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Newsletter for

First United Methodist Church

Red Oak, Texas

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11



Lord's Acre 2019 was a stunning success! It is impossible to lift up the many hands that were involved to bring it about. Not only was it a team effort but a large number of our members gave significantly before we even got to September 28, our VERY BIG DAY! The best I can do is celebrate the many moving parts of Lord's Acre, beginning with the Chili and Dessert Cook Off in March, the 500 plus names that were embroidered for the Quilt; and the Barbecue Meal, the Silent and Live Auction, the Children's Area, and the UMW General Store on Lord's Acre! **WE RAISED ABOUT \$25,000! WOW!**

Words cannot express how shocked and overwhelmed Kathy, Susan, and I were to receive the Lord's Acre Quilt! I wanted to say, "We already have one!" The church blessed us with a quilt in 1989, the year our new church was built. Ever since then this quilt has been on a quilt rack in our master bedroom. Thank you, Dani Muckleroy, for your gracious and generous gift of the 2019 Lord's Acre Quilt!

We are entering a busy season as we develop for 2020 our Budget and Nominations for our lay leadership. Please take the time to fill out the Time, Talent, and Interest form to assist us in the nomination process. This form is attached to the emailed newsletter and will be in our worship bulletins on October 6th and 13th.

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Also, I want to emphasize, as a reminder, that when we assume the vows of membership we become “Covenant Keepers.” That includes our Prayers, Presence (in worship), Gifts (financial), Service, and our Witness! As pastors and disciples, we need to live out our call as Christians. It is a daily and weekly witness! **PLEASE KNOW I AM PROUD TO BE YOUR PASTOR!**

In Christ’s Love,
Mike

Pastor Mike’s Sermon Series for October

October 6 – “How Do You Spell ‘Koinonia’?”

October 13 – “Missionaries of Charity”

October 20 – “From Worst to First”

October 27 – “I Can Christian Today”

Scripture: Philemon 1-21

Scripture: II Timothy 2:8-15

Scripture: I Timothy 1:12-17

Scripture: II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



World Communion Sunday

Nelson Mandela said, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

On World Communion Sunday, October 6, we will receive a special offering to support scholars in their education. Because of our giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

In The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday is one of six Special Sunday offerings. On the first Sunday in October, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring and training.

As we come together to receive Holy Communion along with Christians around the world, we recognize our unity and shared commitment to building God’s kingdom on earth. Together, we help raise up new leaders around the world, equipping them to be agents of change.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus’ affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who’ve historically been assigned to the world’s margins? On World Communion Sunday, your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

A World Communion Sunday offering envelope will be in your worship guide this Sunday. Please make your check to FUMC or enclose cash in the offering envelope.

Thank You for your donation!

Discipleship Discovery



Fair

Discipleship Discovery Fair and Brunch, Sunday, October 13th

The Outreach, Hospitality and Mission Team, along with Administrative Council and Nominating Committee will host the Discipleship Discovery Fair to provide information and connect you to FUMCRO's many programs, projects, committees and teams.

On Sunday, October 13, we invite you to join us for a potluck brunch at 9:30 AM. Displays will be set up in the Foyer and Fellowship Hall to highlight the opportunities available at FUMCRO to grow in your discipleship.

You will be given a "passport" for your "travels." Have it marked at each display and when completed it will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

A printed survey of time, talent, and interests will be distributed in bulletins on October 6 and the day of the Fair. The survey is also attached to the emailed newsletter...just in case you want to get a head start! If you complete and submit the survey, you will be entered in another drawing. The Committee on Nominations will also use the forms as they plan committee and lay team ministry membership for 2020.

Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun as we discover new ways to support our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Administrative Council Meets Sunday, October 20th, 12:15 PM

The Administrative Council will meet at 12:15 on Sunday, October 20th in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will not be provided, so bring a snack if you would like. At this very important meeting, members will discuss the 2020 budget and Nominations Committee report as well as hear reports from all areas of lay team ministries. If you are a member of the Administrative Council, please make an effort to be in attendance.

Wednesday Activities Continue

Everyone is invited to join our church family in our Wednesday activities. Bible study on the book of Luke will be led by Pastor Mike; Bible studies are scheduled for 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM. There is a fellowship dinner each Wednesday with prayer group, children's choirs and youth activities following the dinner. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, study and singing! See the dates and schedule below:

Schedule:

- 10:30 AM – Pastor's Bible Study (Gospel of Luke)
- 5:30 PM – Fellowship Dinner (suggested donation of \$5-adult & \$3-children)
- 6:15 PM – Prayer Group, Children's Choirs (Angel Choir - ages 3 ½ - 1st grade;
Methodist Music Makers – 2nd – 5th grades)
- 6:30 PM – Pastor's Bible Study (Gospel of Luke), Youth WORKS! Study Group
- 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

(Wednesday Activities continued)

Fall/Winter Dates:

October 9, 16, 23 (FALL BREAK - There are no Wednesday activities on October 30th except for Chancel Choir rehearsal.)

