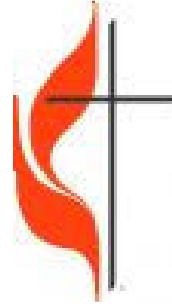


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# The Herald

October 2014 Newsletter  
Robinson First UMC



## Prayers Concerns

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## Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Shirley Treadway at [gwtsea@hotmail.com](mailto:gwtsea@hotmail.com), so that request can be shared with the prayer chain.



Kids' Club has been meeting regularly each week. We've been reintroducing the kids to their Bible belt pledges, We've paired more experienced kids with newer kids to help them earn their first two belts.

Come join us each Wednesday (when school is in session) from 3:00-5:00pm!

## Worship Committee News

The worship committee continues to move forward with the blended service. As we meet once a month we are discussing feedback from the congregation on these shifts. We are also discussing how fast we move and what changes we need to make to reach the full blended service. Please keep in mind that we are trying to meet the needs and desires of the whole congregation and remember we all have different desires and styles of worship, but ultimately, we come to worship God.. Overall, the feedback has been very positive. Feedback includes a desire to sing more "contemporary" and more "traditional" music. Music is not the only change we need in order to make our service blended. We are working on other ideas in addition to the music. The worship committee welcomes your suggestions and asks that you are very specific with your request. For example, if you want to hear a traditional or contemporary hymn, then please give us the name of the hymn. Worship committee members include: Janelle Oxford, Amy McGahey, Katie Veenstra, Kristy Veenstra, Garrett Graham, Nita Bradbury, Trisha Anderson, Stacie McMillan and Brandon Harmon.

## Pastor's Pen

Friends,

As we prepare to enter our third month together, I want to encourage us to be a healthy congregation. Some areas that will help congregational health will be how we communicate with one another, as well as the ways that we work with one another.

One behavior I have observed so far is that we have a tendency to gossip and to complain to other people about things we do not like. Healthy congregations will address their issues directly to the person or group with whom they have an issue (see Matthew 18 for the Biblical foundation for this healthy communication). My door is always open, and I am happy to talk with you.

The other behavior that I want us to work on has to do with the ways that we work with one another. I have both seen and heard several people who will complain about a problem (either through gossip or through other lines of communication), but do nothing to be a part of the solution. If you are unhappy about a class, or a committee's decision, or a change in worship, complaint by itself does not help – offer a solution and help to bring about the change you want to see.

I will see you in worship!



Grace and peace,

## Music Notes

The children's choir begins their first rehearsal of the season on Sunday, October 5, beginning at the conclusion of the worship services. Children will rehearse until 10:25, and then be dismissed to their Sunday school classes.

Children will likely be singing in worship in December, as well as other times throughout the school year.

If you have questions, please contact Gaytha Vail or Brenda Graham.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Dinner

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday dinner will be on October 8 at 5:30 pm. This month, we will have a picnic & wiener roast at the FUMC parsonage (804 North Scott Drive).

Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided, as well as beverages and paper supplies.

We encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert, as well as your lawn chairs. Come for a great evening of fellowship!

## Scouting News

### Girl Scouts Troop #2100:

The Girl Scouts meet Monday night 6:00-7:30pm. They have about 28 girls. Recently they attended a carnival at the Willow Hill Park, put on by the District event for all Girl Scouts.

### Cub Scout Pack #901

With 20 new Cub Scouts, there are 45 boys in Cub Scout Pack 901. Tiger Cubs are 6 years old. Cub Scouting also has Wolf, Bear and Webelos level 1 and Webelos level 2. The boys are now selling popcorn until October 17 to raise money for Pack activities. Pack Scoutmaster is Anthony Conner.

### Boy Scout Troop #901

Under leadership of Tom Osborne, Boy Scout Troop 901's 15 boys have been busy this year. Eight scouts went to Rhodes France Boy Scout Camp and earned 31 merit badges. The troop is working on lashing and is building a bridge to practice their knot skills. The Boy Scout troop meets Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm.

## October Birthdays

10/1 Ka Su Kelly, Julie Pfeiffer,  
 Julia Roberson  
 10/3 Emily Holtzhouser,  
 Kenton Carver  
 10/4 Sabra Adams  
 10/6 Robert Quick  
 10/7 Rich Johnson  
 10/12 Greg Markello  
 10/13 Leavone Johnson,  
 Victoria McMillan  
 10/14 Allison Damron  
 10/16 Janey Branson  
 10/19 Ann York, Colby McGahey,  
 Calvin Turner  
 10/21 Allen Lowry  
 10/22 Dema Rich, Zoe Parmenter  
 10/24 Mary Jourdan  
 10/25 Shirley Wakefield  
 10/27 Sydney Harmon  
 10/30 Bob Berty, Julie Wilson



## October Anniversaries



10/2 Gary & Susan Rodgers  
 10/7 Bill & Kaye Damron,  
 Lance & Tabitha Seaney  
 10/16 Janet & Charley Clark,  
 Billy and Connie Calvert  
 10/21 Jack & Edna Frakes  
 10/27 John & Marcia Schmidlin

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## Committee News

**Lay Leadership Committee:** our nominating process will be changing over the course of the next year. We want to focus on helping people discover and utilize their spiritual gifts with places of service. Be on the lookout for some short seminars on spiritual gifts, which will take place in early 2015.

### Building Committee News

We continue to make progress in the building. The bricks on the west end of new building are complete. The blocks on the bell tower should be complete this week, so G & T Builders can put in the remaining two floors and build the cap. The interior walls have been started. Honest Abe Roofing is supposed to start installing the finished roof this week. The brick layers should start on the west end of old building with the bricks and stone. The electrical contractor should be ready to start on the inside of building anytime. We are still waiting on H.V.A.C. bids so that installation can begin. The window frames should be arriving in the next couple of weeks for the stain glass windows.

## FCA

The *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* (FCA) will be meeting at our church on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm.

Robert Quick and the Outreach Committee hope to distribute Bibles to the youth at this meeting. Presently, our donations will cover about 40 Bibles. Robert says FCA will need about 80 Bibles. Your donations are appreciated.

The outreach committee will provide snacks and is looking for help setting up chairs and taking down afterwards.

It would also be helpful to have some members present to welcome our guests. A sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer.

## UMYF

UMYF has decided to meet on the first and third Sundays from 6:30-8:00 pm.

October 5: photo scavenger hunt around Robinson. We need three adults who would be willing to drive youth teams. Snacks have already been provided.

October 19: bonfire and pumpkin carving at the Oxfords. Youth should bring a pumpkin, but carving supplies will be provided. We are looking for a family to provide hot dogs and s'mores.

If you can help with either event, please contact the church office.

## From the Library

Your church library is excited to highlight some of our recent additions. Please check out our Biblical Coins exhibit in the display case! October's addition is the DVD set *Veggie Tales: All the Shows, volume 2*. Since 1993, Bob and Larry have been teaching kids that "God made them special and loves them very much." Join Bob, Larry and the VeggieTales gang as they continue this message in the following shows:

King George and the Ducky  
Esther: the Girl Who Became Queen  
Lyle, the Kindly Viking  
The Star of Christmas  
The Ballad of Little Joe  
An Easter Carol  
A Snoodle's Tale  
Sumo of the Opera  
Duke and the Great Pie War  
Minnesota Cuke and the Search  
for Samson's Hairbrush

