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Newsletter for

First United Methodist Church
Red Oak, Texas

"The Lord your God is in your midst...He will create calm with his love; he will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:17 (CEB)



I tuned in last night on the Zoom call to receive information on the Central Texas Conference Policy on the Process of Dis-Affiliation from the United Methodist Church. Over 300 people were on that call, and the majority were laity. There is a great deal of anxiety in our CTC churches. You may find it shocking that pastors and churches in the CTC are considering leaving the United Methodist Church. **WHY?**

Let me be clear. I am not suggesting our church should dis-affiliate. A great deal of prayer and gracious conversation will precede any thought at all of arriving at any decision on this issue. This division in the UMC is decades in the making. The **presenting issue** is the profound conflict over the UMC position on homosexuality.

"We affirm that sexuality is God's good gift to all persons ... Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage ... we affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles of human fulfillment ... the United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching. We affirm that God's grace is available to all." (2016 Book of Discipline, paragraph 161G)

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This position is unchanged since 1972. Numerous General Conference sessions have failed to amend it. **This is not the only issue dividing our denomination.** United Methodists have had widely divergent views on the role of Scripture, our connectional system, and other issues. This column touches only the tip of the iceberg. When the scheduled General Conference of 2022 was delayed to 2024, due to Covid-19 concerns, that was the last straw for many United Methodists and churches who feel we are at the breaking point.

At our next meeting of Administrative Council, this issue will be mentioned. However, many conversations and times of prayer will occur before any decisions are made.

Be at peace, God is in control, Jesus is Lord! I'm proud to be your pastor!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Mike



Wednesday Evening Activities – ONLY ONE
Wednesday Night Left Until Fall! Join Us!

Everyone is invited to join our church family for our Wednesday evening activities. Bible study on the book of Romans will be led by Pastor Mike at 6:30 PM. There is a fellowship dinner each Wednesday with children's choirs and Bible Study following the dinner. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, study and singing! See the remaining spring date and schedule below:

Schedule:

- 5:30 PM – Fellowship Dinner (donations are welcome; proceeds go to the designated group for that evening)
- 6:15 PM – Children's Choirs (Angel Choir - ages 3 ½ - 1st grade
Methodist Music Makers – 2nd – 5th grades)
- 6:30 PM – Pastor's Bible Study on Romans
- 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Spring Date:

May 4 (Last date for Wednesday activities until fall)

The **May 4th menu is TACOS**; proceeds will benefit Lord's Acre. All activities will meet as scheduled.

May/June UPPER ROOM Daily Devotional Booklets Available

The *Upper Room* Daily Devotional books for May/June are available at the church. You may pick one up on Sunday morning or come by the church office (Mon-Thurs, 9-4) to pick one up. **If you need one mailed to you, please call the church office (972-617-9100) and one will be sent to you.**



MAY CALENDAR

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|---|---|
| <p>Sunday, May 1
 Holy Communion
 Special Offering:
 <i>Native American Ministries</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p. 11) - Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM - Worship Service (No Children's Church), 11:00 AM - Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (www.fumcro.org) - Youth Fellowship, 6:00 PM (p. 8) |
| <p>Monday, May 2</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yoga Class, 10:00 AM (p. 9) |
| <p>Tuesday, May 3</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NEW! Weekday Circle of Hope & Healing (Prayer Shawl), 10:00 AM (p. 13) |
| <p>Wednesday, May 4</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday Night Activities (p. 2; Dinner: tacos) - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM |
| <p>Thursday, May 5</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 18 for Zoom invitation) |
| <p>Sunday, May 8
 Happy Mother's Day!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p.11) - Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Children's Church, 11:00 AM - Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (www.fumcro.org) - NO Youth Fellowship |
| <p>Monday, May 9</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yoga Class, 10:00 AM |
| <p>Tuesday, May 10</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OHM Meeting, 7:00 PM |
| <p>Wednesday, May 11</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM |
| <p>Thursday, May 12</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 18) for Zoom invitation |
| <p>Saturday, May 14</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UMM Breakfast Meeting, 8:00 AM - Sunshine Class, 9:00 AM (p. 12) - Mother & Daughter Luncheon, 11:30 AM (p. 6) |
| <p>Sunday, May 15</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p.11) - Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Children's Church, 11:00 AM - Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (www.fumcro.org) - Youth Fellowship, 6:00 PM |
| <p>Monday, May 16</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yoga Class, 10:00 AM |
| <p>Wednesday, May 18</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM |
| <p>Thursday, May 19</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 18 for Zoom invitation) |
| <p>Saturday, May 21</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunshine Class, 9:00 AM (p. 12) - Circle of Hope & Healing (Prayer Shawl), 10:30 AM (p. 13) |
| <p>Sunday, May 22</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p. 11) - Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Children's Church, 11:00 AM - Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (www.fumcro.org) - Youth Fellowship, 6:00 PM |
| <p>Monday, May 23</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yoga Class, 10:00 AM |
| <p>Tuesday, May 24</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UMW/UWF Circle of Love, 10:00 AM (p. 13) |
| <p>Wednesday, May 25</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM |
| <p>Thursday, May 26</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zoom Prayer Group, 6:15 PM (see p. 18 for Zoom invitation) - UMW/UWF Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM (p. 13) |
| <p>Sunday, May 29</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment Class, 9:30/9:45 AM (p. 11) - Children's Sunday School, 10:00 AM - Worship Service & Children's Church, 11:00 AM - Online Worship Service posted by 4:00 PM (www.fumcro.org) - NO Youth Fellowship |