November 6, 13, 20 (There are no Wednesday activities on November 27th because of Thanksgiving.)

December 4 is the last date for Wednesday activities (except Chancel Choir) until January 8, 2020. The Children's Christmas pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th at the 10:50 AM worship service. Details will follow.

Bible Study Schedule (Bible Study meets at 10:30 AM and at 6:30 PM.)

The study is based on a study guide by N. T. Wright: *Luke: 26 Studies for Individuals and Groups*.

October 9 – Chapter 5: Jesus' Ministry Begins, Luke 4

October 16 – Chapter 6: Miracles, Healings and Parties, Luke 5

October 23 – Chapter 7: True Obedience, Luke 6

October 30 – No meeting: Fall Break

LORD'S ACRE DAY

The Lord's Acre Committee would like to thank everyone for helping to make this 2019 Lord's Acre Day a great success! We shared a lot of laughter, fellowship and friendly competition. The barbeque lunch was delicious, thanks to the United Methodist Men who had a good time cooking the meats all night; thanks also to those who brought side and desserts.

A big "Thank You" to the Lord's Acre Committee for all their time and effort in helping with this annual fundraiser for capital improvements to our building. This was a team effort throughout the year working toward this goal. The Committee also wants to thank everyone in the congregation for their prayers and support...from buying a quilt name, sewing names, attending the chili/dessert cook off, hamburger social and finally the BIG day!

The success of this day belongs to the entire church family. Together we have raised approximately \$24,485. God is good...all the time!

...and the UMW General Store...

...also had a great day on Lord's Acre Day! Thank you to all those who baked, bought, donated, crafted, and shopped. The General Store raised in excess of \$1,500, the most we have ever raised with the General Store! The proceeds will be divided equally among Lord's Acre, Daniel's Den and UMW missions. What a wonderful day we had with our church family! Thanks be to God!



Schedule for providing youth Sunday dinners in October:

October 6th - Hobbs/G. Ellard October 13th - Whitlock/Kelso
October 20th - Smock/Doyle October 27th - Ellard/Waltmon

Schedule for Youth WORKS! Wednesday nights: 6:30 PM Student-led Lessons

October 9 - Transformation Series: Change Our Desires
October 16 – Transformation Series: Change Our Priorities
October 23 - Transformation Series: Change Our Pursuits



YOU are invited to join the Youth on their ski trip, January 1 – 7, 2020. The total cost is \$390 for adults and \$375 for students. This covers lodging, breakfast, lifts and rentals. A non-refundable deposit is due when signing up. For more details (payment schedule, etc.) see the Ski Trip Sign Up Notes just outside the Youth

Room. If you would like to sponsor a youth to go on the ski trip, please see Roy Pender or place your check in the offering plate made out to FUMCRO with “ski trip” in the memo line.

IMPORTANT! MinistrySafe Update

MinistrySafe is the official abuse prevention program for all churches in the Central Texas Conference (CTC). The program provides churches a comprehensive system of resources to assist in the design and implementation of safety systems, which reduce the risk of sexual abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults and protects staff and volunteers, as well. The components of the program are

- Volunteer/staff screening, including an application, interview & reference check;
- Appropriate criminal background check for volunteers/staff; and
- Online training for volunteers/staff.

If you are church staff or a volunteer or are in any way involved with the youth, children or vulnerable adults in the church, **you must be certified as MinistrySafe**. Please see Jennifer McKnight (MinistrySafe Coordinator for FUMCRO) or email her at mcknight@sbcglobal.net if you have not gone through the MinistrySafe program yet.

If you have already been certified, the certification (background check and video/quiz) has to be **renewed every two years**. Watch your emails for admin@ministrysafe.com and **red oak ctc umc**. The Red Oak CTC UMC email is the background check and needs to be completed within 14 days, or it expires.

If you are just beginning the MinistrySafe process, you will need to complete an application and reference form; the packet is available in the church office. You must also take part in an interview which will be scheduled by the MinistrySafe Coordinator. For those supervising events involving youth, children or vulnerable adults, Jennifer McKnight needs a list of volunteers beforehand to ensure that everyone has been certified as MinistrySafe.

