



First United Methodist Church

Red Oak, Texas

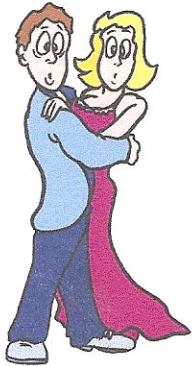
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Youth Spring Dinner and Dance

Join the youth for a Spring-themed dinner and Dance on Saturday, March 28th. Reservations beginning at 6:30 - 8:30 pm. A great menu will be served (prime rib or grilled chicken breast, salad, baked potato, vegetable medley, rolls, and dessert). Adults \$15.00. Special meal and activities for children 12 and under for a cost of \$5.00. Please make your reservations now with the attached registration form.



Church Dinner

Fifth Sunday Luncheon & New Member Recognition

Please come to the Luncheon on Sunday, March 29th at 12:00 Noon. This lunch is put on by the Family & Adult Council to recognize our newest members. Over the last half of 2008 we have added the following members to our congregation: Tim & Mary Brownlee, Helen Malone, Carolyn Smith, Patrick Byrne, Sopheap & Miriam Vonn and children Lilliana and Alexis, Rev.

Bobby & Onalee Wilkie, Maureen Plumb, Jessica Yates, and Dale Etchieson. (We will be taking pictures of the new members for the bulletin board.) Please come to celebrate and meet our newest members. If you can, please stay for lunch and bring the following dish to share according to your last name initial:

A - M Vegetable & Dessert

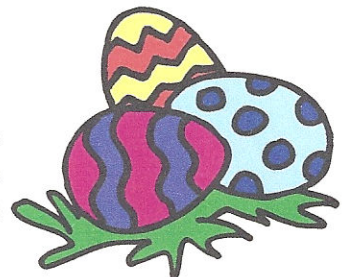
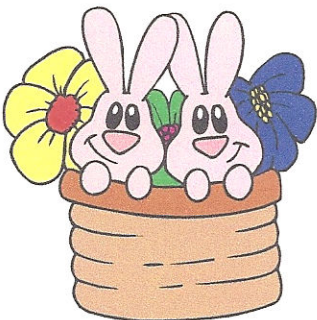
N - Z Meat Dish & Salad

Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun Day

Saturday, April 11th

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

See the attached flyer for details. If you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt, please bring your donations to the church office as soon as possible. Easter Candy needs to be pre-wrapped. We have lots of plastic eggs at this time.



Youth ONE News!!

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EASTER LILIES

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-Lenten Bible Study- Teacher: Mara Bailey 7:00 pm Mondays on the **Last Week of Christ's Life**.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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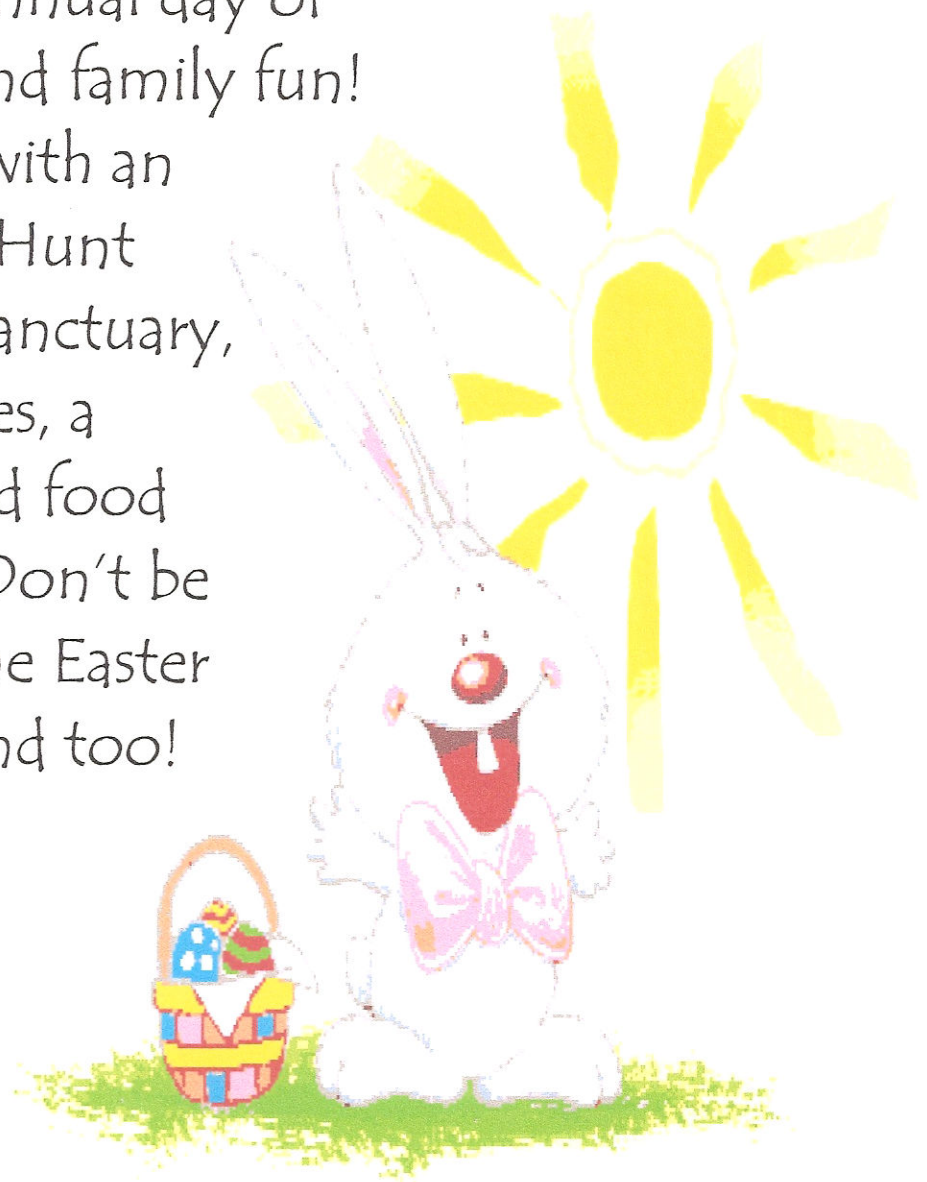
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Come one, come all for the First United Methodist's annual day of Easter eggcitement and family fun! Festivities will begin with an Easter Story and Egg Hunt at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by pony rides, a petting zoo, crafts and food outside until 1 p.m. Don't be surprised if you see the Easter Bunny hopping around too!