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!



May

1	Brenda Payne
3	Rene Valerius
5	Judy Pelowski
13	Shannon Smock
16	Courtney Lane
17	Glen Parker
23	Tim Brownlee
23	Eddie Mae Newman
26	Charles Payne



Come One, Come All

Children's Choirs have one more rehearsal on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:15 PM. Both children's choirs will sing in the worship service, Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) and should be in the sanctuary to rehearse immediately after Sunday School that morning.



Choir Rehearsal
Time Change

Chancel Choir rehearsals will change to 6:30 PM starting Wednesday, May 11, and will continue at this time throughout May and June.



Notes from Larry McCord, Minister of Music

Prepare Our Hearts



[N]ow have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee....

I Chronicles 29:17-18

In the closing chapters of I Chronicles, we have what are known as “The Last Words of David,” in which King David addresses the people of Israel including his son Solomon who is to succeed him on the throne. The opening words of this section are the basis of a beautiful anthem by Randall Thompson, which I hope to have our choir share in worship some day.

In the passage above, however, David asks God for something that we see mentioned numerous times in both books of Chronicles and other Old Testament scriptures, “prepare your heart to seek (or serve or give to) the Lord.” When the deeds of the various kings are mentioned, they are said to have “prepared [their] hearts to seek the Lord” or not to have done so, which generally did not end well for either the king or the people. Likewise, when Israel is called to repentance or to a day of special prayer and fasting, they are always instructed to prepare their hearts.

As with so much in the Christian life, the question is “But how?” What is even meant by preparing our hearts? A place to begin is meditating on these scriptures:

Psalm 10:17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart....

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought....

Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

God calls us to prepare our hearts. As we listen and respond, we hear His still small voice pointing out the need for repentance in some aspect of our life, reminding us of a scripture upon which we need to meditate, directing us to pray for a particular situation or person. These are just a few examples. The point is to begin and trust God step-by-step along the way.

I challenge us all to begin a practice of meditation and prayer before we come to worship or other gatherings each week. When we come prepared, God is able to do even more in our midst and surprise us with His goodness, leading us to even deeper worship.



73rd Annual Churchwide Mother & Daughter Luncheon, May 14th

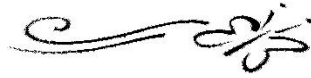
WHO: Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Neighbors, Friends,
Ladies of ALL ages

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

WHEN: Saturday, May 14 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Childcare will be provided.

TICKETS on sale now: Adults - \$5.00; Children under 12 - \$3.00;
Children under 3 – free



Children's Council News and Updates



Vacation Bible School – ALREADY!?!

YES! 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 and to serve snacks. The number of shepherds we have will determine the number of children we can host. We will be hosting children from kindergarten – 5th grade.

We need donations of snacks (lunchables, chips, crackers, etc...), 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.

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



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 Summer Camp Information *continued*)

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.



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.

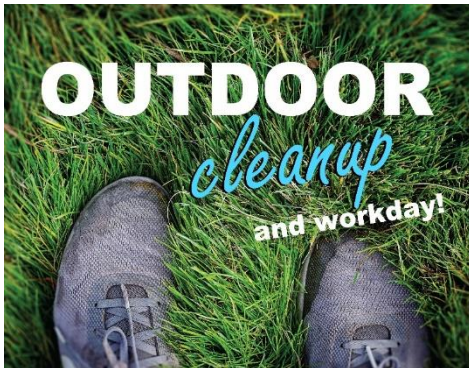
Also, FUMCRO partial scholarships are available; see Geneise Waltmon for information.