Thank you for your cooperation as we provide a safe place for everyone.



PUMPKIN PATCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

(Remember, **ALL** proceeds of the Pumpkin Patch and its activities go to fund FUMCRO's children's ministries [Easter, VBS, Advent, Children's Church, etc.])

- The pumpkins are here and our Pumpkin Patch is in full swing all through the month of October! The schedule to **sign up to volunteer in the Pumpkin Patch** for 2-hour shifts is in the foyer.

You may also sign up online at <https://signup.com/go/mHdvHyN> .

Shift hours are 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7 PM; shifts on Saturday will begin at 10 AM. Come sit awhile outside in the (hopefully) cool weather and help us sell some pumpkins; you'll be glad you did! An added incentive: everyone who works a shift in the Patch will be entered into a drawing for prizes at the end of October. **We need YOU!**

- The **Harvest Festival**, scheduled for **Saturday, October 12th**, will have vendor booth sales from noon – 5:00 PM, carnival events from 2:00 – 5:00 PM, and a free gospel, praise, and country music concert from 5:15 – 7:00 PM. The concert will feature our own praise band with a guest appearance by Ricky Lynn Gregg performing some of his hits from the 90's. There are still openings for vendor booths if you are interested. If you have a business, sponsorships are available for the promotion of your business. **Canopies** to provide shade for the carnival games are also needed if you have one the Patch may use.

MANY volunteers will be needed for this Festival!



- **Party in the Patch/Trunk or Treat** will be held on **Saturday, October 26th**, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Games, bounce houses and a balloon artist will be there along with the Trunk or Treat. Plan now to bring your decorated trunk to display and hand out candy to the little "goblins"!

Volunteer in the Pumpkin Patch...

You'll be glad you did!



Notes from Larry McCord



Blessed Quietness

Be still, and know that I am God... Psalm 46:10 KJV

Welcome to new choir members, Bill and Marilyn Nash. Bill sings tenor, and Marilyn sings soprano...both sections are thrilled to have new folks help shoulder the load. The choir loft is starting to seem very full but don't let that stop you...as the old hymn says, "Still there is room!"

Thanks to all the ladies of our church who put together such an informative and engaging service for UMW Sunday. Special thanks to Jo Wilsford who always plans such a special worship service; our ladies who worked very hard to sing a challenging arrangement of "There Is A Balm in Gilead" (Lila Sackett gave a wonderful interpretation of the solo part); and Judy Pelowski who played an aria from Handel's The Messiah on her new alto flute. But who was that guy making all those strange sounds on the keyboard???

Our worship services on Sunday morning are so full of activity of various types. Stand...sit...read...sing...give. All of these are good and have their place in worship. A special communion, however, takes place when we are simply still and quiet, listening and experiencing our oneness with God, that blessed and beautiful "spaciousness" that Mike spoke of last week. Yet time for this is seldom allowed in our services. The UMC congregation in which I was raised had an evening service in which we had altar prayer with no time constraints. The organist played very softly as folks gathered to pray at the altar or remained in their seats just "being" in God's presence.

I would encourage each of you who attend our early service to practice God's presence when William plays during our service. The music he plays is not simply to be enjoyed for the beauty of the notes or his interpretation but can set the tone for each of us to focus on the presence of God who dwells in each of us individually and our congregation as a body. The same is true when Roy quietly plays guitar during the offering or the band plays an instrumental passage in second service. I am reminded of the chorus of the hymn which serves as the title of this article:

*Blessed quietness, Holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul;
On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me,
And the billows cease to roll.*

As God instructs us through the psalmist, "Be still, and know that I am God." This "knowing" is not of the mind or even the emotions, though they may sometimes be involved in the process, but is from a much deeper place in our spirits and results in that "peace that passes all understanding". I am confident that when we allow ourselves to be still in God's presence, not only will we experience our union with Him but our union with one another through the same Spirit in a fresh and very real way.

Just a Few Notes about Angel and Methodist Music Makers Choirs

Music is a very important part of our worship and praise to God. It's never too early to begin teaching songs of praise and songs that tell our stories of faith to children. Each Wednesday night (schedule on p. 3-4), children, ages 3 ½ - 1st Grade (Angel Choir), and children, Grades 2 – 5 (Methodist Music Makers/MMM), have the opportunity not only to learn music and songs but also learn how to share their musical gifts as they occasionally sing and participate in worship services. If you have a child in these age ranges, they are invited to join our Children's Choirs on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM. We promise they will have fun....and learn a little about music too! NOTE: Rehearsals will soon include **Christmas pageant** songs and parts; we certainly would like to see all the children involved in the pageant.

