senior HI: Meeting in the Youth ONE Room. Lead by Tammy Ashford

Sunshine Class: Meeting in classroom on the right of the Sanctuary. Rotating Teachers: August study: Christian Commitment in Today's World; Unit 3: The Marks of Christian Commitment; Philippians 1:18-29, 2:1-13, 3:7-16, 4:2-14 and Acts 28:16-25a, 28-31.

Enrichment Class: - Meets in the Fellowship Hall. Teacher: Rotating Teachers; Studying: "Twenty Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch" by Tony Compolo

Nomads: Meeting in the PDO Office Classroom Teacher: Joanna Johnson. Studying "If God Is Your Co-Pilot, Swap Seats" by James W. Moore, This study asks you to invite God to take over the driver's seat in your life and put God first.

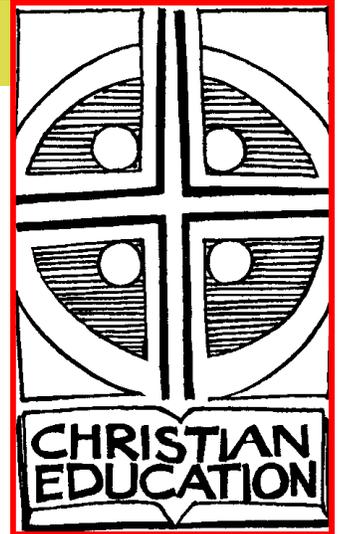
Young Adult Class -Meeting in the Church Library. Study series of Open Forum Discussions: "Science & Religion", "Priorities & Commitment", "Gossip", "Environmental Stewardship", "Food", and "The Cost of Living The Gospel".

Pastor Class: Classroom next to Youth Room. Study: "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations"

Adult Bible Study: Wednesday bible studies will begin on September 15 with Pastor Allen leading a 10:30 am and 6:30 pm study of the bible.

Financial Peace: Teacher: Keven Davis—Class begins Wed., Sept. 15, 6:00pm.

Letters from Dad: Beginning September 21 6:00 pm with a BBQ dinner



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:40 AM

Schedule of Servants:

- Flowers given by:
9/5 Wilsford.
9/12 Malones & Almonds
9/19 Watson
9/26 Wilsford

-Acolytes Please sign up with Ms. Jo for a week that you are available. Call Jo Wilsford at 214-793-5497 or see her prior to the service

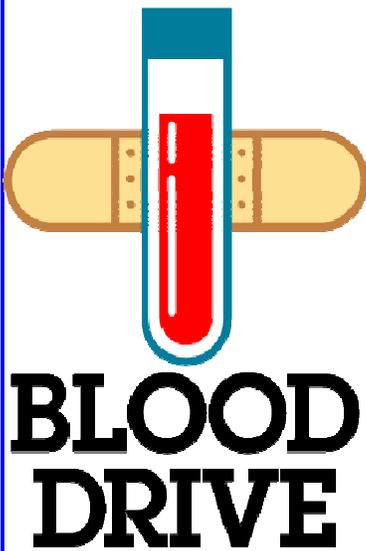
-Ushers—
8:30 Tim & Mary Brownlee
10:50 Right door: Jennifer & Dale & Anthony McKnight (counters);
Left door: Shannon & Nick Wilson.

-Counters:
9/5 Neva Ransom & Melody Durazo
9/12 Curtis Doyle & Andy Malone
9/19 Brian Goodloe & Betty Wood
9/26 Neva Ransom & Suzanne Barry

-Sound Technicians:
8:30 / 10:50
9/5 Don Newman/ Jack Smiley
9/12 Les Mitchell / Kayleigh K.
9/19 Don Newman / Tom Rogers
9/26 Les Mitchell / Jack Smiley.

