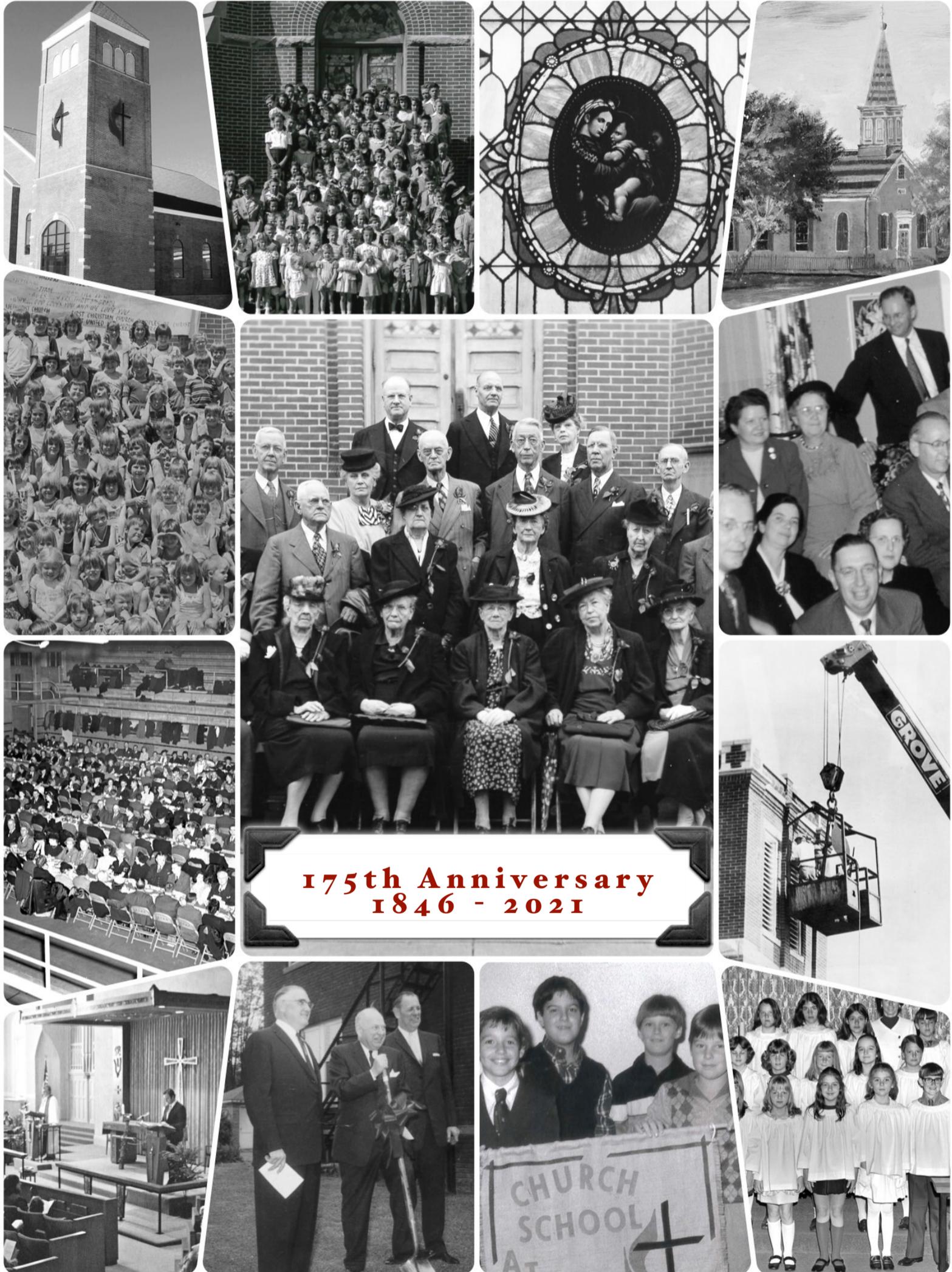


ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • OCTOBER 2021

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.



**175th Anniversary
1846 - 2021**

FIRST FAMILY

During a month when we show appreciation for each other, let us remember and celebrate the ways that First UMC has cared for one another over 175 years.