ENRICHMENT CLASS NEWS

The New Testament You Never Knew:

Exploring the Context, Purpose and Meaning of the Story of God

Do you know the real story behind the New Testament?

During the months of October and November, the Enrichment Class will be using an 8-week study by well-known Bible scholars N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird to discover "the rest of the story" about the Bible. We will learn behind the scene facts about events that seem familiar. We will deepen our understanding of Jesus' life, miracles, parables, death and resurrection. We will increase our knowledge of the early church, the Greco-Roman World in which it grew, and how the transforming mission of Jesus still works to change us and our world today.

"Through reading the New Testament we continually discover that God indeed keeps his promises, but those promises don't always look like what people expected. Especially when it comes to Jesus. So, come join the journey with N.T. Wright and Michael Bird and they will help you understand the New Testament you never knew."

Sessions include:

1. The World of Jesus and the Apostles (October 6)
2. The Life and Death of Jesus (October 20)
3. The Resurrection of Jesus (October 27)
4. The Ministry of the Apostle Paul (November 3)
5. The Early Christians and the Church (November 10)
6. The Mission of the Church (November 17)
7. The Creation of the New Testament (November 24)

Books are available, or you can order the e-book, Kindle or Nook version online.

We meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning with fellowship at 9:30 AM. Class is from 9:45-10:30 AM.

(We will take October 13 off to participate in the Discipleship Discovery Fair and Brunch.) Please join us. There's a place for you!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

NEW! Opportunity for Mission – HANDS FOR CHRIST



The Mission Team is excited to introduce Hands for Christ—a program of First United Methodist Church of Red Oak that helps our neighbors in the community. Volunteers will offer assistance with many varied tasks. We can help with minor home maintenance and repairs, local transportation, home office tasks, lawn care, and housekeeping.

Next year, major workdays in the spring will be the third Saturday of March, April, and May (March 21, April 18, May 16). The fall workdays for 2020 will be the first Saturday in September, October, and November (September 5, October 3, November 7). Throughout the year, other dates may be available by contacting the program coordinator through the church office or online at FUMCRO.ORG.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to come serve. On designated workdays, we will meet at the church at 7:30 AM and then head to worksites. Volunteers may stay as long as they can or until the job is complete. There will be something for everyone to do! The primary objectives of this ministry are to build relationships and share the love of Christ.

If you are looking for ways to get involved and serve your neighbors, we would love to have you! All skill levels are welcomed. Use the upcoming Time, Talent and Interest survey to let us know you would like to participate.

Kid-Friendly Food Collection for North Ellis County Outreach



The Missions Committee continue to collect “kid-friendly” snacks and foods for ROISD kids who may not have enough to eat during the times (weekends, holidays, etc.) when they are not in school and school lunches are not available to them. 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:

Paper towels
Small bottle of dish detergent
55 gallon trash bags

Toilet Paper
Vinyl gloves
Scrub Brush

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.



Oatmeal and Spaghetti

FUMCRO has volunteered to donate oatmeal and spaghetti on an ongoing basis to North Ellis County Outreach (NECO). The next time you are at the grocery store, please remember to pick up extra spaghetti and oatmeal for FUMCRO’s donation to NECO. 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. **May we add your name to the schedule?**

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>.

September Giving/Offerings

1 st	\$6,449.00
8 th	\$5,229.00
15 th	\$4,541.00
22 nd	\$4,766.00
29 th	\$4,884.00

2019 Connectional Giving Total Due

\$37,672.00

2019 Connectional Giving PAID to date

\$20,300.00

2019 Connectional Giving

remaining to be paid \$17,372.00

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

Circle of Hope and Healing (Prayer Shawl) Meets October 19th

The Circle of Hope and Healing will meet on Saturday, October 19th. If you like to crochet, knit, weave, and pray, please join us in this important ministry.

Circle of Love Meets October 22nd

The next meeting of the UMW Circle of Love is Tuesday, October 22, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Brownlee will present the program. Hostesses are Jennie Dunaway and Mary Brownlee. All women are invited to join us for an inspiring program and pot-luck lunch.

Friendship Circle Meets October 24th

The next meeting of the UMW Friendship Circle is Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Melody Durazo will give the devotional, and Mary Young will provide the refreshments for the meeting. We will continue our study of the book *Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice* by Susan Robb. We will be discussing "Chapter 2: Here I Am! (Samuel)" at the October meeting. All women are welcome to join us for Bible-based study, lively discussions, good fellowship, and delicious refreshments. Call Jo Wilsford at 214-793-5497 for information or if childcare is needed.