-Power Point: Stu Dorsey
-Video: Youth ONE

-Children's Church Volunteers -
9/5 Communion—NO Children's Church
9/12 Bailey Malone & Merci Garcia
9/19 TBA & Becky Monnette
9/26 Neva Ransom & Jennifer McKnight



**CARTER BLOOD
DRIVE**
September 11
9:00am—2:00pm

Sign up now to give blood during the Founder's Day Festivities. The Carter Blood Mobile will be located next to the new RO High School Baseball Field and the field house. You can sign up online through our website connection at www.fumcro.org or in the church foyer.

**Give Blood—Save
a Life!**

Children & Adult Choir News



Angel choir (Pre-K–1st Grade) and Methodist Music Makers choirs

The Methodist Music Makers (MMM, Grades 2–6) Choir and Angel Choir will resume meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 15th. The Angel Choir will meet with Ms. Jo (Jo Wilsford) in the Library/Young Adult Classroom; MMM Choir will meet with Mr. Stu (Stu Dorsey) in the Choir Room. At this first meeting, parents will be given a schedule of all meeting dates for 2010 – 2011. We are looking forward to an exciting year of music and fun activities, including beginning to practice music for the Children's Christmas pageant!

Joyful Heart Singers will resume practice on September 26 at 8:15 am. Joyful Heart Singers are made up of people who come forward to sing special music for the 8:30 Sunday services. Anyone who would like to sing can join by speaking with Stu Dorsey and coming to the 8:15 am practice.

UMW Friendship Circle Bible Study

The next meeting of the UMW Friendship Circle is scheduled for **Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible study for this year is "Journeys Through *Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*." At this month's meeting, we will discuss Lesson Two: "Seven Letters to Seven Churches." The scripture is *Revelation 2-3*: John's passionate and uncompromising letters to early Christian communities are like performance reviews, examining the strengths and weaknesses of each church. Suzanne Neel will provide the devotional, and Joanna Johnson will provide refreshments. All women are invited to become a part of this UMW Circle of Friends; if you still need a copy of the study book, see Jo Wilsford. We always have good fellowship, delicious refreshments, and lively discussions...come join us! Childcare is provided upon request to the church office 972-617-9100. Call Jo (972-617-0672) if more information is needed.



OUTREACH NEWS



First Church continues to support the North Ellis County Outreach. Special thanks to all those who brought up backpacks and school supplies. We provided backpacks for both the NECO and Red Oak ISD needy children.

The Church now has a food pantry for emergency aid when NECO is closed. The Mission committee has a small fund now to provide medicines in case of an emergency for needy children through the ROISD.

FUMCRO continues to provide oatmeal in canisters and 12oz packages of pasta on a monthly basis. The outreach is always in need of low salt and sugar free food for the elderly and diabetics.

Thank you for helping with this ministry. Items for NECO can be placed your donations in the grocery cart or baskets in the foyer. Items for the church food pantry may be placed in the church office.

THANK YOU FUMCRO CHURCH FAMILY



Oma Mitchell would like to thank everyone for keeping her in your thoughts and prayers following her back Surgery.

Caroline Kruger would like to thank all those who provided meals after her surgery. She is still on the mend and will be back in church as soon as she can. She appreciates all the delicious meals.

The North Ellis County Outreach would like to thank all those who donated back-packs for the kids going back to school. Also thanks to the church for always being so willing to help out with whatever the NECO needs. They could not do what they do without our help.

Special thanks to all those who helped to get the offices moved, especially Robert, Jason and Chris who moved all those heavy file cabinets. We couldn't have done it without your help. Thanks to Ms. Jo for her hard work in cleaning out the "storage room" so that Pastor could have a new office.

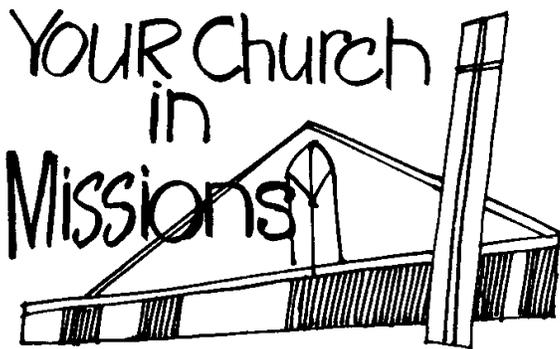
Acolyte Training Class Scheduled, Sunday — September 12

Being an acolyte is an important way in which the children of the church may take part in the worship service. Children Grades 3 through 6th are invited to become acolytes.