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



An **OUTDOOR WORKDAY** for the Youth, parents and **VOLUNTEERS** is scheduled for some time in the near future. Stay tuned for more details and a specific date.

Work will be done finishing the playground area (edging, mulching, etc.), cleaning and sprucing up the Prayer Garden and flower beds around the church sign, and replacing the mulch in the flower beds on the east side of the church.

YOU can help! Please plan to help the Youth and their parents help spruce up the outside of the church!

In May (except for May 8th & 29th), 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.”

MAY YOUTH Dinner Schedule:

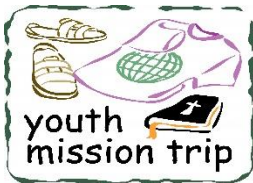
Sunday, May 1 – Penders

Sunday, May 8 – NO Youth

Sunday, May 15 – Street & Ellard

Sunday, May 22 – Doyle & Smock

Sunday, May 29 – NO Youth



SUMMER MISSION TRIP....FINALLY!

The Youth will be going on their mission trip this summer during the week of July 10th! If you would like to participate, please see Christy Kelso. It's never too early to 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 a **Wednesday night dinner on Wednesday, May 4th**, dinner will be TACOS! Come, support 2022 Lord's Acre with your dinner donation and stay for Bible study and kids' choirs!

Also mark your calendar now for **Bingo and Banana Splits on Saturday, June 4th**, sponsored by the Lord's Acre team.

Lord's Acre Day is only FIVE 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!*

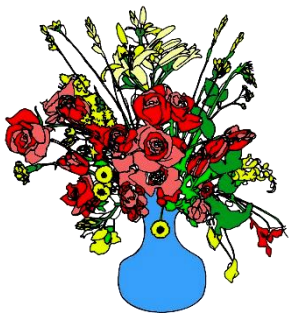


A Note about Altar Flowers

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, 18; November 6 & 13.



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



<u>Altar Flowers</u>		
<u>May</u>		
<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Occasion:</u>	
1 st Jane Aberg	In celebration of Judy Pelowski's birthday!	
8 th Jo & Byrum Wilsford	In honor of mothers & in celebration of family birthdays!	
15 th Lynne & Hugh Grandstaff	In honor of educators and students	
22 nd Shannon & Jody Smock	In celebration of family birthdays!	
29 th Geneise Waltmon	In loving memory of Geneise's mother, Alecia Wilborn, on the day of her birthday.	

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. In March, we observed UMCOR Sunday; we give thanks for those of you who gave over \$4000.00 to send to the Ukraine via UMCOR and \$270 to the UMCOR UM Special Offering!

May 1st (this Sunday) is Native American Ministries Sunday. Donations fund urban ministries with Native Americans and scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please make your check out to FUMCRO with “Native American offering” in the memo line. Donations may be made at any time or put in the special envelope on Sunday, May 1st.

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

June 12 – Peace with Justice Sunday

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 – 2nd Grade and Ms. Geneise teaches 3rd – 5th 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 prepare you to share God's love with others in a way that's authentic, comfortable, and impactful.

As disciples of Christ, we have a story to tell...we are called to share the gospel, but few of us are naturally comfortable with evangelism. We wrestle with internal fears, a lack of preparation, and the sense that reaching out to others might force us to act like someone we're not. What if we could find a way to talk about Jesus that fits our personalities, makes us feel confident, and ignites a fire in others?

In *Contagious Faith*, bestselling author and teacher Mark Mittelberg introduces five approaches to evangelism and helps you determine which of them fits best with your unique personality and style:

- Friendship-Building
- Selfless-Serving
- Story-Sharing
- Reason-Giving
- Truth-Telling

He also explains in a down-to-earth fashion several key skills that will help you talk about Jesus effectively, illustrating his message with real-life accounts of ordinary believers who applied these principles for extraordinary impact.

With inspiring stories, fresh approaches, and timeless biblical wisdom, *Contagious Faith* will equip you to make a spiritual impact in the lives of the people around you—even in our increasingly resistant culture.