From the Pastor's Desk

These days, I have been spending some time thinking about membership vows. If you are a member of First United Methodist Church (or joined one of its predecessor denominations), you took membership vows. You said that you would support this congregation by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. If I were to ask you how you're doing on fulfilling your membership vows, how would you rank yourself? As we're continuing to emerge from the pandemic, I think most of us might say we've been a little negligent at fulfilling our membership vows. I know that there are some of these areas where I can improve.

You may not realize this, but your fulfillment of your membership vows doesn't just affect you - it affects our entire congregation. When you're not present (in-person or online) in worship, in Bible study, in Sunday School, in Kids' Club, in Refresh, or other ministries, it affects the whole ministry. When you offer your gifts (financially, by serving, or otherwise), you make an impact far beyond yourself. When you say yes to serve on a committee, or to teach a class, your service (or lack thereof) and improve or impede the church's witness to the world. How you speak and interact with other people (both inside and outside of the church) matters with how people encounter your faith, and how you show them Christ.

This month, we're thinking about the ways that we care for one another. I hope that, as we approach World Communion Sunday, our 175th anniversary celebration, and All Saints' Day, you will take some time to think about how this congregation has tried to care for you - for your spiritual life, your emotional health, and even your physical body - over the time that you've been a part of this congregation. St. Paul makes it clear in his letters to churches that congregations function best when each part of the body of Christ works together to build one another up in love.

I don't know about you, but I feel like our congregation tries to do that for each person. We offer lots of Bible studies and small groups that meet at different times and in different formats (in-person and online) to meet people where they are in 2021. Our Stephen Ministry walks with people in difficult times of their lives. Seldom does a birthday or anniversary go by without an acknowledgement from our card ministry (thanks, Kay Albin!). We've been calling and checking on each other. These recent months have seen deaths in our congregation, and we've been feeding families. We're here for you, but we also need you - your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness to make the greatest impact on each other and our community. Won't you covenant with me to live out those membership vows together?

I will see you in worship!

Grace and peace,



Pastor Jay

Celebrate 175 years with us!

Our main 175th anniversary celebration is coming up on October 3! Join us at 10:30 am that day under the big top (west of the education wing) for a revival service. The Red Letter Quartet will lead us in music that day; we'll pray together, have communion, and hear the word read and proclaimed. Melanie Corn will be on hand to take pictures of the event, and we'll also have displays of memorabilia. Please come and bring a lawn chair and a friend as we celebrate together what God has done and is doing through First United Methodist Church.



Trunk or Treat

It's October! Halloween is quickly approaching, and that means FUMC's annual Trunk or Treat planning is underway! In a world of uncertainty, we at FUMC want to provide the children of our community with a safe place to trick or treat, something warm for their tummies, and plant some scripture in their hearts. What a great opportunity to show God's love to the families of Robinson! In order for this to happen, we need your help! We need trunk volunteers! If you want to decorate a trunk, but are unsure of what to do, feel free to give Jennifer Boatman a call! If you don't want to decorate a trunk, we could still use you! We will need volunteers for crowd control, grill masters and set up and tear down. We are also in need of candy donations! Let's come together to make this Trunk or Treat the best one yet! Please use this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/ikWxZ4wxbAH6nMHdA>

For further information you may contact Jennifer Boatman at 618 843 0908, or Kirbie Ackman in the FUMC office.

NOW

NOW Weekend Meal Bagging is back in full swing! We bag, most weeks, on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. We would love to have you volunteer!

The Just-One Item for October will be pencils! If you would like to donate please drop off your donation in the box right outside the church office!

M.A.T.S.

Mom and Tots Sing will start a six week session beginning Thursday, October 14th at 9:30 am. We will sing, dance and play for 45 minutes with a take home snack. New to the program will be a devotional time for Moms led by Jennifer Boatman. MATS is open to ages 0-kindergarten. There is no charge for this program and it is open to all. Please share this information with all parents of small children! Can't wait to see you!

- Miss Antje

Rehearsal dates for Chancel Choir and Glory Handbells:

Bells:

Thursday, October 14th, at 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 28th, at 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 4th, at 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir:

Wednesday, November 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

175 Flocks of Chicks

The Outreach committee wants to extend a big "THANK YOU" for helping us to sponsor 175 flocks of chicks in honor of Robinson FUMC's 175th anniversary. By doing so you have blessed families with a better livelihood, food, access to education, and many other ways that we so often take for granted. What a fantastic tribute for our church! I like to think the congregations before us would be proud. THANK YOU!



