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## Newsletter for

First United Methodist Church

Red Oak, Texas

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let the be afraid." John 14:27*



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Some years ago, I was attending the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio, Texas. I enjoyed it so much! The Festival takes place every year in locations all over the nation. Most of the time it is far away, and that year in San Antonio was the only year I have attended. The best preachers and professors, whose books I have read, lead us all week in worship, teaching, prayer, and Christian community. Sitting in one of the worship services, I noticed many Methodist pastors from our Conference, but more importantly, so many pastors and church leaders from all over the nation, and beyond.

The amazing thing was the diversity. There were Lutherans and Presbyterians, Baptists and Disciples of Christ, Canadians and Europeans, Northerners and Southerners, and others from everywhere! It reminded me of that gathering of all the different kinds of languages and people as on the first **Day of Pentecost**. This is what Pentecost is all about! It's not just the blessing and the power of the Holy Spirit! It is not just about "my kind of people," but the people of God all over the world!

Pentecost has been one of the big three festivals of the church from the beginning. Easter was the biggest, of course; Epiphany and Pentecost were the signposts around which the Christian life oriented. But while Easter and Epiphany are easy to understand in their importance, why Pentecost? **Pentecost is the building of community.** It is overcoming the differences and making connections. It is building up the Body of Christ. Pentecost is about the church being the Church of Jesus Christ! **This is a small world, and wherever you go, you will likely find members of your family gathered around the living Word and the Winds of the Spirit!!!**

Grace and peace to you,

*Pastor Mike*



## JUNE CALENDAR

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| <b>Saturday, June 4</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunshine Class, 9:00 AM (p. 11)</li> <li>- <b>Bingo &amp; Banana Splits</b>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM (p. 3)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Sunday, June 5</b><br><b>PENTECOST</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p. 11)</li> <li>- Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM</li> <li>- Worship Service (No Children's Church), 11:00 AM</li> <li>- NO Youth Fellowship</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Monday, June 6</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yoga Class, 10:00 AM (p. 9)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Wednesday, June 8</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Thursday, June 9</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 17 for Zoom invitation)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Saturday, June 11</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UMM Breakfast &amp; Meeting, 8:00 AM</li> <li>- Sunshine Class, 9:00 AM</li> <li>- ERT Training Class @ Salado UMC, 9:00 AM (pp. 7-8)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Sunday, June 12</b><br><b>Special Offering:</b><br><b>Peace with Justice</b><br><p style="color: green;">(p. 10)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p.11)</li> <li>- Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM</li> <li>- Worship Service &amp; Children's Church, 11:00 AM</li> <li>- Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (<a href="http://www.fumcro.org">www.fumcro.org</a>)</li> <li>- Youth Fellowship, 6:00 PM (p. X)</li> <li>- Opening Worship for CTC Annual Conference</li> </ul> |
| <b>Monday, June 13</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yoga Class, 10:00 AM</li> <li>- CTC Annual Conference continues @ FUMC, Fort Worth</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tuesday, June 14</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OHM Meeting, 7:00 PM</li> <li>- CTC Annual Conference continues @ FUMC, Fort Worth</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Wednesday, June 15</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Thursday, June 16</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 17) for Zoom invitation</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Saturday, June 18</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunshine Class, 9:00 AM (p. 11)</li> <li>- <b>Bingo &amp; Banana Splits</b>, 6:00 PM (p. 3)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Sunday, June 19</b><br><b>Happy Father's Day!</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p.11)</li> <li>- Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM</li> <li>- Worship Service &amp; Children's Church, 11:00 AM</li> <li>- Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (<a href="http://www.fumcro.org">www.fumcro.org</a>)</li> <li>- NO Youth Fellowship</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24, 5:30 – 8:30 PM      VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>                                     |  |
| <b>Monday, June 20</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yoga Class, 10:00 AM</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Thursday, June 23</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 17 for Zoom invitation)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Saturday, June 25</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunshine Class, 9:00 AM (p. 11)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Sunday, June 26</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p. 11)</li> <li>- Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM</li> <li>- Worship Service &amp; Children's Church, 11:00 AM</li> <li>- Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (<a href="http://www.fumcro.org">www.fumcro.org</a>)</li> <li>- Youth Fellowship, 6:00 PM</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Monday, June 27</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yoga Class, 10:00 AM</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Wednesday, June 29</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Thursday, June 30</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 17 for Zoom invitation)</li> </ul>   |



# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

## BIRTHDAYS of FUMCRO MEMBERS!

***This is a work in progress, so if your birthday is not listed, please call (972-617-9100) or email (firstumcredoak@gmail.com) the church office so that we can update our list; we don't want to miss anyone!*** To celebrate their SPECIAL day, make a phone call, or send a text or card!

### June

5 Beth Britton  
5 Ron Nobles  
6 Suzanne Barry  
6 Jill Gunderson  
9 Rusty Lyons  
10 Nathaniel Sanchez  
11 Gary Ashford  
13 Sam Grandstaff  
16 Juana Payne  
23 Sherry Martin



### June

23 Susan McCord  
25 Damien Rudd  
25 Lori Stricker  
25 Jeanette Findley  
26 Ron Briden  
26 Matthew McKnight  
26 Nick Wilson  
27 Lynda Robinson  
28 Roy Pender



## TWO Dates for Bingo & Banana Splits!

On **Saturday night, June 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Lord's Acre Ministry Team is sponsoring a fun night of Bingo and Banana Splits! FUMCRO and Community members are invited to share in the Bingo fun (and the delicious dessert)!

**AND**

**The fun starts at 6:00 PM both nights!**



Then again, on **Saturday night, June 18<sup>th</sup>**, the Outreach, Hospitality and Missions Ministry Team will sponsor another night of Bingo fun and yummy banana splits. All FUMCRO and Red Oak Community members are welcome! Come share the fellowship!



## Notes from Larry McCord, Minister of Music



### Fruit of the Spirit

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these....  
But the fruit of the Spirit is...  
Galatians 5: 19-23

As we enter the month of June, which begins with Pentecost Sunday followed immediately by Trinity Sunday, we will read many scripture passages related to the Spirit of God as part of our lectionary readings. The passage referenced above from Paul's letter to the Galatians is central to our understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in our Christian walk.

Paul wrote to the Christians at Galatia, many of whom were Gentile, to correct the teachings of certain individuals who were trying to deprive these new Christians of their freedom in Christ by insisting that they must follow the Jewish law to be saved. I understand "saved" here to refer not to rebirth but "the saving of the soul" or "sanctification." In contrasting the effect of living in the flesh or the Spirit, notice that Paul chooses the phrases "works of the flesh" and "fruit of the Spirit." Catering to the flesh is, ultimately, more difficult and taxing on our souls; in Peter's words, the desires of the flesh "war against the soul." While we tend to associate the flesh with overt, sinful acts such as drunkenness, fornication, stealing or violence, walking or living in the flesh is, in simple terms, relying on our own understanding and strength. We seek fulfillment of our desires in our own time and way, though many can never truly be satisfied. We pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps, thinking everything depends on us and forgetting that our heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask. Living in this way, rather than with faith and patience, injures, stresses and ultimately destroys our souls.

Living in the Spirit, however, is an entirely different approach to life. Notice that the term Paul uses is "fruit.". Unlike works, fruit is a naturally occurring result of a plant that is placed in the right environment, nourished, watered and otherwise nurtured for the best result. And, as Jesus reminds us, our heavenly Father is the husbandman who tends the vine, pruning as needed for ultimate growth. I do not mean to imply that walking in the Spirit means that we do not struggle or put in effort where our Christian life is concerned. Our state of mind as we encounter the challenges and needs of life, however, becomes different as we learn to trust in our Father to provide all we need from the beginning of our journey to the end. As Jesus promised, when we take His yoke upon us and learn of Him, we find rest for our souls even in the midst of life's turbulence.

The fruit of the Spirit is just that, not something we work up or pray down but the natural result of God's presence in our lives, nurtured through study, fellowship, meditation and prayer. As we begin to see our Father more clearly, we are "changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."