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 spring quarter Bible lessons center around the theme "**Follow.**" Lessons in May focus on "The Steps You Take." Creation care has become a prominent topic of discussion in Christian congregations and seminaries during the last couple of decades. While disagreement exists about human responsibility for climate change and to what extent we should limit human activity for the purpose of preservation of endangered species and habitats, Scripture makes clear that God takes pleasure in creation and that our role as stewards requires that we appreciate creation and take our responsibility as stewards seriously.

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.



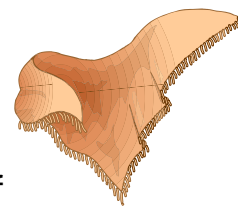
United
Women
in Faith



As the UWF continues its spring meetings, it is a perfect time for YOU to join us. We meet monthly (except for June & July) in each of our circles. All ladies are invited, young and not so! Come visit and find a circle that is just right for you! (Some of us are members of several!) We promise a warm welcome and good fellowship. Keep reading for more details...

(News from United Women in Faith continued)

Circle of Hope and Healing (Prayer Shawl) – NEW Weekday Meeting Time Added



In addition to its monthly Saturday morning meetings, the **Circle of Hope and Healing** is starting a new weekday meeting, the first Tuesday of each month (except June & July) at 10:00 AM for those who can meet on a weekday morning. So, the Circle of Hope and Healing will meet on **Tuesday, May 3rd in the Fellowship Hall AND on Saturday, May 21st at Beth's house at 10:30 AM.** Watch your email for details. If you like to crochet, knit, weave, and pray, please join us in this ministry.



UWF Circle of Love, Tuesday, May 24th, 10:00 AM

The next meeting of the Circle of Love is on Tuesday, May 24th, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a "picnic on the grounds" with everyone bringing their own lunch. Lynne Grandstaff will give a devotional. Come, join us for a time of inspiration and fellowship!

UWF Friendship Circle, Thursday, May 26th, 7:00 PM

The next meeting of the UWF Friendship Circle is scheduled for Thursday, May 26th, at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Instead of going out to eat as we have in the past, we are each BYOB (Bringing Your Own Bag supper). As we eat and visit together, we will discuss what our next study will be; it will start in August. 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.**

Hospitality Team

We have resumed our Sunday Hospitality table in the foyer providing donuts, coffee, juice and fruit. Take a moment before or after Sunday service to enjoy and visit with each other.



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.

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 the birthday gifts - "buy a dinner for a birthday"?**

(Assistance for Meals on Wheels (MOW) *continued*)

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) and the Outreach, Hospitality & Missions (OHM) ministries will donate monthly to this cause. (And not to be outdone by the UMM, the UWF/UMW will also make donations 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.**

Thank you and God bless you for your help. OHM will send birthday cards to the MOW clients for the coming year. New clients will still receive a prayer shawl.

We are all blessed! There is no doubt about that. Food insecurity, however, is all around us. These recipients are so grateful for our help. No matter where we give or how much we give, it is all a gift that our Heavenly Father made possible. He asked us to share.

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 will now be 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!



The OHM Ministry Team is still looking for recommendations for members of our church or neighbors in our community that need help with yardwork or other DIY projects. Our **Hands** are ready to help those in need.

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>.

April Giving/Offerings

3 rd	\$6587.00
10 th	\$8068.00
17 th	\$6776.00 (Easter)
24 th	\$4269.00*

*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

Tim Brownlee
Judy Cadenhead
Troy Dollar
Sanden Family
Jody Smock
Cindy Casey
Wynona Haney

Glenn Parker
Judy Pelowski
Curri Hairston
Charles Daubitz
Joanna Johnson
Helen Malone
Rita Dugger

Friends and Family of FUMCRO Members in Need of Prayer

ALL teachers, students, and school district employees!

ALL healthcare workers and ALL people with the Covid virus

Our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine
Family of Betty Dempsey (Shannon Smock's mother)
Family of Jane O'Kelly (Dani Muckleroy's sister-in-law)
Anita Grimes (Connie McAlister's mother)
Linda Smith (Ron Briden's sister)
Angela Rollins (Lynda Robinson's daughter)
Layne & Faye Taylor
Joe Fletcher (Doyles friend)
Ashlynn Murray
Jan Lenig (Sherry Martin's sister)
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)

Victims of recent tornadoes & wildfires
Morgan Manus (Sherry Martin's granddaughter)
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)
Laura Smiley (Melody Durazo's mother)
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)
VanNaiaya Turner



**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

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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