



First United Methodist Church

Red Oak, Texas

The Acorn

"A Small Package of Large Possibilities"



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LORD'S ACRE DAY

Saturday, September 27TH – 9 am - 4 pm

Silent Auction - 9:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Barbeque Lunch - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Live Auction - 1:00 p.m.

It is time! Let's get that building loan paid off and move on to bigger and better things at FUMC. Please be a part of this historic event this Saturday 9/27. We need approximately \$24,800 to pay off the loan and we can do it with God's blessings and everyone's participation.

Committee members will be at the church this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00PM to 8:00PM accepting auction donations. The Methodist Men will be up all night Friday night cooking the meat for the barbecue. Saturday's activities will begin with the silent auction from 9:30 a.m. to 12:47 p.m. The all you can eat barbecue lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the live auction with Heath Sims as the auctioneer will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. **The Lord's Acre Quilt will be auctioned during this time.** If you haven't seen the quilts from previous years, please make a effort to go by and check out the quilts hung in the church Sanctuary.



Tickets for the lunch can be purchased at the door at a cost of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 12 to 3. For our church to be successful in paying off the building loan we need participation from everyone in the church. If you can't be there on Saturday for the auction, and want to be a part of this historic event, you can write a check to FUMC and note in the memo section Lord's Acre. We also need everyone's prayers this week for a successful day on Saturday. It is time for us to step out in faith and allow God to lead us in this important event for our church.

This year we will have a **BOUNCE HOUSE** for the kids and other games. Come and enjoy a day of **FUN, DELICIOUS FOOD & GOOD OLD FASHION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.**

Chuck and Renee Fouts Lord's Acre Committee



ATTENTION ALL MEN!!
Friday Night, September 26th

Join us behind the Fellowship Hall to cook the meats for Lord's Acre beginning at 7:00 pm Friday, September 26th. This is an all night fun event for the men and the result is the best BBQ this side of Dallas. You are welcome to bring your cots and stay all night or come for one of the shifts. Call John Young for details: 214-356-5852

Also: All Men get ready for the Red Neck Olympics Event Coming Saturday, October 18th
"Do you think you can handle it?"



The time is here! Yes, it is Lord's Acre Day at First UMC Red Oak. We will have a day of fun and fellowship with wonderful food and an

excellent auction. Make plans to be here for the silent and live with auction. Tell your friends and neighbors about the wonderful things we will have in the auction and invite them to participate in the activity. Our goal is to pay off the building note. Help us fulfill the goal as we have fun and good food.

This will be the last Sunday of the Revelation series. God loves us, is in control, and ultimately wins. See how this happens as we conclude our study. Family in Christ, Pastor Doug



Wednesday Fellowship Dinner to Benefit Relay for Life September 17th - 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Relay for life will be hosting the September 24th Wednesday night dinner at 6:00 p.m. They will be serving Hamburgers with all the fixings, chips, drinks and dessert. Donations will be accepted and will go towards reaching our fund-raising goal for the American Cancer Society. Please come join us.

Member of the Week:

Mildred Shurtleff

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

If you could, please drop her a note:

730 Pierce Rd.

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October

is fast approaching and our Annual Pumpkin Patch is in the works! We are really looking to all of you guys and gals, as a congregation to come together to make this year a success.

The truck is scheduled to arrive on **Saturday, October 4th at 2:30 pm** with the Pumpkin Patch open for business the following day. Sign up or drop in to help unload the Pumpkins. A signup sheet is to the left of the Pumpkin Patch Bulletin Board. There are also sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board for the Pumpkin Patch Volunteers to be our sales people during the patch days in October through Friday, October 31.

I am so excited to see what we can accomplish this season to make our Church more inviting for our community's children! I can't wait to see you there!

– Elizabeth Sanden, Children's Council

UMW Friendship Circle Bible Study

The Friendship Circle of the United Methodist Women will meet this **Thursday, September 25th, at 7:00 PM** in the Young Adult classroom. The Bible study for this year is "Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor". This month, we will be studying and discussing Lesson 1, "Jesus Announces Jubilee;" the scripture for the lesson is Luke 4: 16 – 30. The focus for the lesson is Jesus' proclamation of the long-awaited time of freedom for those oppressed by poverty and exclusion. Claudia Mason will provide the devotional and Sandra Doyle will provide refreshments for this meeting. **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 Bible study!)...come join us! If childcare is needed, please call the church office. Call Jo Wilsford (972-617-0672) if more information is needed.



ELLIS COUNTY OUTREACH

Don't forget the church continues to provides oatmeal in canisters and 12 oz packages of pasta on a monthly basis. Other items that the outreach is always in need of are Low Salt & Sugar Free canned vegetables. Thanksgiving is only 2 months away. Be thinking of helping this season with turkey dinners once again. Thank you for helping with this ministry. You can place your donations in the grocery cart in the foyer.

Youth ONE News!!



On Sunday night we found out that Mara is slightly smarter than a Red Oak ISD student. Thank you to the Belote and Almond families for dinner last night.

This Sunday is our First "Thrift Store Formal" and Dinner. The Ashford and Doty families will serve dinner.

Please join us for Lord's Acre and Family Funday this Saturday. If any youth are available to help they can earn 5 service points per hour. Have a wonderful week and hope to see you on Saturday, September 27th.

