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Newsletter for

First United Methodist Church

Red Oak, Texas

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

1 John 3:1

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One of the things I am most proud of during my 2+ years at FUMCRO is not any physical change to the facility (although we've made some great changes & they are still coming); it is the change in the spirit and feel of the church.

When I first came to preach three Palm Sundays ago, my first impression was that this was a great church with great people that was not living up to the vision God has in mind for this particular body of Christ. As time went on, I had an honest conversation with a long-time covenant keeper who admitted, "I didn't feel comfortable inviting people to church before. There was nothing to invite them to. But I feel really good about inviting them now."

That covenant keeper was absolutely correct. My first several months at FUMCRO I noticed the spirit in the church was kinda dark, not that welcoming, and turned inward in focus. What changed???

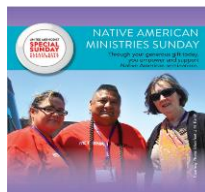
(Message from Pastor Christie *continued*)

Through lots of prayer and discernment, and most importantly refocusing FUMCRO on the undeniable call of Christ for the church not to be just a building, but a group of Christ-seekers joining together in the process and journey of sanctification (being made more holy and more like Christ each and every day) – well, the Holy Spirit has remade FUMCRO more into the image of the kingdom of heaven. (Whew! That was a long, run-on sentence. Forgive me language arts teachers everywhere.) But before you get boastful on the good work the Spirit has done in you, always remember that there is more work to be done.

Want some tangible proof that FUMCOR has changed? At the last Coffee with the Pastor – a gathering hosted by the Outreach/Hospitality/Missions (OHM) ministry team for guests and perspective covenant keepers, one of our guests remarked about how the people in this church reached out with open arms to embrace guests from the very first time they walk in the door.

That's amazing. Make sure you invite someone to church. What are you inviting them to? A church who's spirit has remarkably changed – warm, welcoming, open, inviting, with an outward focus. The open embrace of Jesus Christ is embodied by the covenant keepers of the First United Methodist Church of Red Oak.

Through Christ's Love,
Pastor Christie



THIS Sunday, May 5th, is Native American Ministries Sunday: Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ. This Sunday, an envelope will be in your bulletin; please consider an extra gift to support Native American Ministries. Make your check out to **FUMC Red Oak** with "Native American" in the memo line. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday Activities

Regular Wednesday activities continue through May 8th! Please mark your calendars because YOU are invited to attend!

Schedule:

- 1:30 PM – Pastor's Bible Study (May 8 – Acts 28)
- 5:30 PM – Fellowship Dinner (suggested donation of \$5-adult & \$3-children goes to the Playground Fund)
- 6:15 PM – Prayer Group
Children's Choirs (ages 3 ½ - 6th grade)
- 6:30 PM – Pastor's Bible Study (May 8 – Acts 28)
Youth WORKS! Study Group
- 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Spring Dates:

May 8 (Dinner is PIZZA!)

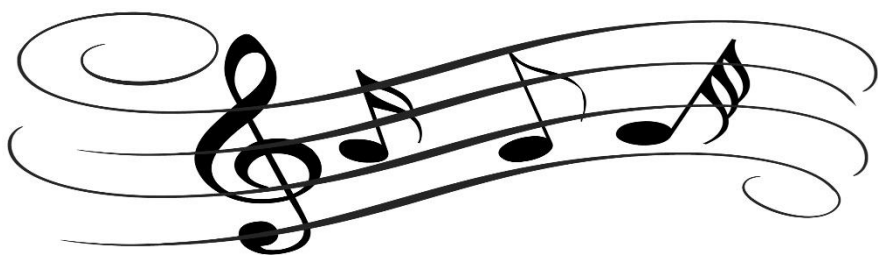
Note: May 8th is the last date for regular Wednesday activities until September.