During the acolyte training class scheduled for **Sunday, September 12th**, the children will not only practice how to be acolytes but also study the different parts of the worship service, the seasons of the Christian year, and the symbols of our faith. This class will start immediately following the 10:50 AM worship service. A snack lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall and then the class will be held in the sanctuary. The class will dismiss at 1:30 PM. Children who have already completed the training should also attend because some of the procedures have changed. A schedule including new and experienced acolytes will be developed for September through December during the class. Please call Jo Wilsford (972-617-0672) if you have any questions about the training class.



MISSION WORK: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE



The Mission Committee has many opportunities for you to serve in God's Love. First United Methodist Church of Red Oak now has a food pantry to help with short term needs of our neighbors. We are currently well stocked with food. But, we do need some donations of \$10 Brookshires's Gift Cards to

help with perishable items. If you would like to help, please purchase a gift card and give it to the church office to be distributed with the food items.

Please look in this newsletter for information concerning the Carter Blood Drive on Founder's Day. We once again will be sponsoring this annual event that will be held on the grounds of the new Red Oak High School.

-Do you have a "JOY OR CONCERN" your church family needs to know?

Contact Lori Stricker at 972-617-9100 or email at one of the addresses listed below.

-Senior Pastor Allen Grant: pastor@fumcro.org

-Newsletter & Prayer Requests: manager@fumcro.org

-Website changes: Webserver@fumcro.org

Time Talent Treasure

Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.”
1 Corinthians 12:4-6



RELAY FOR LIFE

FUMCRO'S TEAM:
Wesley's Warriors will be at Founder's Day this year with a booth. Come by for you bottled water, soft drinks, snacks and let the kids play the duck pond game.

The team will also be raising funds for the **American Cancer Society** through partnering with **Schwan's Foods**. Their truck will be at 119 S. Hwy 342 during Founder's Day. Pick up a flyer at the church Mission's display; or at the Relay for Life Booth on Founder's Day to see how to take part in this Fundraiser.

Time, Talent, and Interest Survey

"In addition to prayers, presence, gifts and witness, church members vow to offer their service as they faithfully participate in the work of the church. As we look at the many opportunities for service on church committees, leading Bible studies, teaching Sunday School and other areas, you will be given an opportunity through a Commitment of Time, Talent, and Interest survey to indicate your interest in areas of service. Please be in prayer about your commitment of service. The survey can be found in your worship bulletin on September 5th and 12th and in the foyer at church. If you have not filled one out yet, please do, and return it to the church office.



PUPPETEERS TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15

Children 4th through 6th Grade are invited with their parents for a meeting to introduce a new program at FUMCRO in **PUPPETEERING** at 6:30 pm on September 15. This ministry will teach students one way to be disciples and share their faith while having fun. It is a great way to learn some drama skills and overcome fear of being in front of people. You can develop leadership skills and confidence.

- Learn to dramatize your voice
- Make recordings on a CD
- Make a puppet come to life
- Create a personality for your puppet
- Do children's sermons in worship
- Go to other churches or groups to perform
- Create sets and props for the shows
- Laugh a lot and have loads of fun

Share your faith and tell the good news of Jesus

WORLD COMMUNION — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Children of all ages are invited to wear costumes from around the world and lead a processional in worship, bringing in communion bread and grape juice. They remind us that God loves everyone. Christians from all countries are sharing communion.