ONE GOD, ONE FAITH, ONE WAY



Thanks so much to those who helped make United Methodist Sunday a wonderful day of

celebration. We appreciate the technical support of Don Newman and Jackson Smiley on the soundboard, Jon Bailey at the computer, Don Newman and Stewart Almond on lights and Sunmi Goodwin providing "eerie music" at the keyboard. Thanks also to Robert Grandstaff for mixing the MP3 of rain and thunder.

We thank Jo Wilsford and the Ladies' Choir for their beautiful music "Fill My Cup" during the offertory. We want to give credit for the skit "That Handful of Women". There was no author listed, but we found the script online at <http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/programs/1869skit.html>.

The prayer of the people was found online at the **Lift Up Your Hearts** web site <http://www.worship.ca/>. The authors were Paul F. Bosch and Donna Seamone.

The book shared so nicely by Suzanne Neel during Children's Time was "For Every Child". It is a UNICEF publication and one of the selections from the UMW Reading Program. Suzanne read excerpts from each of the 14 rights of children included in the text adapted by Caroline Castle. The book is available to check out of our UMW library. Speak to our Secretary of Program Resources, Lori Stricker, about the loaning procedure.

If you would like to turn in your pledge card, please give it to our treasurer and Circle of Friendship chair, Jo Wilsford, or to one of the other Circle Chairs - Jennifer McKnight, Arnelle Kimbro or Katie Almond. Your gifts will be used for local and global missions.

Your sisters in Christ, Red Oak United Methodist Women

Our Prayers

Please refer to the September Prayer List contained in this newsletter). Randy & Karen Shepherd (Cancer - Weyker Family); Charles Richardson (Cammie Wammack father); Hurricane Ike victims; Pam Briden; Connor Beverley; Rita Dugger; **Herbert Shelton (surgery); Pam Briden, Tim Brownlee and Brooke Vassallo (all with broken bones).**

Congratulations to **Lynda Robinson & Family** in the arrival of her grandson from Guatemala on August 29th 2008, **Zachary Zane Spearman was born March 14, 2007.**

Please keep **Herbert Shelton & Family** in your prayers. **Eris went to be with the Lord on Monday, September 22, 2008. (funeral arrangements pending)**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



-CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 - Meet in the Sanctuary. We continue our study of "Zacchaeus." This can be picked up at any time. Kids do not repeat a class in the six week Study. This program is for age 3 through 6th Grade. **Parents: We need your support, please bring your children to Sunday School.**

-JR. & SENIOR HI: Mara Bailey Leader

-SUNSHINE CLASS: Rotating Teachers: Fall Study: **The New Testament Community, The Birth of a New Community, "Creating a Community of Servants", Matthew 20:17-28.**

-ENRICHMENT CLASS: - Study: **FaithLinks**

-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 - Old Testament"

-ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Teacher: Pastor Doug. Wednesday at 10:30 am. & 6:30 pm Study: **The Bible: Exodus.**

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, September 24

- 9:15 Laugh & Learn Day School
- 10:30 Adult Bible Study Class
- 6:00 Wed.Night Fellowship Dinner (Hamburgers) to benefit Relay for Life
- 6:30 Children's Choirs Practice
- 6:30 Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 Youth ONE Jr. Hi. Bible Study
- 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, September 25

- 6:30 Daisy Girl Scouts
- 7:00 Waxahachie Community Theater
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

Saturday, September 27

LORD'S ACRE DAY

Sunday, September 28

- 4:00 Boy Scouts
- 6:00 YOUTH ONE Fellowship
"Thrift Store Formal"

Monday, September 29

NEWSLETTER & OCTOBER CALENDAR ITEMS DUE

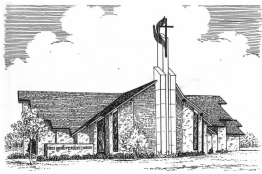
Saturday, October 4

- 9:30 UMW - CTC Autumn Gathering - Hurst
- 2:30 **PUMPKINS ARRIVE - Please join us in unloading the pumpkins.**

Temporary Address: Nancy Robinson

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(until December 1)



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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, Nursery
Attendants
Lori Stricker, Office Mgr.

Office Hours
Mon-Friday 9am - 4pm
(972)617-9100
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Our Presence

Sunday School All Ages	93
Morning Worship	
Sunday, July 27 - 8:30 Service	54
10:50 Service	114
Youth	13

Our Service

- The flower arrangement this Sunday is given by **the Almond & Malone Families** in honor of **Katie Almond's Birthday & Andy & Bailey Malone's Anniversary.**
- Acolytes are: **TBA (Volunteers needed, please see Jo Wilsford before the service.**
- Ushers this week are: 8:30 **Jody & Shannon Smock.**
 10:50 (right door) **Marilyn & Emily Byars, Katie & Savannah Almond;** (left door) **Sue & Jordon Brown.** (Right Door counts the attendance)
- Offering Stewards are: **Dale McKnight 7 Brian Goodloe.**
- Technicians: Sound: 8:30 **Don Newman;** 10:50 **Tom Rogers**
 Power Point: **Jon Bailey**
- Nursery is available every Sunday. Volunteer: **Norma Jones.** -
 Children's Church Volunteers are **Carrie & Phil Haralson.**

Our Gifts

Total Budget 2008	\$ 386,000
Budget needed to date	\$ 282,416
Total Offerings received to date	\$ 227,712
General Budget needed weekly	\$ 7,432
General Budget Rec'd last week	\$ 4,343
Lord's Acre	\$210
Other specials	\$191



- 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