May 15

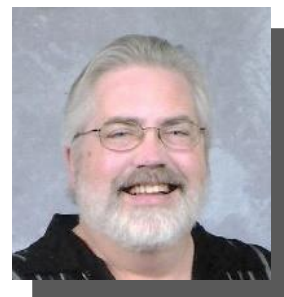
Special Wednesday Evening Activity: Bingo & Burgers, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
To close out our Wednesday evening activities for the spring and summer, the Outreach/Hospitality/Missions (OHM) Team has planned a Bingo & Burgers night. Come join us for fun and fellowship!

Looking Ahead...

- *Mother and Daughter Luncheon* – May 4, 11:00 AM, hosted by UMW
- **Administrative Council Meeting** – May 19th, 12:30 PM. A baked potato youth fundraiser lunch will precede the meeting.
- Welcome Home Missionaries AND Fond Farewell to Pastor Christie – Hamburger & Ice Cream Social (sponsored by Lord's Acre) – June 23, 12:00 PM
- Welcome to new Pastor Mike Alexander and Kathy – Ice Cream Social – July 14, 6:00 PM
- Vacation Bible School – July 21 – 25 (see list of needed items on page 13)
- **Lord's Acre** – Saturday, September 28



Notes from Larry McCord



Intimacy with God

*Oh, that I could have a chance like they did
Just to hear the Savior teach
From out of the Scriptures from beginning to the end.
But I have the Spirit living within me and He teaches me the Word.
Oh, how sweet to know that I have fellowship with Him.
from "On the Road to Emmaus" by Jeff R. Steele*

First, a word of thanks to our chancel choir, soloists and new pianist, William, for the many extra hours of rehearsal and fine service music during Holy Week. As I mentioned to them via email this week, they sang a total of 7 anthems in that one week period between Palm Sunday and Easter and some of these were very demanding classics.

This week we enjoyed a special rendition by our men's quartet of "The Road to Emmaus", originally performed by The Steeles, then covered by many others such as The Gaither Band. The verse quoted above reminds us of one of the most precious aspects of our relationship with our Heavenly Father. In the discourse recorded in John 14-16, Jesus assures his disciples before his passion that he would not leave them comfortless but would send the Holy Spirit who would live within them and remind them of his words to them. John echoes this in his first epistle, writing that the anointing we have received from Him teaches us all things, so that we have no need for anyone else to teach us. We have all, of course, had the opportunity to learn from others, and this is a vital function of His body, the Church. But ultimately, we are to judge all we hear by the voice of the Spirit God has given us, trusting Him to guide us faithfully.

These are the facts...but the reality of this in our lives is indeed "more precious than silver." One of the great joys of my walk with God from an early age has been the realization that, as the hymn writer tells us, "He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own. And the joys we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known." This is an attempt to put into human words the experience of intimacy with God. In reality, no words can truly describe the experience of hearing that still small voice sharing just the words you need to hear at a particular moment or feeling the comfort of your Father's love when you hurt more deeply than anyone can understand. And many times the things He says to us or the intimacy we enjoy are of such a specific and special nature that they should not be shared with others; they are only for us and our Father. Paul even reminds us that this same Spirit prays for us when we can't find the words.

Folks, nothing can compare to the relationship we are blessed to have with God. Nurture and treasure that gift as you walk with Him each day.



A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL LAITY: 2019 CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE LAITY SUMMIT Sunday, June 9

On Sunday, June 9th, the Central Texas Conference will present *Laity Summit 2019: Leading the Transformation*. The gathering begins with a worship service at 9:00 AM and runs until 3:00 PM at Texas Hall on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington.

The focus of this event is to energize and equip the lay leadership of local churches to help lead the transformation taking place throughout our conference in response to our Wildly Important Goal (WIG). You will hear stories from people whose lives were changed (even saved) via their relationship with Jesus and the local church. We will also share best practices on how laity can best partner with clergy to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and much more.