Care News from Stephen Ministry

***Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2***

Everyone goes through difficult times when we may be hurting, overwhelmed, grieving, or feel alone. During those times we need to know that someone else cares, supports us, and reaches out to us. In our church, Stephen Ministry is one way we show great love for our church family. Care Receivers share their struggles with their Stephen Ministers who help them bear their burdens.

***Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
James 5:16***

Sometimes in the midst of everyday troubles, we can lose sight of God's love and promise of our salvation. Stephen ministers pray with and for their Care Receivers. Knowing that God has a role for each believer to play in the lives of other believers gives meaning and direction to our lives.

***Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11***

We know we are commanded to love one another. Another value to having a church family is that facing struggles and bearing burdens becomes easier. Stephen Ministers walk beside their Care Receivers providing Christ-centered care and demonstrating love, compassion, honesty, and respect.



October Birthdays

10/1	Ka Su Kelly, Julia Roberson
10/2	Harper Weck
10/4	Sabra Adams, Maezie Fearday
10/6	Robert Quick
10/7	Rich Johnson
10/10	Evelyn Blanchard
10/12	Greg Markello
10/13	Leavone Johnson, Victoria McMillan
10/16	Jason Hartke
10/18	Gianna Ippolito
10/19	Colby McGahey, Calvin Turner
10/21	Allen Lowry
10/23	Ethan Dhom
10/25	Shirley Wakefield, Kevin Ippolito, Mason Weck
10/27	Sydney Harmon
10/30	Julie Wilson

October Anniversaries

10/2	Gary & Susan Rodgers
10/7	Bill & Kaye Damron,
10/10	Ryan & Kaitlyn Kubiak
10/16	Janet & Charley Clark, Billy & Connie Calvert
10/21	Jack & Edna Frakes
10/23	Daniel & Jennifer Boatman
10/27	John & Marcia Schmidlin

Prayer Requests

Jeremy Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Kim Collins; Claudette Mejean; Ava Seaney; Demmie Long; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough; Sheltyn James Henry; Rick Pritchard; Laurie Vaughn; Kay Bonnell; Wally Leggit; Judy Eckert; Lisa Schaefer; Matthew Williams; Bob Callier; Larry Potts; Patricia Hodgson; Pamela Hart; June Watson; Paul Davis; Kathy Kennedy; Tina Klender; Paul Clinton; Duane Parker; Ruth Fiscus; Jan Riker; Dustin Ikemire; Robin Bray; Greg Faylor; Susan Rodgers; Melinda Ashby; Brad Smith; Leah Buser; Kamillah Rollins; Cuma Barnett; Donna Ferry; Janice Woods; Carl Janney; Lou Bonnell; Cathy Devalle; John Youngs; Heather Karbach; Ford Bond; Mike Bell; Dan Davis; Gary Null; Nay Owens; Hart Odom; Jennifer Newlin; Stacy & Eathan Baize; Marsha Strader; Kirtina Carter; Janet Clark; Kay Weger; Lori Treadway; Bernie Limper, Scott Silverthorne; Dick Mitchell; Mark Killian; Charlie Young; Anna Marie Miller; Jim Baize; Thelma Gifford; Jon Anderson; Jace Woodworth; Phil Rich and Family; Bob Callier; Shirley Treadway and Family

Employee of the Month

SPRC has selected Anita Cohoon as the employee of the month for August. Congrats, Anita!



October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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KEY:

IP - In-Person

Z - Zoom

HY - Hybrid; both in-person and Zoom

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1:00 pm

- Heath Harvest Parade

3 7:30 am - Grand Sweep Class (Z) 9:00 am - Worship (IP with Masks, Livestream, YouTube and Radio) 10:30 am - 175th Anniversary Celebration	4	5 6:30 pm - Invitation to Genesis (HY)	6 6:30 am - Refresh (IP) 3:00 pm - Kids Club (IP)	7 9:30 am - Invitation to Genesis (HY) 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Meal Bagging (IP)	8	9
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