## **PENTECOST: What is it? Why is it important in the Christian Church?**

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent and gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, "fiftieth").

This coming **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, Christians across the world will celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is not as well-known as Christmas and Easter, although it commemorates a watershed event in Christian history. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus **Pentecost is the church's birthday**.

Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day." Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday. This holiday was known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or "fifty days" from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday.

The Pentecost event is recorded in the New Testament book, *The Acts of the Apostles*. Chapter 2 begins, "And when the day of Pentecost had come, they [the first followers of Jesus] were all together in one place" (2:1). All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak" (2:4). The languages spoken by the early Christians were intelligible (not other worldly) and were heard by thousands of Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate *Shavuot*. The content of the miraculous messages had to do with God's mighty works (2:11). Many who heard these messages in their own languages were amazed, though others thought the Christians were just drunk (2:12).

At one point, Peter, the apostle, stood up and preached his first sermon. He interpreted the events of that morning in light of a prophecy of the Hebrew prophet Joel. In that text, God promised to pour out his Spirit on all flesh, empowering diverse people to exercise divine power. This would be a sign of the coming "day of the Lord" (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32).

Peter went on to explain that Jesus had been raised and had poured out the Spirit in fulfillment of God's promise through Joel (2:32-33). When the crowd asked what they should do, Peter urged them to turn their lives around and be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then they would be forgiven and would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:37-39). Acts reports that about 3,000 people were added to the church that day (2:41). Not a bad response to Peter's first sermon!

**Let's rejoice and celebrate together the gift of the Holy Spirit  
and the birthday of the church this Sunday!**

## Children's Council News and Updates



### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS will be here before you know it! So mark your calendar for **June 20 – 24** from 5:30 – 8:30 PM for this year's Vacation Bible School.

The theme is **KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE**.

Currently, we need **volunteers to help as shepherds**.

The number of shepherds we have will determine the number of children we can host. We will be

hosting children from kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**We need donations of snacks (lunchables, chips, crackers, etc...) and drinks (small bottled water, juice pouches).** If you prefer to donate cash (or check), we will purchase the needed items. Simply make your check out to FUMC with "Children's Council" or "VBS" in the memo line or on the envelope. Your donation may be placed in the Sunday morning offering plate.

Stay tuned for updates on decorating and other needs. **Thank you for your support!!**



**glenlake**  
Camp & Retreat Center

### **Glen Lake Summer Camp Information**

Glen Lake Summer Camps welcome every camper with adventure, community, and life in Christ. The very nature of Camp brings us out of our comfort zones and into a life cut off from distraction, so we can experience and explore God's beautiful creation. Summer Camp brings us together with lasting friendships, strengthened through intentional life together. Together we soak in God's Holy Word to develop and grow our relationships with Christ, people, and the world.

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center is located in Glen Rose, Texas, and is an extension of the Central Texas United Methodist Conference. The campus is located on the Paluxy River where campers experience the beautiful Texas hills while staying comfortable in the cabins, lodges and education facilities.

**To get more information and to register online, go to [www.glenlake.org/summer](http://www.glenlake.org/summer).**

Week-long camps are \$465; Trek Camp is \$197. Glen Lake Summer Camp scholarships are available. Please request a scholarship at [www.glenlake.org/camppricing](http://www.glenlake.org/camppricing).

Also, FUMCRO partial scholarships are available; see Geneise Waltmon for information.

(Glen Lake Summer Camp Information *continued*)



### **Early Response Team (ERT) Training Class, June 11**

An ERT training class will be held at Salado UMC on Saturday, June 11, from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. This 8-hour training is to become an Early Response Team member of the Central Texas Conference. One of the primary ways the Central Texas Conference responds to disasters is via the Early Response Team (ERT). Our CTC ERTs respond to disasters within the conference, as well as helping other areas facing disasters.

The mission of an Early Response Team is to provide a caring presence in the aftermath of a disaster, under very specific guidelines that enables a team to be productive and caring while causing no further harm or being a burden to the affected community.