This gathering is open to any and all Central Texas Conference laity not just the official Lay Leader nor the lay members to Annual Conference. We want and need all the movers and shakers of your congregation – those folks who you know are always at the front, leading whenever anything good and positive happens at your church, in your community or associated with one or more of the vital ministries of your church. Churches are encouraged to bring groups of laity (churches can even count participants in your worship attendance for the day). The event is free, but **registration is required** so that we can adequately prepare. A free box lunch will be provided. You may register for this event at <https://www.ctcumc.org/LaitySummit-register>.

Agenda This is a preliminary agenda and subject to change. Details to be announced as available.	
9 a.m.	Worship – featuring Bishop Mike Lowry, Rev. Estee Valendy
10 a.m.	Opening Comments from Mike Ford
10:15	Break
10:30	Session 1 – Keynote Speaker
Noon	Lunch
12:45	Session 2 – Faith Community Presentations
1:45	Break
2 p.m.	Session 3 – Panel Discussions
3. p.m.	Benediction

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE YOUTH?

Schedule for providing youth Sunday dinners in May:

- May 5th - Young/Wilsford
- May 12th - Dillard/Payne
- May 19th - Wilson/Sanden
- May 26th - Memorial Day Weekend – No Youth

Calendar/Activity Updates

- CTCYM registration for the summer mission trip closes May 5th.
- Wednesday night lessons continue on the topic of the Holy Spirit.
- An Ellen's Fairway event is planned for Wednesday, May 22nd.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Information

The youth Money Wall Fundraiser helps pay for participants to go on the mission trip; adult costs will be covered by this fundraiser as well, unless they desire to pay their own way. The goal of this fundraiser is to have each and every envelope taken from the wall and filled with money, the dollar amount corresponding with the number on the envelope. The money raised goes to sponsor anyone who wishes to go on our summer mission trip. The cost to send 15 participants on CTCYM (summer mission) is upwards of \$4,500 dollars. If the Youth can raise that money, then they won't have to worry about financial issues stopping a would-be missionary from participating.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2019 – Port Lavaca, Texas, June 16 – 22

The youth are very excited to announce that they have started planning for this summer's Youth Mission Trip. The Youth are headed to the great city of Port Lavaca, Texas. They will be staying at Port Lavaca First Methodist Church. The church is very excited to be hosting FUMCRO this year. As of now we do not have final numbers as to how many will be on the trip, but the maximum number will be 70 (youth and adults). Even better news, our church will be attending this trip with Mike Alexander's current church, New World First Methodist Church, and his son Brad's church, First Methodist Church of Glen Rose! Mike's wife and daughter will be with us working in the kitchen with Mary Young. Brad will be working with me as our program director.

Mary, as our head cook, has asked for **donations of gift cards** to either Wal-Mart or HEB. This will help her budget a great deal. If you have ever been on mission trip, you know these kiddos (and adults) can sure eat! Gift cards can be given to Mary herself or to me to pass along to her. Any amount would be very much appreciated.

We are also in need of your prayers. If you would like to start on some **encouragement letters** to send with us for the trip, below is a list of youth and adults from FUMCRO that will be attending as of now (subject to change):

Jimmy Dillard- Work Team adult	Melody Durazo-Construction Assistant
Ethan Ellard-Youth	Brenda Payne- Work team Young Adult
Chale Payne-Work Team Adult	Roy Pender- Work Team adult- worship music
Elizabeth Sanden- Admin Assistant	Emma Sanden- Youth
Katelyn Sanden-Youth	Bo Wilson-Work Team adult
Nathan Wilson-Youth	Nicholas Wilson- Program Assistant
Shannon Wilson-Center Director	Mary Young- Head cook

If you have any questions or are looking for ways to help, please reach out to either myself or Roy. Thank you for all the support you have given thus far. We are looking forward to sharing our experiences from the week with you all when we return. Blessings,

Shannon Wilson, Youth Mission Trip Center Director

Prayers for Summer Youth Missionaries – CTCYM Weekly Prayer Focus for May



5/6 WEEK 3: Pray for God's Effect on our Participants

Lord, may our participants continue to be transformed - heart, mind and soul. Continue your work in them by opening their eyes to the ways you have gifted them to meet needs around them. May they gain confidence in their gifts and abilities and see You working through them. Lord, let our participants be welcomed, loved and valued on this trip. May they experience Your love in new ways and may their relationship with You continue to deepen in Jesus' name, Amen.