Hearts 'n Hands Circle Meets October 29th

The UMW Circle of Hearts 'n Hands will meet on Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall to work on and replenish the greeting card supply for the Card Ministry. Come join us as we demonstrate *Faith, Hope and Love in ACTION!*



Bud Norris	Jewel Rogers' mother
Cecil Fields (Rene Valerius' grandfather)	Linda Hutchings & family
Julie & Ronnie Williams	Amanda Raskin
Kevin & Kathy Schmidt (friends of Helen Malone)	Regina Hazard
Terry Brown	Leah Harp
Mason Hoggatt (Rita Dugger's granddaughter's husband)	Shelley Rudd & children (Eva Rudd's daughter & grandchildren)
Rita Dugger	Gaines Wolaver
Mary Bridges family	Kathy Schmitt (Sherry Doty's sister)
Loretta Smith (Pam Briden's sister)	Charlotte Yeadon
Wynona Haney (at home)	Rosemarie Anderson
Ann Dixon (Judy Cadenhead's friend)	Jean Cecil (Jane Aberg's sister)
Josh Taylor (co-worker of Jimmy Dillard)	Ann Allen
Deborah Waggner (Eva Rudd's friend)	Beckham Beynon
Dollie Fouts (Chuck Fouts' mother)	Rev. Greg Tyler (Jill Gunderson's brother)
Bill (Durazo's neighbor)	Amber
Debbie Doyle (Curtis & Sandra Doyle's daughter)	Lori Stricker
John Smith (Pat McAlister's nephew)	Judd Easterling
Linda Miles (Jamie McAlister's mother)	VanNaiaya Turner
Robert Dunaway (Jennie Dunaway's brother)	Ruth Dunaway (Jennie Dunaway's mother)
Father of Gordon Toney	Parents of Nancy Toney

Missionary

Rukang Chikomb (Congo)



This 'n That

- **Name Badges – Let's CONNECT!**

Please remember each Sunday to pick up your name badge in the foyer. If you need a name badge, please sign the list on the Welcome Desk, 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

Covenant Keepers, Let's CONNECT!

Covenant Keepers Worship Report

September Attendance

1 st	
8:30 AM Service	64
10:50 AM Service	45
8 th	
8:30 AM Service	70
10:50 AM Service	46
15 th	
8:30 AM Service	70
10:50 AM Service	51
22 nd	
8:30 AM Service	69
10:50 AM Service	68
29 th	
8:30 AM Service	72
10:50 AM Service	53

Worship Assistant Schedule

8:30 AM Service

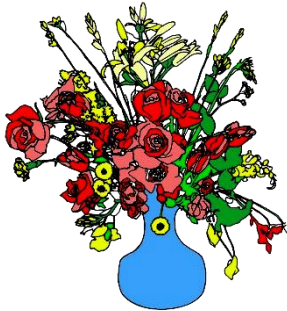
October 6 th	Lynne Grandstaff
October 13 th	Valerie Nobles
October 20 th	Tammy Ashford
October 27 th	Dani Muckleroy

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

Children's Time Leaders

October 6 th	Lynne Grandstaff
October 13 th	Mike Alexander
October 20 th	Tammy Ashford
October 27 th	Dani Muckleroy

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



Altar Flowers

OCTOBER

	<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Occasion:</u>
6 th	Lynne & Hugh Grandstaff	In celebration of Hugh Taylor and Sylvia's anniversary!
13 th	Geneise & Ed Waltmon	In celebration of their anniversary!
20 th	The Chancel Choir	In celebration of Curtis & Sandra Doyle's 50 th anniversary!
27 th	John & Mary Young	To the glory of God!

About FUMCRO – Did you know.....? Continued from last month...

- 1848 – Founding of Methodist Mission Church on Red Oak Creek
- 1875 – First structure built at Bell's Chapel (Methodist Episcopal Church, South)
- 1901 – Second structure built with wood from Bell's Chapel church on Methodist Street property
- 1925 – Third structure built with red brick on Methodist Street property
- 1952 – Red Oak church split from Ovilla church (Previously the two churches shared part-time pastors and met alternately at Red Oak and Ovilla.)
- 1965 – Red Oak Methodist Church started and housed first kindergarten in Red Oak.
- 1973 – First full-time pastor, Bob Holloway (salary: \$6,900/year + \$600 utilities)
- 1976 – FUMCRO established the first senior citizens organization in Red Oak.

...more to come in next month's newsletter!

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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)

10:30 am 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

Have a great weekend! See you on Sunday!

*Remember to sign up to work at the
Pumpkin Patch*