(Early Response Team training *continued*)

If you are called to serve as a member of the CTC ERT, you must register and participate in one of the trainings taught throughout the year. These trainings are taught by “authorized” UMCOR trainers, and team members are given authorized ERT ID badges from UMCOR as evidence of completing the training. The topics covered in the class include the who, what, when, where and how of doing disaster response ministry, as well as some hands on experience in the specific tasks that Early Responders are expected to accomplish in the face of a disaster.

Persons completing this training will be issued a badge indicating they are approved to respond by the Central Texas Conference and UMCOR for a period of three (3) years. If you are interested, you may use this link to register for the training: <https://ctc-reg.brtapp.com/ERTRegistration061122>



**NOTE: Youth t-shirts marked down; ON SALE NOW for only \$2.00!!**

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!**

- ...to work with/teach the Youth a special skill or life skill (see ideas below)
- ...to pray for a new Youth director to be found

In June (except for June 19<sup>th</sup>), the Youth will have their regular Sunday evening meeting with dinner, games and fellowship! All Youth ages sixth grade and above are encouraged and invited to join Roy on Sunday evenings!

Youth “alumni” are invited to return, participate, and talk to Youth about “life after high school.”

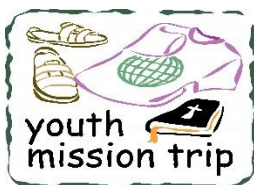
### **June YOUTH Dinner Schedule:**

**Sunday, June 5 – NO Youth**

**Sunday, June 12 – Kelso/McKnight**

**Sunday, June 19 – Father’s Day – NO Youth**

**Sunday, June 26 – Ransom/Waltmon**



### **SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

The Youth will be going on their mission trip to Beaumont, Texas, this summer during the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>! If you would like to participate, please see Christy Kelso. Please begin praying for the Youth and adults as they spread the love of God.



### Lord's Acre Team News!

The next Lord's Acre event is **Bingo and Banana Splits on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**, sponsored by the Lord's Acre team.

Lord's Acre Day is only FOUR months away...and will be here before you know it (September 24)!

## This 'n That



### Secret Sister Reminder!

If you are a participant in the Secret Sister program, please remember to look on the table just outside the Fellowship Hall to see if you have a gift from your Secret Sister.

**Remember**, also, each month you may leave a note/card or small gift for your Secret Sister in the basket just outside the Fellowship Hall. If you want to send a card through the mail, you can use the church's return address (P. O. Box 25, Red Oak, 75154) to keep your address a secret. Be creative and have fun!

### Want to try YOGA? YOGA Chair Class Offered

Judy Pelowski is offering chair yoga classes at the church on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM. There is a small charge of \$7 for each class. Bring a mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. *Come and join us as we breathe and stretch and move!*

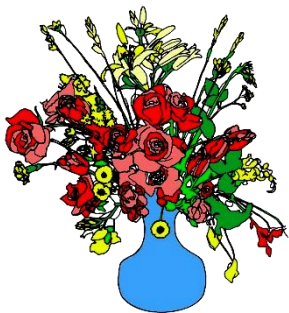


## A Note about Altar Flowers

Flower arrangements are \$35 and may be taken home following the 11:00 AM worship service or may be picked up the following week from the church office. Please make your check to FUMC with the notation "flowers" in the memo line. Please fill in the information on the flower calendar on your selected date or you may also call the church office to let Jo know the date(s) you would like and what occasion or in whose honor/memory the flowers are for. Dates still open on the flower calendar: July 17; August 7; September 4; November 6 & 13.



*Hurry and sign up for your favorite date(s)!!*



### Altar Flowers

#### June

Given by:

Occasion:

5 <sup>th</sup>	Jo & Byrum Wilsford	In celebration of their 49th anniversary!
12 <sup>th</sup>	Pat & Jerry McAlister	In celebration of Miles' 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday, Adam & Jaime's 12 anniversary & Pat & Jerry's 56 <sup>th</sup> anniversary!
19 <sup>th</sup>	Larry McCord	In celebration of Susan McCord's birthday!
26 <sup>th</sup>	Neva & Tommy Ransom	In celebration of their 38 <sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Altar flowers are \$35; please mark your check "flowers." Thank you.