5/13 WEEK 4: Pray for our Group Leaders

Lord, we lift our Group Leaders in prayer. Guide them as they work to prepare for the trip, train volunteers and ready their students. Calm any anxiety and give them peace as they work on what may feel like an endless to-do list. Remind them that You are in control and will provide for the needs of their students and adults, and for their personal needs as well. We thank You for the many talents You have given them and ask that You provide them continued confidence in their abilities in Jesus' name, Amen.



5/20 WEEK 5: Pray for our Clients

Dear God, we lift to you the people we will have the opportunity to serve. We thank You for these persons that will allow us to be a part of their lives for this week and will open their homes to us. We ask You to meet their needs for physical, spiritual and emotional healing and wholeness. We humbly ask that we may be the hands and feet of Christ for those in need in Jesus' name, Amen.



5/27 WEEK 6: A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve Your people. We thank You for Your great love and example that enables us to do this work. Thank You for providing for us physically, spiritually and financially. We are grateful for our churches who support us with prayers and generosity. Thank You for providing leadership and volunteers. Help us recognize opportunities to serve You every day, not just on a mission trip in Jesus' name, Amen.

GLEN LAKE 2019 SUMMER CAMPS

The theme for the summer camps at Glen Lake this summer is ***More Than Enough***. Campers will learn that because of Christ they can lead, show love and use the gifts they have been given, no matter their age. For more information, please visit www.glenlake.org. Summer camp dates are listed below:

Family Camp: June 7-9, K-3 grades with family

Trailblazer 1 Camp: June 16-21, Grades 3-6

Expedition 1 Camp: June 23-28, Grades 6-8

Pathfinder Camp: June 30-July 5, Grades 9-13

Expedition 2 Camp: July 7-12, Grades 6-8

Trailblazer 2 Camp: July 14-19, Grades 3-6

Trek Camp: July 19-21, Grades 1-3

Family Camp 2: July 21-23, K-3 grades with family

Registration is open now!

ENRICHMENT CLASS NEWS

Beginning May 5 the Enrichment class will be studying *Unshakeable Hope* by Max Lucado. “What feels shaky in your world? Are you overwhelmed by the problems you’re facing or the pain you’re feeling? Maybe you feel hurt by the past. Disappointed by the present. Worried about the future. If so, you are not alone, but there is hope. You can live with security and purpose.

In his *New York Times* Bestseller* *Unshakable Hope*, Max Lucado unpacks 12 of the Bible’s most significant promises, equipping you to overcome difficult circumstances by keeping your focus on the hope found in the promises of Scripture rather than dwelling on the problems in front of you. For every problem in life, God has given you a promise.

Hope is hard to come by these days. Whether it’s heart disease or cancer, job failure or addiction, natural disasters or family disasters, mass murders or mental illness, there are so many reasons to be overwhelmed.

In a world full of instability, we do not need more opinions or hunches; we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God.

What is your life built on—the circumstances of life or the promises of God? The answer to that question changes everything.”

