



First United Methodist Church
Red Oak, Texas
The Acorn



"A Small Package of Large Possibilities"

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Barbeque Dinner - August 16th

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please get your money in for the dinner so we know how much food to prepare. The barbeque dinner will be held on August 16th from 5 pm – 8 pm. The proceeds from the BBQ will go to help pay the apportionments. It will be very important that each family sell tickets to help with this project.

This is a barbeque for anyone in our community. If you don't want to sell tickets, you might purchase some and give them to your neighbors or friends as a gift. This will be a delicious meal. It can be eat in or take out.

The UM Men have agreed to cook the meat. Committee members are providing the side dishes. This is being done in August so as not to detract from Lord's Acre the last weekend in September. Tickets are available in the Church office. \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 3 -11. We will have Barbeque Beef, Sausage & Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, & Beans, & Naner Pudding.



BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES BEING COLLECTED

Once again we begin to prepare for the start up of school. The Outreach Center helps many children in this community. They need our help providing SCHOOL SUPPLIES and BACKPACKS. Bring your items to the church asap.

We will have **BACKPACK BLESSING & RALLY DAY SUNDAY on August 24th** before school starts.

RALLY DAY is a part of the Children's Council. On this special day, we begin with Backpack Blessing at both services and Bibles are given out to the children going into (3rd) Third Grade. *If you have a child going into Third Grade please call or email the church office so we can have a bible for your child.*

On RALLY DAY during the Sunday School time at 9:45 am. We will have a breakfast provided by Children's Council. Also children will be promoted to their new grade and receive a certificate. They will be introduced to their new Shephard. Mary Young is the 3-PreK Shepherd, Lori Stricker & Melba Watson are the Kindergarten & 1st Grade Shepherds, 2nd & 3rd Grade Shepherd is Mary Ann Paquin, and Russ Schupmann is the 4th - 6th Grade Shephard.

Anyone graduating to 7th Grade will now be going into the Youth ONE Fellowship Group and included in the Youth Activities beginning with the school year and this summers activities.



Member of the Week:

Bobbie Foster

Please know that we are thinking about you and praying for you.

If you could, please drop her a note:

702 Dogwood Ln., Waxahachie, TX 75165

YOUTH ONE NEWS:

This last Sunday we were able to cool off thanks to the Ashford Family. They hosted us at their pool for an evening swim! Thanks again to Tammy and Gary for opening their home to us and providing hot dogs as well.

This coming Wednesday the 6th is our Destination Unknown day trip. We will be leaving the church at 9 am and will return by 4 or 4:30. Please bring \$3 for our activity plus money for lunch. There is no youth this coming Sunday the 10th. Also, don't forget that Youth Sunday is on August 17th for both services! Have a great week and we'll see you soon. Mara



ONE GOD, ONE FAITH, ONE WAY!

Driver Safety Program Offered at FUMCRO

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be held on August 11 and 12, 2008 at FUMCRO, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., co-sponsored with the Red Oak Senior Citizens. This course was originally presented to only senior citizens, but is now open to any driver over the age of 18. The 8 hour class covers all aspects of defensive driving as well as updates on new traffic laws. You may be eligible for a discount of up to 10% on your auto insurance upon completion of the class. (Check with your agent for specifics.) For more information or to register, please call Joanna Johnson at 972-617-9452.



WEEKLY FLOWERS

The policy with our florist has changed in the last month. Petals Plus Florist is now charging a \$5.95 delivery charge. Until the first of January the price for flowers will remain at the \$30 level, and we will pick up the flowers on Fridays.

If you would like to volunteer to pick up the flowers it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Judy & Lori



Hearts & Flowers, Ribbons & Lace,
the look of love upon her face,
A happy heart that's hard to hide,
this woman is soon to be a bride!

You are invited to a Bridal Shower

honoring Mary Cox

Sunday, August 10, 2008

2:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

Burning of the Candle – 2008

The money collected for the Burning of the Candle ceremony is used to fund the UMW's total mission program. In 2008, it will cost \$36.80 to support the total mission program for one minute. Money in any amount is given by UMW units or individuals as an honorarium or memorial. A candle for each district will be burned at the annual meeting for the exact time that each district has funded a portion of the mission program. Names of individuals in whose honor or memory money has been contributed will be printed in a book; the deadline for submission of money is **August 10th**. If you would like to contribute to the Burning of the Candle, please give your money and the name of the individual in whose honor or memory the money is given to Jo Wilsford, Lynne Grandstaff, or Jennifer McKnight by August 10th. Checks may be made payable to FUMC – UMW; please write "Burning of the Candle" in the memo line.

MENS BREAKFAST

United Methodist Men to meet for breakfast on Saturday, August 9th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Tom Rogers, Travis & John Young will prepare the breakfast. Stu Almond will provide the inspirational.

United Methodist Women's Reading Program

Hello Ladies. It's time to report all the reading you have been doing this past year. Please turn in your reports to Lori Stricker. The forms for listing your books and their categories are in the Sunshine Room. Please drop off your forms in the church office no later than August 10th.