We are all one in Christ- one in the church. The costumes are provided by Darlene Grant, or you may make your own. If you want to participate you will need to be in the fellowship hall 30 minutes before worship (8:00 am or 10:20 am) to dress in costume and line up. Parents are needed to help dress the kids. If you or your child are interested in participating contact Darlene Grant at 469-552-6333



PUMPKIN PATCH COMES IN OCTOBER



One more month and the Children's Council will be once again be having their famous PUMPKIN PATCH. Save the date for October 2nd for the arrival of the pumpkins. September will be the time to sign up once again to the sell pumpkins by the road in October and enjoy the fun of Autumn. Visitors to the patch will take pictures, buy pumpkins and schools will be bringing bus loads of children to enjoy the hayrides and stories. Please look for the sign up sheets and set your mind to volunteering a little of your time and enjoying the fun.



"BAKE SALE IN A BAG" BACK FOR LORD'S ACRE

Red Oak United Methodist Women are offering the wildly popular Bake Sale in a Bag once again to benefit Lord's Acre 2010. The ladies will package and sell dry ingredients for brownies and cookies, trail mixes, tortilla soup and hot cocoa. The ingredients can be ordered in plain zippered plastic bags, or in Christmas gift bags for giving. The mixes will keep until Christmas (and beyond) and make great gifts.

The cookie and brownie recipes are completed by adding the wet ingredients - usually butter or margarine, eggs and vanilla - and baking. The tortilla soup requires the addition of canned tomatoes and water. The Cocoa mix is made using hot water. This year, we are also offering the option of reduced sugar recipes for a slightly higher price to cover the cost of using Splenda.

The order form can be found in the foyer at church on the website www.fumcro.org. Place your orders now for delivery on Lord's Acre Day. Please make your check payable to FUMCRO-UMW and put "Bake Sale" in the memo line. Turn it in to one of the UMW officers or in the church office. Mail orders to FUMCRO-UMW at P.O. Box 25; Red Oak, TX 75154. Thanks for your support of the UMW Lord's Acre Project!





PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Calling all ladies of the church: dust off those knitting and crocheting needles and join our UMW Prayer Shawl Ministry. We need your talents whether rusty or new to help get this ministry going. If interested, please contact Beth Norris, or Lynne Grandstaff. We are planning to have the first meeting on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 10:00 am at our church. We will need to know if you need childcare in advance. If anyone has new yarn they would like to donate to the ministry, please bring it to the church and leave the yarn in the wicker basket labeled "YARN" in the foyer near the outreach basket.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION PROJECT

The Red Oak UM Women continue to collect underwear for boys and girls of all ages as part of the Waxahachie District UMW's commitment to the Central Texas Conference Mission Project. There is a blue striped container under the UMW bulletin board for donations. Also, Red Oak UMW is continuing to collect Box Tops and Labels for Education as an ongoing nationwide UMW project. There is a mailbox on the UMW bulletin board for the labels.

The RO UMW would like to thank the FUMC Red Oak Congregation for its support of all our projects throughout the years. You have helped make us one of the leaders in the Waxahachie District in contributions to mission projects. Thanks to each and everyone of you from your United Methodist Women.

MEN have you answered the Big Question?

If God were to take you home today... what would your wife and children hold in their hands tomorrow that would let them know that they were the treasures of your life?

THE RIGHT ANSWER... Letters from Dad



You are invited on a journey... a journey to leave a legacy of Faith, Hope and Love through the lost art of letter writing. "Letters from Dad" begins Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00pm with a free BBQ dinner for all men. Dinner sponsored by the United Methodist Men!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Do you want to control your future and your money? Or do you want the lack of money to control you. FUMC is now offering a 13 week course to help you and anyone in the Red Oak Community. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming.

Dave's class will teach you how money really works, how to get out of debt, be prepared for emergencies, invest and so much more. More than one million families have benefited from Dave's class. On average these families paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just 90 days.

Financial Peace University Lifetime Membership usually costs around \$100 and includes all your materials and a lifetime membership to FPU.