Join us as we take a closer look at Scripture’s unbreakable promises and learn how to live with unshakable hope. This study was selected for the summer months because we know many of us will travel and be absent occasionally. Each lesson will cover one of the twelve promises.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for fellowship. Class is from 9:45-10:30 and includes guided discussion of Scripture, DVD lessons and the book. There’s a place for you!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Kid-Friendly
Food



During the month of May, the Missions Committee is collecting “kid-friendly” snacks and foods for ROISD kids who may not have enough to eat during the summer since they are out of school and missing school lunches. Please place your donations in the ROISD bucket at the Giving Corner (table just outside the sanctuary). Some suggestions follow:

- Easy open food/snack items such as fruit cups, applesauce cups, granola bars, trail mix, protein bars or breakfast bars
- Microwave oatmeal, soup, macaroni & cheese, or pastas
- Vienna sausages
- Individual tuna packets, tuna salad or chicken salad
- Individual cracker packs



New Neighborhood Ministry

The Outreach, Hospitality & Mission (OHM) Teams continue to give our new neighbors a FUMCRO bag full of useful household items, church information, and an invitation to come visit us. The bags will be filled with the following items:

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| Paper towels | Toilet Paper |
| Small bottle of dish detergent | Vinyl gloves |
| 55 gallon trash bags | Scrub Brush |
| Disposable plates, cups, cutlery | |

The OHM teams would gladly accept donations of the items (placed in the New Neighborhood container on the Giving Corner table), or funds to purchase them. If donating funds, please designate “New Neighbor” in the memo line or on the offering envelope. The estimated cost per bag is \$7.00.

The church is using a listing service to find newcomers to the area surrounding the church. If you have a new neighbor and would like to personally deliver a bag to them and get to know them a bit better, see Lynne Grandstaff to receive a bag.

(Mission Opportunities *continued*)



Teacher Appreciation Week at Russell Schupmann Elementary School

As a community outreach, the church has adopted Schupmann Elementary to support for teacher appreciation week, which is May 6-10, 2019. We are showing our appreciation to the 59 Schupmann teachers in the following ways:

- Breakfast on Monday, May 6th – If you can provide mini-muffins, Nutrigrain fruit bars, Keurig coffee or tea pods, orange juice or cash donations for donuts to be purchased Monday morning, please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, May 5th**.
- \$5.00 Sonic gift cards – If you can provide one or more \$5.00 Sonic gift cards or a cash donation to purchase one or more, please bring the cards or donation to the church by **Monday afternoon, May 6th**.
- Snack Baskets – If you would like to help us fill some snack baskets for the teachers, you can donate single serving bags (chips, popcorn, cookies), brownies, beef jerky, mini soft drinks or fruit juice drinks or any other snack items. Please bring these items to the church by **Monday afternoon, May 6th**.
- If you are interested in being part of this effort please sign up on the sheets on the Giving Corner table just outside the sanctuary doors.



Wheel Chair Ramps

Do you know anyone in the Red Oak area who needs a wheel chair ramp? Several churches are joining together to build needed ramps the last week in June. They will be working out of Ovilla FUMC. Please let Jo in the church office know if you know of anyone who could benefit from a ramp being built.



Oatmeal and Spaghetti

The next time you are at the grocery store, please remember to pick up extra spaghetti and oatmeal for FUMCRO's donation to the North Ellis County Outreach. Our support of these donations will enable the Outreach center to continue work and help in our community. They are also currently in need of kid friendly foods: jelly, SpaghettiO's or microwaveable foods. Thank you for your generosity!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN WORSHIP – Why not volunteer?

Looking for a place to serve in worship? Here are some wonderful service opportunities!

- Persons are needed each week for each worship service on a scheduled basis to operate the **sound board, the screen and the video camera**. If you are interested, please contact Dana Davis, Chair of the Worship Committee (or Jo Wilsford in the church office – 972-617-9100) for training dates and times. We surely could use YOUR help!
- If you are interested in serving as Worship Assistant for the 8:30 AM service or presenting Children's Time at both services, or assisting in serving communion at either service, please let Jo Wilsford in the church office know. **A new schedule is being prepared for July through December—may we add your name....why not sign up to serve!**

If you would like to be a part of any of these important services, please let Dana Davis or Jo Wilsford (in the church office) know.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We thank God for you and your worship through your tithes and offerings. If you are unable to attend church, you may give your tithes and offerings in several ways: (1) via mail to the church's mailing address P.O. Box 25, Red Oak, TX 75154, by check or money order payable to First UMC Red Oak or (2) by giving online at any time through our church website, <http://www.fumcro.org/main/home>.

