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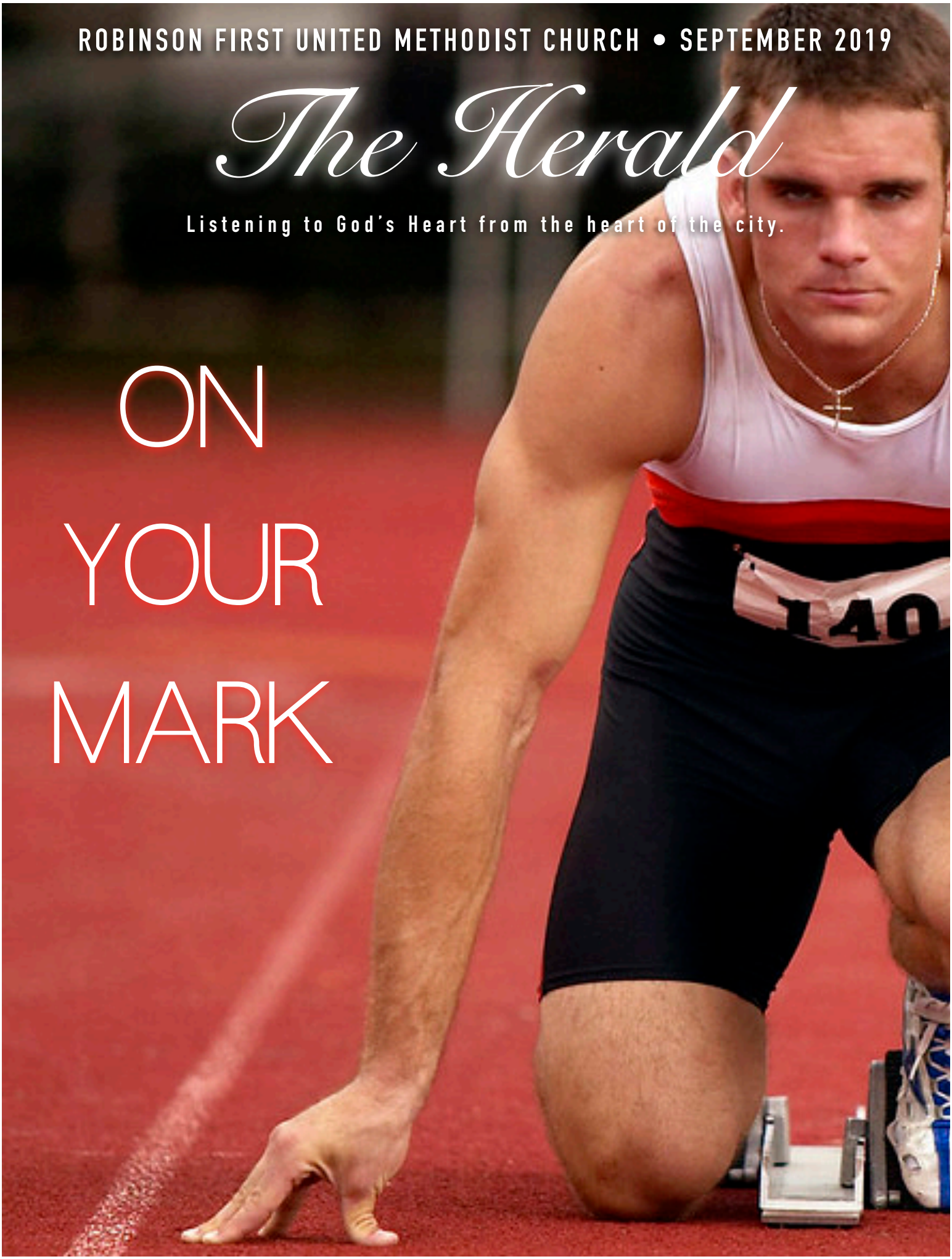
The Herald

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



ON YOUR MARK

From the Pastor's Desk

As a middle and high school student, I ran distance and relay races for our track team. I wasn't the best, but I also wasn't the worst. What I remember most about running track was preparing for the race. I would have my track spikes on, and I would get into the blocks. As the starter would say "on your mark," I would make sure that I had my feet in position and my hands were in the right spot behind the starting line. Runners did those things to insure that they would have a good start out of the blocks.