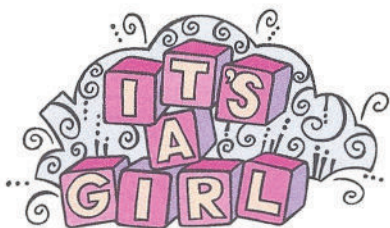
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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, March 18

Most Activities cancelled this week
due to Spring Break

Office Open 9:30 - 3:00 pm

7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19

9:30 Scrapbooking

7:00 Waxahachie Community Theatre

7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

Saturday, March 21

NIX FAMILY REUNION

Sunday, March 22

One Great Hour of Sharing

8:15 Joyful Heart Singer Rehearsal

8:30 Traditional Worship Service

9:45 Sunday School for All Ages

10:50 Blended Worship Service

12:00 Handbell Choir

6:00 Youth ONE World Hunger Dinner

Monday, March 23

APRIL NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR

ITEMS DUE

9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School

7:00 Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday, March 24

10:00 UM Women's Circle of Love

7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, April 4

Church Spring Clean Up Day!



PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

April 5th - Palm Passion Sunday

8:30 & 10:50 a.m. - Worship Services

12:00 - Youth Fundraiser Lunch

12:30 - All Committee Meetings

1:40 - Administrative Council Meeting



April 9th - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service



April 10th - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service

"The Passion of Christ" - time to be announced



April 11th - Easter Egg Hunt & Fun Day

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy a fun day for everyone



April 12th - Easter Sunday

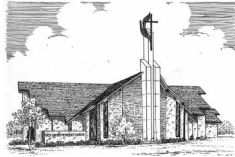
8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Worship Services

April 19th - Bright Sunday

8:30 & 10:50 a.m. - Worship Services

12:00 - Finance Committee

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Reaching Up To God
Moving Into The World
Making Disciples For Christ

Douglas Blackford, Pastor
Mara Bailey, Intern Pastor
& Youth Minister
Jon Bailey, Assistant Pastor
Stu Dorsey, Music Minister
Sunmi Goodwin, Pianist
Lori Stricker, Office Mgr.
Judy Cox, Nursery./Building Mgr.
Casi Holmes & Dana Ellard,
Nursery Attendants
Interim Day School Director:
Michelle Carson

Office Hours
Mon-Friday 9am - 4pm
(972)617-9100
Fax: (972)576-3276

Prayers

Please refer to the March Prayer list. Please add the following names to the list: **Mary Young; Rene Valerius; Maureen Plumb's sister, Ginger Alexander; Timothy Valerius; Pauline Brown (Oma's mother); Clayton Auler; Gale Arnoux (Lori Stricker cousin); Betty Wood; John Meadlin (Brownlee relative); Florene Nix; Callie Mahone; Catherine Nichols; and new born, Olivia Clare Wolford & family.**

Our Service

- The Flowers this week are given in love by **Jim & Lynn Stuckey** in honor of **Herbert Shelton's Birthday**; and by **Byrum & Jo Wilsford** in love at the birth of **baby girl, Olivia Clare Wolford**.
- Acolytes are: **TBA (please speak to Ms. Jo before the service)**.
- Ushers this week are: 8:30: **Tim & Mary Brownlee**; 10:50 left door: **Susan & Jordan Brown**; right door: **Eddy & Terri Yates, Dale Etchieson & Elizabeth & Randy Sanden** (counters) (Right Door counts the attendance)
- Offering Stewards are: **Charles Daubitz & Andy Malone**
- Technicians: Sound: 8:30 **Don Newman**, 10:50 **Kayleigh Kitzman** Video: **Jon Bailey**.
- Nursery** is available every Sunday. Volunteer is **Judy Cox**. **Volunteers needed to help in the 10:50 Service, call the church office if you would like to help hold a baby.**
- Children's Church Volunteers: **Tammy Ashford & Mary Ann Paquin**.

Our Attendance

Last Sunday Worship	
8:30	50
10:50	112
Sunday School	105

- Do You have a "**JOY OR CONCERN**" your church family needs to know? Contact Lori Stricker (972-617-9100) or email at the address listed below.
- Web site address: www.fumcro.org
- Webservant@fumcro.org
- Newsletter & prayer requests: manager@fumcro.org
- If you have an emergency which requires the immediate attention of the pastor, please call **Pastor Doug Blackford at 972-576-5570; or Jon Bailey at 972-576-2224** or Email: pastor@fumcro.org