April Giving/Offerings

7 th	\$6,056.00
14 th	\$5,443.00
21 st	\$7,335.00 (Easter Sunday)
28 th	\$4,385.00

2019 Connectional Giving Total Due

\$37,672.00

2019 Connectional Giving PAID

\$6,340.00

2019 Connectional Giving remaining

to be paid \$31,332.00

To meet our 2019 budget and pay the weekly portion of FUMCRO's Connectional Giving, the **weekly offering should average \$6,000**.



United Methodist Women (UMW) News

UMW Love Circle meets Tuesday, May 28th

The UMW Love Circle is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 28th at **10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will read from the Prayer Calendar and the *response* magazine and then go OUT TO EAT at Tacos for Life in Waxahachie. We will take June and July off and resume our meetings in August. We would love to have YOU join us for fellowship as we share a meal together!

UMW Friendship Circle meets Thursday, May 23rd

The Friendship Circle is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 23rd. We will go OUT TO EAT at Johnny Carino's in Waxahachie at 7:00 PM. If you would like a ride, we will meet at the church at 6:30 PM to carpool. We will take June and July off and resume our meetings in August. We would love to see YOU!

UMW Circle of Hope and Healing (Prayer Shawl Ministry), May 11th & 25th

The UMW Circle of Hope and Healing meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The members meet to knit, crochet, and weave prayer shawls. They are also working on weaving plastic "plarn" into mats for the homeless. Prayer shawls are usually given to people in times of sickness or loss of a loved one or in times of joy – birth of a baby, marriage, etc. Please contact Beth Norris if you know of someone to whom you would like to give a prayer shawl. YOU are invited to the Circle of Hope and Healing; please come and join us!

UMW Circle of Hearts 'n Hands

The UMW Circle of Hearts 'n Hands meets every 5th Tuesday to work on mission projects to include sewing, assembling UMCOR kits, making & sending cards to shut-ins, the ill, hospitalized & bereaved, with cards also sent to missionaries. Come join us at the next meeting on **July 30th** in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM as we demonstrate *Faith, Hope and Love in ACTION!*



72nd Annual Churchwide Mother and Daughter Luncheon, May 4th

WHO: Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Neighbors, Friends, Ladies of ALL ages

WHAT: A UMW-hosted salad buffet luncheon celebrating Mothers and Daughters

WHEN: Saturday, May 4 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Childcare will be provided.

TICKETS: Adults - \$5.00; Children under 12 - \$3.00;

Children under 3 – free

Call the church office (972-617-9100) or Jo Wilsford (214-793-5497)
if you would like to attend this Saturday.

(UMW News *continued*)

Have You Read a Good Book Lately?

The UMW Reading Program supports our UMW Purpose by providing opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action. Taking part in the UMW Reading Program is very easy; during the course of a year, one would read 5 books from the Reading Program list, one book from each of these 5 categories: Leadership, Education and Mission, Social Action, Nurture and Caring, and Spiritual Growth. Taking time out of our busy lives to read about how others in the world fulfill these attributes is time well spent. Here is an example from one of our books on Spiritual Growth.

How is it With Your Soul? by Priscilla and Jack Levison, consists of 4 chapters: Praying, Learning, Mentoring, and Transforming. Each chapter (plus a participant guide) provides tips on how to grow closer to Jesus through scripture and stories. During our past Easter Worship service, Pastor Christie asked us to take "Flat Jesus" with us and share the joy of Jesus and discipleship with someone in our daily walk of life. This action is just one form of Christian mentoring. Each chapter in this book will give you insights and awareness on how you can develop these four acts of discipleship.

The UMW library is located in the old Sunshine Classroom. I hope you will consider joining the UMW Reading Program. If you have any questions about how to get started, please reach out to Beth Norris or Jo Wilsford.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Vacation Bible School – To Mars and Beyond!