Start date: September 15 @ 6 pm . Midweek dinner begins at 5:45 pm Sponsored by the FUMC Finance Committee.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER LIST

OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

First United Methodist - Red Oak
 Professions of Faith and Baptisms
 Our Neighbors
 Music Ministry
 Sunday School Classes, Teachers,
 and Nursery Workers
 Our Pastor and Church Leaders
 The Program Committees and
 Administrative Council
 Finance Committee,
 Children's Ministry
 Summer Day Camp
 Vacation Bible School
 Stewardship & Finance Committee

ATTENDANCE:

Worship Services, Sunday School,
 Youth ONE Fellowship, Our Choirs,
 Support Groups; Committees.

GENERAL OFFERING & MISSION GIVING

Apportionments/Connectional Giving;
 General Budget 2010 & 2011

INDIVIDUALS

Our Home Church Folks:

Nell Burnett
 Hazel Cockerham
 Florene Nix
 Jada Nobles
 Golda Punkoney
 Mrs. Miner

Kayleen Johnson-Gallagher (Joanna's daughter)

Members, Friends & Family:

Doris Maechel (Cindy Belote's mom)
 Hazel Butner
 Dollie Fouts
 Kay Merrifield (Rene Fouts' mother)
 Dorothy White (Sherry Martin's
 mother)
 Mike Martin's mother
 Jerry Rice (Sherry Doty's father)
 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)
 Jean Johnson (Neva Ransom's
 mother)

Friends & Family Continued:

Doug Newman (Don's brother)
 Judy Martin (Mike Martin's Mother)
 Grace Weir (Keven Davis' mother)
 Pauline Brown (Oma's mother)
 Jerry Rice (Sherry Doty's Dad)
 Aunt Helen (Beth Norris)
 Steve Patterson (Mitchell family)
 Jim Bice (Lynda Robinson's brother)
 Xander 10 yr old with cancer (Dee
 Taylor's grandson)
 Lina Royce (Dana Davis mother)
 Karen Herriott (Becky's sister)
 Sandra Doyle – continued healing
 Philip Trees
 Sylvia Wolaver (Gaines' sister)
Family of Chemine Peters (Newman's
 Niece)

Jessica Lusk (Rita Dugger)

Oma Mitchell – continued healing
Carolyn Kruger – continued healing

Bobby Foster – continued healing

Osentoski Family

Elliott Woolridge

Sidney & new baby, Victoria

Jerry Peterson

The Riffe Family (Kimbros Friends)

Debbie Yandell (Kimbros niece)

Those looking for employment

especially Jo Garcia & Maureen

Basquez & Andy Malone

Wayne Kimbro

Kathie & Ron Johnson (Joanna's family)

Alice Butner (Darlene Grant's Sister)

Thanksgiving for the marriage of Lori
 Briden & Jeremy Procter-Smith (daughter
 of Pam & Ron Briden and son of Rev.
 George & Dr. Marjorie Procter-Smith)

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) Moving from
 Japan to Italy
 Harold Valyou (Wilson)- Hawaii
 Adam Dugger
 Sean Acrea (Yeadon grandson)
 Jomo Anderson (friend of Lane)
 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
 in Iraq)
 Curtis Windsor (Neel)

Sylvia Szafarczyk (Hugh Taylor
 Grandstaff's fiancé) **Helicopter flight
 training**

Hugh Taylor Grandstaff

Brooke Bishop

**Robert Grandstaff – Navy Reserve
 Training**

**Attention: Please update this
 information above by sending into
 the church office correct
 addresses for the military ASAP.
 The Mission Committee needs this
 information in September.**



Happy
 Birthday

**September
 Birthdays:**

- 1/ Nicolas Durazo, Lauren Williams
- 2/ Peyton Haralson
- 4/ Beth Norris
- 5/ Charles Daubitz
- 6/ Adam Brownlee; David McCasland
- 7/ Helen Scott, Jacob Usery
- 10/ Paige Davis
- 11/ Zachery Merrill, Jessica Sanchez,
Lynn Schupmann
- 12/ Cindy Belote, Vernon Coffey
- 15/ Casey Jacobs
- 16/ Tyler DeMar
- 17/ Carleigh Loden, Melba Watson
- 18/ Lisa Smith, Tad Anderson
- 19/ Riley Malone, Kimberly Kindred
- 20/ Renee Jolley
- 21/ Cassy Sanchez, Nick Ashford,
Ariana King
- 23/ Katie Almond, Erica Ransom, Eric
Schupmann
- 25/ Emma Sanden
- 28/ Terry Brown
- 29/ Carey Paquin
- 30/ Pat Pryor

September 2010

FUMC Red Oak Monthly Calendar

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Do You Know What Connectional Ministry Really Is?