## United Methodist SPECIAL OFFERING Sundays

Throughout the year, the United Methodist Church highlights mission areas in which funds may be given for special ministries and missions. There are six of these Sunday special offering dates during the year.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> is Peace with Justice Sunday.** Donations support peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences to enrich ministries of reconciliation in the United States and around the world. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please make your check out to FUMCRO with "Peace with Justice" in the memo line. Donations may be made at any time or put in the special envelope on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Looking ahead....upcoming 2022 United Methodist Special Offering Sundays:

October 2 – World Communion Sunday

November 27 – United Methodist Student Day



# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

## Children's Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School classes of all ages continue to meet on Sunday mornings. Ms. Judy teaches PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Ms. Geneise teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Class begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 10:45 AM. It is so important that the children listen to Bible stories and are taught that they, too, can be disciples of Jesus. Bring your children...we are ready to welcome them!



## ENRICHMENT CLASS

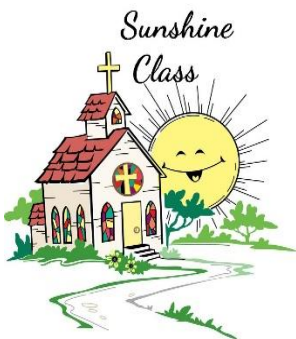
**The Enrichment Class Study, *Contagious Faith*, will continue through this Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The study beginning next Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, is a study of the book of Psalms.

**JOIN US! We gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for fellowship, coffee, and donuts. Class begins at 9:45 AM.**



Enrichment Class



## Sunshine Class – Meeting on Saturday Mornings

The Sunshine Class, led by Dani Muckleroy, meets on **Saturday** morning at **9:00 AM** in the church's Fellowship Hall. The summer quarter Bible lessons center around the theme "**Transform.**" Lessons in June focus on "The Fruit of the Spirit." The lessons in Unit 1 identify the gifts granted to us by the Spirit; these lessons look at the path on which the Spirit directs our lives and how the Spirit is already active before we arrive at our destination.

Paul used the metaphor of fruit to help us understand that our lives are like the first fruits of offering. Through participation in Christ's crucifixion through baptism, we have offered our lives to God's service. The Holy Spirit then gives us gifts to display.

YOU are invited to come and join this lively group in fellowship and Bible study!

# News from United Methodist Women (UMW) **NOW** United Women in Faith (UMF)

**United Women in Faith (UWF)...a NEW NAME for  
United Methodist Women!**



Just recently it was announced that United Methodist Women changed its name to **United Women in Faith**. This change comes after some years of research and input from women across the globe. The change in name ensures that ANY woman, Methodist or not, will feel free to join this bold, active group of women in mission. It may take us awhile to get used to the new name, but we welcome any change that will help us grow, nurture our sisterhood, be stronger for mission, and reflect a bright and bold future! Learn more at [uwfaith.org](http://uwfaith.org).



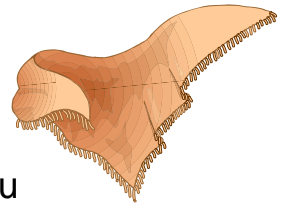
United  
Women  
in Faith



The UWF takes the months of June & July off, but we are planning a churchwide ladies' lock-in on July 22! All ladies are invited, young and not so! Keep reading for more details...

## **Circle of Hope and Healing (Prayer Shawl) – on vacation until August 20<sup>th</sup>**

The next meeting of the UWF Circle of Hope and Healing (Prayer Shawl) is Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you like to crochet, knit, weave, and pray, please join us in this ministry.



## **UWF Circle of Love – on vacation until August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The next meeting of the Circle of Love is on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a potluck lunch.

Lynne Grandstaff will present our program, a Bible study on *Luke 13: Who Can We Be Together?* Jan Parker is the hostess for the meeting.

Come, join us for a time of inspiration and fellowship!