Preparations are already underway for this year's Vacation Bible School. Please mark your calendars for July 21-25 from 5:00 - 8:30 PM.

A list of our current needs includes the following items:

Toilet Paper Rolls (for crafts)

Used/Unwanted CD's & DVD's (for craft use, does not need to be usable)

A basket for VBS donations will be on the Giving Corner Table.

VOLUNTEERS Needed - If you would like to be a Leader, please contact Geneise Waltmon. At this point, most positions are open, so if you are interested in leading crafts, recreation, music, mission, snack, decorations, registration or kitchen; please contact Geneise. We are also looking for Shepherds for all ages, so please let us know if you are interested in hanging with the children. It is going to be a LOT of out-of-this-world fun!

Children's Ministry in the Garden



This summer the Children's Ministry will be taking over the planter boxes located near the playground. They are going to be growing various fruits and vegetables to make available to church members. If there is excess, it will be donated to the North Ellis County Outreach. We are in need of gardening items (gloves, small shovels, rakes, etc...) and plants/seeds. If you have any used items you would like to donate, that would be wonderful. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support this effort, it would be greatly appreciated (note "*Children's Garden*" in the memo line).

LORD'S ACRE

Stitchers Needed

Lord's Acre is always looking for new folks to stitch names on the quilt squares! If you would be interested in stitching names on the squares this year, please contact Mary Young. If you need help in learning the stitch, there are several ladies who would love to teach you!

Contacts: John Young – 214-356-5852 john@txyoungs.com

Mary Young – 972-741-3120 mary@txyoungs.com



Gaines Wolaver

Regina Hazard

Leah Harp

Rev. Greg Tyler (Jill Gunderson's brother)

Helen Wilson (Shannon Wilson's mother-in-law)

Mary Wilburn (Carol Haffey's mother)

Robert Dunaway (Jennie's brother)

Ruth Dunaway (Jennie's mother)

Parents of Nancy & Gordon Toney

John Smith (Pat McAlister's nephew)

Judd Easterling

Linda Miles (Jamie McAlister's mother)

Charlotte Yeadon

Ann Allen

Sherry Martin

Anita Grimes (Connie McAlister's mother)

Dollie Fouts (Chuck Fouts' mother)

Joe Cadenhead

Debbie Doyle (Sandra & Curtis Doyle's daughter)

Dean Doty

Glendon Haney

VanNaiaya Turner

Sam Winter (General Evangelist,

Rev. Mark Winter's son)

Rita Dugger

Mike Alexander (new pastor in July) & family

Missionaries

Katie Meek (Sierra Leone)



Rukang Chikomb (Congo)



This 'n That

- **Name Badges – Let's CONNECT!**

As we welcome our neighbors into our worship services, it is important that everyone wears his or her name badge. Please remember each Sunday to pick yours up from the table in the foyer. If you need a name badge, please sign the list beside the name badges and one will be provided for you. The cost of the magnetic name badge is \$11.50. If you would like to make a donation toward paying for your name badge, please make your check out to FUMCRO with "name badge" in the memo line.

- **Flower Calendar – Open Dates**

September 15th and some dates in November are upcoming available dates on the Flower Calendar. Please consider providing altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Birthdays, anniversaries...or "just because" are good reasons to beautify our sanctuary on a Sunday morning. A contribution of \$35 is requested for the flowers, and you may take the flowers home following the 10:50 A.M. service. Please make your check to FUMC and write "Flowers" in the memo line.

- **Lost and Found**

Can't find a jacket or umbrella you've misplaced? Try looking in the church Lost and Found box located just outside the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION – Let's CONNECT!