If you have not entered in the reading program before. You only need to read 4 books total in four categories. You can begin now in reading books for the next year's program. The women need volunteers to read in order to enter the reading program as one of the requirements to be a 5 Star UMW Group. Please join us in reading. For more information call Lori Stricker at 972-617-9100 or 972-765-0327.



EMMAUS GATHERING FUMC - Red Oak Thursday, August 7th 7:00 pm

All invited to attend the communion service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share for fellowship afterward. For more information call Lori Stricker 972-765-0327.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES



Wednesday, August 6

Women's Cooperative School of Mission Fort Worth

- 9:00 Youth ONE Destination Unknown
- 10:30 Adult Bible Study
- 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, August 7

Women's Cooperative School of Mission Fort Worth

- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

Saturday, August 9

Women's Cooperative School of Mission Glenn Heights

- 8:00 United Methodist Men's Breakfast
- Sunday, August 10**
Communion Sunday

- 8:30 Traditional Communion Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:50 Blended Communion Service
- 12:00 Finance Committee Meeting
- 2:30 Mary Cox Bridal Shower
- 4:30 United Methodist Women's General Meeting

Monday, August 11

- 9:00 Defensive Driving Course (Sponsored by AARP)
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 7:00 Waxahachie Community Theater

Tuesday, August 12

- 9:00 Defensive Driving Course (Sponsored by AARP)
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, August 13

- 10:30 Adult Bible Study Class
- 6:30 Emmaus Group Meeting
- 7:00 Jr. High Hang Night
- 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



-CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 - Meet in the Sanctuary for singing. This Session continues this week: "**The Ten Commandments**" (Story-telling, Science, Music, Art, Cooking & Games) (6 week - Rotation Sunday School.) This is for age 3 through 6th Grade. **Parents: We need your support, please bring your children to Sunday School.**

-JR. & SENIOR HI: Mara & Jon Bailey Leaders

-SUNSHINE CLASS: Rotating Teachers: Summer Study: **Images of Christ; Images of Christ in Us**, "Impartial Disciples", *James 2:1-13*.

-ENRICHMENT CLASS: - New Study: "**Three Simple Rules: A Conversation with Rueben**" by P. Job. Session 2: "Do Good".

-SEEKERS: - Rotating Teachers "**If You're Going the Wrong Way... Turn Around!**" by James Moore.

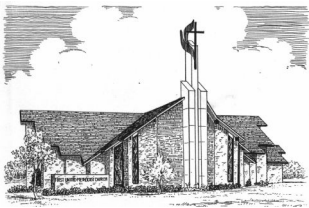
-YOUNG ADULT CLASS -Teacher: Katie Almond. Meeting in the Library: "**The Bible Jesus Read**" by Philip Yancy

-ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Teacher: Pastor Doug. Wednesday at 10:30 am. Study: **The Bible: Genesis.**

Our Gifts

Total Budget 2008	\$ 386,000
Budget needed to date	\$ 222,960
Total Offerings received to date	\$ 192,095
General Budget needed weekly	\$ 7,432
General Budget Rec'd last week	\$ 9,987
Special received	\$ 310
Youth received	\$ 200

New Address: Golda Punkoney



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600 West Red Oak Road ~ PO Box 25
Red Oak TX 75154

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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
Shannon Vinson, Laugh & Learn Day
School Director
Judy Cox, Nursery./Building Mgr.
Casi Holmes, Dana Ellard & Amanda
Byers, Nursery Attendants
Lori Stricker, Office Mgr.

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

Our Presence

Sunday School All Ages	74
Morning Worship	
Sunday, July 27 - 8:30 Service	39
10:50 Service	132

Our Service

- The flower arrangements this Sunday is given in honor of **Eris Shelton's Birthday** by **Herbert Shelton**.
- Acolytes are: **TBA (If you would like to volunteer, please see Jo Wilsford before service.**
- Ushers this week are: 8:30 **Tamela & Scott Sackett**. 10:50 (right door) **Rene, Dalton & Allyson Valerius**; (left door) **Bill Cindy, & Lexi Belote**. (Right Door counts the attendance)
- Offering Stewards are: **Don Newman & Travis Young**.
- Technicians: Sound: 8:30 **Don Newman**; 10:50 **Jackson Smiley**
 Power Point: **Jon Bailey**
- Communion Servants: **Lori Stricker & Shannon Wilson**
- Nursery is available every Sunday. **Volunteer: Judy Cox**
- No Children's Church on Communion Sunday)

Our Prayers

Please refer to the August Prayer List attached to this newsletter). **Margorie Coffey** has now been moved to the Park Manor Nursing Home in Desoto; Please keep Margorie & Vernon in your prayers. **Golda Punkoney** has been moved to Center, Texas to be close to family. We have a new address in the church office.

Praise: **Bobby Foster** is finally home after a long recovery.

Please fill out a "Prayer Request Form" in the foyer and place it in the offering plate to make a prayer request; or Email it to manager@fumcro.org or call the church office at 972-617-9100

-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

- Up dates: 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



Please remember us
as you go on your vacation.
The church is still open
for worship and other activities