When the term Connectional Ministry shows up, many people think only about our Connectional Giving. Well, Connectional Giving is an important part of what we do as a Conference, because it allows us to share in the work of Christ around Texas and around the world. One of the areas of ministry that your connectional dollars support is the work of the Nurture Council of the Conference. Darlene and I are privileged to serve as the Marriage and Family Coordinators of the Council.

I just completed a day's meeting of the Council and heard about all of the upcoming events that are being planned. Let me outline some of them for you.

Parenting Skills Curriculum Seminar

- Presented by Allen and Darlene Grant, marriage and family coordinators
- Learn about why we should offer parenting skills to the community (theologically)
- Attend three workshops on curriculum (six choices will be offered)
- Cost is \$12 before October 1, \$15 after that and \$20 at the door.
- Where: First UMC Burleson
- When: 9- 2 with lunch included.

Basic Training for Workers with Children

- The Academy for Christian Education (ACE) will sponsor Basics for Children and Youth Workers.
- A weekend study in Christian Education, Theology and instruction for those who work with Children and Youth.
- Cost is \$30 (you stay in the church free or you can get a motel room)
- Where: Central UMC, Waco, TX
- When: March 25-26

Student Leadership Team (SLT)

Our District and our conference encourage youth to become leaders. Upcoming events and dates:

- October 23 – Centennial Celebration of our Annual Conference – youth leaders have helped plan this event. Tickets cost \$20 and the event will be at Will Rogers Memorial Event Center in Fort Worth.
- February 19-20 – Midwinter Retreat #1 – Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center
- February 26-27 – Midwinter Retreat #2 – GLC
- April 8-10 – Exploration 2010/2011 Senior High Youth and College age students can explore God's calling on their lives – at Camp Hoblitzelle
- April 26 – Great Day of Service
- **July 13-17, 2011 Youth Convocation at Purdue University**

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center

- Age level camps begin June 12 and continue until August 6
- This year two family camps will be offered

Single Adults

- Are you a single adult looking for Christian activities?
- Every third Friday there is a singles dinner at different churches in the metroplex area

And the above information is only a sample. Connectional Ministry is how we share in the work of Christ with other United Methodists. Want to know more? Call me and let's talk.

Honored to be serving Christ with you, Allen Grant, Senior Pastor

THE BACK PAGE



Have you noticed the calendar lately? This week, I was notified of our Charge Conference which is going to be October 3 at noon. Suddenly everything has been moved up in the calendar for meetings, reports and stuff necessary so we can be held accountable to the Conference. Then I looked at the calendar and realized that Christmas is only a few short weeks away too. In the mean time, we have Lord's Acre, new ministries starting with Bible studies, Letters from Dad, Financial Peace University – not to mention our regular on-going ministries.

I imagine your life is also just as hectic as mine is here. In fact, I am sure that it is. I am aware that every organization you are involved in wants some of your time and your money. For the average family, there are church activities, school activities, scouts, 4-H, dance, karate, plus many activities that

I am unaware of. It's enough to make your head start swimming.

So here is my promise to you. I will do my best to see that all that we ask you to do here at church is worthwhile and meaningful. We are not here just to fill up your unused time with something to do and someplace to go. But I am also sure that if you want your family to be well-rounded and stable, and for your life to be fulfilled; then your spiritual life is not something you want to neglect.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see some of what is being taught in children, youth and adult SS classes. Soon we will offer a new Bible Study class for folks who just want to study the Bible. Right now it will be held in my new office, so please begin looking for the (continued on page 2)

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