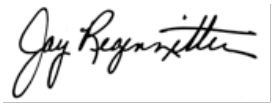
As a church, we've been getting "on the mark" for the past several months. You've read in some of our newsletters our mission statement, vision, and our core values. We need to keep those things in front of us so that we get the best start we can for the next phase of our life together. The best way to keep them in front of us is to put the in print, so here they are:

- First UMC Mission: Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and share the love of God in word and deed.
- First UMC Vision: First United Methodist Church will be a congregation seeking after the very heartbeat of God. Our physical location has placed us at the center of Crawford County and the city of Robinson. We will be God's heartbeat in the center of the city. All of our ministries will be focused on knowing the heartbeat of God, helping people follow Jesus Christ, and listening for the Holy Spirit as we minister to the least and the lost.
- First UMC Core Values:
  - Following Jesus by learning and doing his teaching
  - Intentional relationships
  - Spirit-led
  - Saturated in Scripture
  - Meeting real needs in the community

Knowing and committing to these things helps us to get the best start possible.

And, in thinking about getting your best start, this newsletter is full of ways that you can get "on your mark" in the month of September. As we move into school-year ministries, keep in mind that these ministries are provided to help you deepen your relationship with God and each other, and to help us live out our mission, core values, and vision. I hope you'll take these ministry opportunities to heart and get "on the mark" with your faith this fall!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jay

Get Ready to Recycle!

Focusing on our relationship to trash and stewardship of the earth is important. For several years, we've had recycling at First UMC, and last year, expanded our recycling to classrooms, offices, and the kitchen. These are the items Republic accepts:

- White paper with black ink
- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Aluminum cans
- Corrugated cardboard
- "Clay Cardboards" - Soda cartons, pop tart boxes, etc.
- Magazines
- Sunday bulletins

Please use "Blue" containers located in the kitchen or classrooms!

Get Ready to Travel!

After several years of discussion, First UMC is ready to invite you on a traveling adventure! 2020 is the year of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and we plan to combine that trip with a tour of the Holy Land. Our potential date has us depart on July 13, 2020, for a 13-day tour through the footsteps of Jesus, as well as several days in Germany. Cost of the trip begins at $4,598 (double occupancy). There are fliers available with more information at the nametag table, or you can read more at this website: http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours. If you are interested in going, please e-mail Pastor Jay at robinsonfumcpastor@gmail.com or call the church office by September 15.

Join the Fellowship!

2nd Wednesday Dinner will be on September 11 at 5:30 pm. Our student ministry will host a dinner as a fundraiser for the 2020 mission trip. They will be serving tacos, cheese enchiladas, chips and salsa, refried beans and rice, and desserts - all for a freewill donation.

Students, we will be doing food preparation on Tuesdays, September 10, at 4:00 pm. Please plan to join us to help then, and also plan to be at the church by 4:45 pm on September 11 to finish getting food ready - as well as stay afterwards to clean up. Many hands make light work. Even now, we're paving the way for future mission trips!

Just One

Help us get ready for the 2020 NOW Kids' Shopping Day. This month, we are collecting a child or adult bottle of shampoo. You can place your donations in the NOW bin outside the church office.

Stephen Ministry News

On Saturday, August 24 the Stephen Ministry Leaders taught the first four training modules to the first class of FUMC Stephen Ministers. The training began at 8AM and continued until 4:30PM. The participants took breaks for snacks and lunch. The next two training modules are scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 and September 25. Thank you FUMC for your continued support through your prayers and gifts.

Be on Your Mark with Faith Development!