## **UWF Friendship Circle – on vacation until August 25<sup>th</sup>**

The next meeting of the UMW Friendship Circle is scheduled for Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

We will begin our new study, *The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully* by Joan Chittister. Jo can order a book for you or you may order your own on Amazon. Used books and Kindle are also available on Amazon. All women are welcome to join us for Bible-based study, lively discussions, good fellowship, and delicious refreshments. Need more information? Call Jo Wilsford at 214-793-5497.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you know anyone—hurting, healing, grieving or celebrating—to whom you would like to give a prayer shawl? Just let Beth Norris or Jo Wilsford know; we have many from which to choose.



## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Oatmeal and Spaghetti....AND Some Other Needs



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 or ordering groceries online, please remember to pick up/order 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.

NECO is also currently in need of **kid friendly foods and the following items: soups (heathy choice, low sodium & tomato), toilet paper, pasta sauce, no salt added carrots, no salt added mixed vegetables, pinto beans, boxed cereal, boxed oatmeal variety pack, shampoo, and ladies' deodorant.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### From the Outreach, Hospitality, Missions Team (OHM)

#### Can you help NECO help our senior neighbors?



The OHM Ministry Team has volunteered on behalf of FUMCRO to assist North Ellis County Outreach again in supplying household needs for 30 senior clients in July. **The OHM Team is asking FUMCRO for donations of the following items:**

shampoo                      razors (pack)  
dish soap                  toilet paper (4-pack)  
laundry detergent (25-30 load size)

Before you purchase your items OR after you bring them to the church, please pick up a small slip of paper for each item purchased (or to be purchased); if slips are left at the end of June, the OHM team will know what they still need to purchase for the 30 clients' needs. **Due date for donations: Sunday, June 26th.**



Yard clean-up for Mr. T has been completed! It was a big job but a labor of love from all those who were able to volunteer. A BIG "Thank You" to all!



BEFORE



AFTER!!

Please let us know if you are aware of a church member, neighbor or someone in the community that needs help with yardwork or easy DIY projects. We would love to extend a helping hand. Our **Hands** are ready to help those in need.

### Assistance for Meals on Wheels (MOW)



MOW is in great need of financial support as they add more clients, and increase their area of responsibility. **Would FUMCRO consider monetary donations in lieu of birthday gifts - "buy a dinner for a birthday"?** A meal costs MOW just under \$9.00 to prepare and deliver. Many of these seniors live alone and volunteer drivers not only deliver meals but check on the well being of their clients; a friendly hello goes a long way to brighten their day.

The United Methodist Men (UMM), the United Women in Faith (UWF/UMW) and the Outreach, Hospitality & Missions (OHM) ministries have already donated to this cause.



**Would YOU consider making a donation to MOW so these clients can stay in their homes? If you would like to help support MOW, please make your check to the church (FUMC) with "MOW" in the memo line OR you can go to their web site at [www.mownct.org](http://www.mownct.org).**

**Dani Muckleroy is the liaison for this project. Please call/text (972-839-8946) her for more details.**

## **Birthday Gifts for NECO Senior Clients**

Birthday gifts are now being given to NECO seniors. The help you already give with food and toiletries is greatly appreciated and desperately needed. The seniors are all living in the poverty range, and we would like to make their birthday just a little more special. The men will get socks and a flashlight, and the ladies will get a bed jacket or lap robe and lotion. They will each get a card, game book, pen and cross from FUMCRO. If you want to participate in this effort with a check, make the check to the church and put "OHM" in the memo line. Again, thank you for your generosity!



## **FINANCE 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>.

### **May Giving/Offerings**

1 <sup>st</sup>	\$5781.00
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$5730.00
15 <sup>th</sup>	\$3684.00*
22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$3688.00*
29 <sup>th</sup>	\$3488.00*

\*To meet our 2022 budget and Connectional Mission Giving for 2022, the offering each week needs to total at least \$6,000.

### **2022 Connectional Mission Giving (CMG)**

**Total Due** in 2022 – \$26,354

A portion of FUMCRO's Connectional Mission Giving for 2022 will be sent to the Conference office after the end of the second quarter of 2022. If you would like to make a second-mile giving gift that will help pay our church's Connectional Mission Giving, just mark your check CMG in the memo line.