Covenant Keepers Worship Report

April Attendance

7 th	
8:30 AM Service	55
10:50 AM Service	62
14 th	
8:30 AM Service	69
10:50 AM Service	64
Maundy Thursday	50
Good Friday	65
21 st (Easter)	
8:30 AM Service	84
10:50 AM Service	63
28 th	
8:30 AM Service	66
10:50 AM Service	51

Worship Assistant Schedule

8:30 AM Service

May 5 th	Neva Ransom
May 12 th	Jo Wilsford
May 19 th	Valerie Nobles
May 26 th	Tammy Ashford

If you are interested in assisting as the 8:30 AM Worship Assistant, please contact Jo Wilsford.

Children's Time Leaders

May 5 th	Christie Robbins
May 12 th	Jo Wilsford
May 19 th	Christie Robbins
May 26 th	Tammy Ashford

If you are interested in presenting the children's message, please contact Jo Wilsford.



Altar Flowers

May

	Given by:	Occasion:
5 th	Lori & Mike Stricker	In celebration of their 39 th anniversary!
12 th	Jo & Byrum Wilsford	In celebration of May family birthdays!
19 th	Larry Campbell	In memory of beloved parents, Donald & Mona Campbell
26 th	The Grandstaffs	In honor of teachers, staff & 2019 graduates!

Reminder: Altar flowers are \$35; please mark your check "flowers" and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WAXAHACHIE ADULT DANCE LESSONS

Where: FLC gym at FUMC, 505 W. Marvin Ave., Waxahachie

When: Thursdays, beginning May 2nd and continuing each Thursday for 8 weeks

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)

Cost: \$5.00 per person, per class

Wear leather soled shoes. No rubber soles, please. A partner is not required. You will learn a mix of Country & Western and Ballroom dances. Come and enjoy the only lessons offered on the south side of the DFW area!

Please RSVP via email to J.nivens@sbcglobal.net

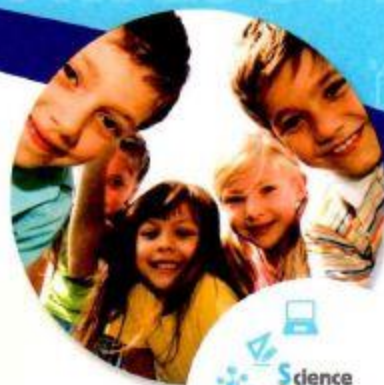
Childcare will be provided for an additional \$5.00 per family, per class. Must RSVP for childcare.





FRIENDS engineering CAMP

It's fun and educational!!



STEM-Based Camps 2019 Summer Schedule

Location	Camp	Dates	Times
Midlothian – Creekside Church	Bricks 4 God	Jun 3 - 7	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Brick City Engineers	Jun 3 - 7	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Ennis – St. Thomas Church	Extreme Ninjas	Jun 10 – 14	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Brick Royale Mini Camp	Jun 10 – 12	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Waxahachie – First Baptist	Building Is Awesome	Jun 24 - 28	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Mining and Crafting	Jun 24 - 28	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Maypearl – First Baptist	A Pirate's Quest	Jul 8 – 12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Bat League: Heroes and Villains	Jul 8 - 12	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Waxahachie – The Avenue	Movie Mashup	Jul 22 – 26	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Jurassic Brick Land (Ages 9 – 12)	Jul 22 - 26	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Red Oak - First United Methodist Church	Mining and Crafting	Aug 5 - 9	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
	Pocket Brick Monsters	Aug 5 - 9	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Cost? **\$165 for 5-day camp**
 \$105 for 3-day camp

Ages 6-12 (unless otherwise noted)
Max enrollment of 12 per camp

Enroll online:
bricks4kidz.com/texas-elliscounty

Check under "Camps" for special deals, camp descriptions, and info.

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WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sundays

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:40 am Sunday School For All Ages

10:50 am Praise Service

6:00 pm Youth Activities

Wednesdays
(September – May)

1:30 pm Bible Study

5:30 pm Dinner Fellowship

6:15 pm Prayer Group,

Children's Choirs

6:30 pm Bible Study & Youth WORKS!

7:30 pm Chancel Choir