All of our different age group studies begin this month! Check out these opportunities for you to grow in your faith:

- Christian Believer: 30 week study (materials cost $55) on the Apostles' Creed. Classes begin September 3 (6:00-8:00 pm) or September 5 (9:30-11:30 am).
- Refresh: Breakfast and Bible study for middle school and high school students, beginning at 6:30 am on September 4. We complete our studies by 7:30 am, and rides are provided to school. Visit www.robinsonfumc.org/youth to download the registration form. Registration forms must be on file before students can participate.
- Kids' Club: For students K-5, from 3:00-5:00 pm, beginning September 4. Children have chapel, snacks, crafts, music, and recreation each week. Visit www.robinsonfumc.org/children to download the registration form. Registration forms must be on file before students can participate.
- Couples Small Group: Thursdays, 5:30 pm. Join in a time of fellowship and study each week, beginning September 5. Childcare is provided!
- MATS (Moms and Tots Sing) begins September 24 at 10:30 am. Come for a half our of music, activities, and fellowship!

On Your Mark for Trick or Treat

On Your Mark for Trick or Treat at FUMC
Its that time of year again, we are gearing up for another night of Halloween fun! Since last year was so successful, we are going to permanently moving inside. On Halloween night, Thursday, October 31st, starting at 5:30 pm, we will be serving hotdogs, a movie on the big screen and of course, ALL THE CANDY! Speaking of candy, we will start collecting donations this month for anyone that would like to donate large bags of candy or if you can't make it to the store, monetary donations are also accepted. There will be a sign up in the narthex for anyone that would like to decorate a table and pass out candy to trick or treaters! Want to do a table but aren't sure of a theme? This year we have three themes all ready to go, all you have to do is set it up and pass out candy to all the kids! If you have any questions please let us know, we'll answer any questions you might have!

Happy Halloween!
Jennifer Boatman & Kirbie Ackman

Take Off with Music Ministries!

Chancel Choir is open to students in middle school through adults. They rehearse at 8:00 am (on Sundays they sing) and 11:00 am each week, beginning September 1.

Glory Handbell Choir is open to students and adults. They will have their first meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 5. Their regular rehearsal schedule will be determined at that meeting.

Outreach

As you may have noticed, we have been having a steady stream of visitors and new faces on Sunday mornings. To extend our hospitality beyond the doors of the church, we are redoubling our efforts to provide an at home follow up visit whereby a church member might drop off a treat and welcome visitors back the next Sunday. Some of us may have received one of these visits, some may have even been the one doing the welcoming. As we've been discovering some of our spiritual gifts, this is an opportunity to get involved. We are working to put together some tips and resource materials so that anyone doing a follow up feels comfortable. So if you have an interest or willingness to serve in this capacity, please email Robert Quick at quick_r@hotmail.com (that's an underscore) your name, email address, and phone number, so we can reform the group. Additionally, if you have a gift for organization/administration and wish to head up this group, please let Robert know as well.

Heath Harvest Hospitality

The Heath Harvest Festival is fast approaching, and First UMC is gearing up for some community outreach and hospitality. Our prime location at the end of the parade route gives us a chance to be good neighbors to many. Last year about 100 people came through our church on Fall Festival day, and we handed out between 950 and 1,000 bottles of water! On October 5th the church will be open for sanctuary tours and restroom access. We will need workers to sit at an information table, greet people, and give tours. We will also need volunteers to hand out water at the end of the parade. We need donations of water bottles, as well, to be brought to the church by Sunday, September 29th. The small sized bottles are best. The children at Kids' Club will put labels on the bottles that include information about our congregation. As it says in Matthew 25, verse 35, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in." Sign up sheets are in the narthex at the welcome center, or you may call or email the church office to sign up.