**Thank you for your faithful and generous giving!**



## **FUMCRO Members in Need of Prayer**

**ALL FUMCRO members as all try to stay healthy and safe**

Joe Cadenhead  
Judy Cadenhead  
Leah Harp  
Troy Dollar  
Jody Smock  
Cindy Casey  
Wynona Haney  
Rita Dugger

Lori Stricker  
Tim Brownlee  
Glen Parker  
Currie Hairston  
Helen Malone  
Joanna Johnson  
Charles Daubitz

## **Friends and Family of FUMCRO Members in Need of Prayer**

**ALL healthcare workers and ALL people with the Covid virus**

Our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine  
Jean Miller (Jeanette Findley's mother)  
Caleb Larson & family (Smocks' friends)  
Sharon Ratcliff (Helen Malone's friend)  
Linda Smith (Ron Briden's sister)  
Angela Rollins (Lynda Robinson's daughter)  
Layne & Faye Taylor  
Joe Fletcher (Doyles friend)  
Ashlynn Murray  
Betty Gray (Leah Harp's sister)  
Elmer Stricker (Mike Stricker's father)  
Kim Kirby Markle (Jerry Kirby's daughter)  
Joyce Gipson (Pryors' friend)  
Donna Ingram (Lori Stricker's friend)  
Erica Tande  
Rhoda Flores (Eva Rudd's sister-in-law)  
Eileen Lehmberg (Lila Sackett's sister)  
Jim Dixon (friend of the Cadenheads)  
VanNaiaya Turner

Families of Uvalde victims of violence  
Christine Hocken-Boyd (Director, Meals on Wheels)  
Ouida & Richard Knapp (Helen Malone's neighbors)  
Teresa Wheeler (Jerry McAlister's niece)  
Betty Briden (Ron Briden's sister)  
Amanda Raskin (Jill Gunderson's daughter)  
Ron Miller (friend of Judy Pelowski's son)  
Priela Cecil (Jane Aberg's aunt)  
Bob Leisge & family (Jane Aberg's brother-in-law's father & family)  
Steve, Sandra & Jim Smith; Dee Ash  
Tim Huelsman (Judy Cadenhead's brother)  
Andrea Briden (Briden's daughter-in-law)  
Sylvia Grandstaff (Grandstaff's daughter-in-law)  
Marion Beyer  
Joan Apple (Sandra Doyle's sister-in-law)  
Robert Doyle (Curtis Doyle's brother)  
Deborah Waggner (Eve Rudd's friend)  
Debbie Doyle (Curtis & Sandra Doyle's daughter)



**UM Missionary, Katie Meek  
Sierra Leone**

## **Prayer Group ZOOM Meeting Invitation – Thursdays, 6:15 PM**

The Prayer Group will meet as they have the past several weeks. Lynne will open the meeting at 6:00 PM and will begin the readings at 6:15 PM. Remember to come prepared to lift the names and situations you want to pray for during the service. The Prayer Group reading will be sent by email prior to the meeting.

Lynne Grandstaff is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FUMCRO Prayer Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84660553062?pwd=cWNjcm10dzE1ZkxUVIRFeW8vWW9Xdz09>

Meeting ID: 846 6055 3062

Passcode: 408299

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*Have a great weekend !*

*Stay safe!*

*See you in person or online on Sunday!*

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**WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

#### **Sundays**

9:30 am Enrichment Class

11:00 am In-Person Blended Worship

4:00 pm Worship Service posted on website

6:00 pm Youth Fellowship (In-person)

**Wednesdays** (Jan – May; Sept – Dec)

5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner

6:15 pm Children's Choirs

6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study

#### **Thursdays**

6:15 pm Prayer Group via Zoom

# RED OAK

## Summer Kickoff

Concert & Food Truck Experience

*June 4th from 6-9pm*

*Qarbon Aerospace Parking Lot*

*Featuring:*

**All Funk  
Radio Show**

**DJ Wild  
Thang**

**The Jason  
Herrin Band**

## Tickets on sale now!

Kids 10 and under FREE

Early-Bird Price: \$10

Till June 1st

After June 1st: \$15

Scan QR Code to buy!

Don't forget to bring chairs!