September Birthdays

9/1 Allison Reinoehl
9/4 Madison Utterback
9/6 Gillian Lewis
9/7 Charles Young, Mark DeDoming
9/9 Jack Davis
9/10 Samantha Davis
9/11 Shirley Stephens
9/17 Jerry Conner, Marge Pfeiffer
9/18 Ken Truitt
9/20 Gina Colliflower
9/22 Jeff Murrell; Robin Davis
9/27 Judith Adams, Gloria Devonshire
9/28 Lance Seaney
9/29 Krosby Goebel
9/29 Emily Midgett

September Anniversaries

9/1 Max & Debbie Tedford
9/4 Brent & Joyce Owen
Chris & Laura Dhom
9/7 Ron & Becky Veenstra
9/10 Larry & Phuong Quick
9/11 Diane & Darold Crampton
9/12 Tyler & Kristy Veenstra
9/20 Greta & Allen Lowry
9/23 Keith & Kirtina Carter
9/25 Lawrence & Gina Colliflower
9/30 Tim & Betty Thompson

Prayer Requests

John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl and Helen Blanton; Michael Brady; Patty Steele; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Jennifer Newlin; Jennifer Null; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young; Evan Prahl; Margie Moore McNamara; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Joan Fulling; Nancy & Charlie Young; Tim Roth; Fred White; Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Kim Collins; Claudette Mejean; Ava Seaney; Demmie Long; Jaycie Hoagland; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough; Charley Clark; Sheltyn James Henry; Coleen Roach; Layton Roy; Susan Rodgers; Norris Adams; Rick Pritchard; Helen Larrabee; Diane Crampton; Chris Blair; Laurie Vaughn; Bill Jones; McKenzie Fields; Larry & Kay Bonnell; Rhonda Murphy; Wally Leggit; Joe Schmidlin; Cathy Frakes, Brent Owen, Maxine Rodgers; Tambryn LaCorte; the family of John Chapman; Connie Carter; Landen Lamb; Family and Friends of Bernyce Coleman; Sherri Malicoat

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **8 & 11 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal **9:00 am** Worship **10:00 am** Sunday School **6:00 pm** Worship	2 **Labor Day - Office Closed**	3 **6:00 pm** Christian Believer	4 **6:30 am** Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study **3:00 pm** Kids' Club **6:00 pm** Foundation Meeting	5 **9:30 am** Christian Believer **4:00 pm** NOW Weekend Bagging **5:30 pm** Couple's Small Group **6:00 pm** Jail Ministry **6:30 pm** Glory Handbell Rehearsal	6	7
8 **8 & 11 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal **9:00 am** Worship **10:00 am** Sunday School **2:30 pm** Heritage Health Service **6:00 pm** Evening Worship	9	10 **6:00 pm** Christian Believer	11 **6:30 am** Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study **3:00 pm** Kids' Club **4:00 pm** NOW Weekend Bagging **5:30 pm** Second Wednesday Dinner **6:30 pm** Stephen Ministry Training	12 **9:30 am** Christian Believer **5:30 pm** Couple's Small Group **6:00 pm** Jail Ministry **6:30 pm** Glory Handbell Rehearsal	13	14
15 **8 & 11 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal **9:00 am** Worship **10:00 am** Sunday School **6:00 pm** Evening Worship	16	17 **6:00 pm** Christian Believer	18 **6:30 am** Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study **3:00 pm** Kids' Club **6:00 pm** Committee Meetings **7:00 pm** Church Council Meeting	19 **9:30 am** Christian Believer **4:00 pm** NOW Weekend Bagging **5:30 pm** Couple's Small Group **6:00 pm** Jail Ministry **6:30 pm** Glory Handbell Rehearsal	20	21
22 **9:00 am** Worship **10:00 am** Sunday School **6:00 pm** Evening Worship	23	24 **10:30 am** MATS **6:00 pm** Christian Believer	25 **6:30 am** Refresh Breakfast & Bible Study **3:00 pm** Kids' Club **6:30 pm** Stephen Ministry Training	26 **9:30 am** Christian Believer **4:00 pm** NOW Weekend Bagging **5:30 pm** Couple's Small Group **6:00 pm** Jail Ministry	27	28
29 **8:15 am** Praise Kids Rehersal **9:00 am** Worship **10:00 am** Sunday School **11:00 am** Chancel Choir Rehearsal **6:00 pm** Evening Worship	30					

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