

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • OCTOBER 2022

THE HERALD

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



From the Pastor's Pen

I am a person who is sometimes brutally honest to a fault, and this is one of those times. So here it goes, "Hi my name is Terry and I really do not enjoy writing articles for the newsletter each month. Whew, there I said it. Now it is your turn, "Hi I am, (*insert name here*) I usually don't spend too much time reading the articles in the newsletter." Well, we both have ripped off the band-aid in one quick motion. Yes, we may have remnants of band aid glue and missing hairs to show our scars, but that is beside the point.

Pastoral letters are typically the largest article in any church's newsletter. These articles usually contain great theological thoughts and insight into your spiritual leader's mind. Well, I know you sure don't want to look around at the cobwebs that have filled my brain. But then again, I professed to be brutally honest and sometimes I have offended some. So, sit back and enjoy because here it goes again.

In our community, like many across our great nation, we all have heard the reports of lack of workers to fill the various positions that are available in the work force. We all have formed, some reformed, and then formed again with our super solutions to all the issues that we are facing in society. The answer is simple in my opinion, folks just are not excited about what is available. The same issues are plaguing the church as well. We have lost our excitement to serve or being involved beyond the bare necessities that we feel is being asked of us.

Our church has many exciting opportunities to connect with God's Kingdom beyond your typical Sunday morning worship service. We have chances to be involved in various outreach opportunities, but we wait for someone to take the lead and when no one does, we are comfortable with just allowing the ministry to suffer and eventually end. We are blessed to be in the very center of the Robinson community and God has blessed us with the necessary facilities and people to meet the His call.

If I still have your attention and you are continuing to wander through this mess of cobwebs and weird ideas, I pray for your survival. I am asking you to partner with fellow members of our congregation in one or more of our various children and youth programs, outreach opportunities, chances to assist in worship services, NOW program, Bible Studies, nurturing events, trunk or treat, Christmas caroling, and many more exciting connectional points that are offered.

Matthew 9:37-38 teaches us, He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

See you in the game!

Terry



Thank You to the Congregation

The Conner family would like to thank all for their helpfulness and expressions of condolence during this time of grieving for our loss of precious Margaret.

Second Wednesday Dinner

October's Second Wednesday dinner will be a free will donation fundraiser for the Lunch Buddy Program, to help purchase the buddies' lunches and background checks!

We will be serving ham & beans, cornbread, salad and spooky sweets! You can dine in or carry out! We will start serving at 5:30 pm and end at 7:00 pm. Sign up at the welcome center or use the link below!

We hope to have a frighteningly good time and raise money for an amazing program!

Halloween costumes and spooky attire encouraged!

We hope to see you there and, of course, Happy Halloween!

To order: <https://forms.gle/xWLeNFZ6XZ4JAq2d7>

If anyone would like to provide a dessert or help serve please contact Kirbie!

Spooky Walk

During Second Wednesday dinner, you'll have the opportunity to join us for a fun spooky walk through the basement! Of course our walk will be PG, we know we will have littles! If you would like to volunteer, donate items or have any questions please call Kirbie or Nina!

MATS

MATS resumes on Thursday, October 6th at 9:30 a.m. This a fun group for Moms and Tots from birth to Kindergarten to explore music, movement and instruments. We enjoy fellowship and a snack. We also welcome Dads, Grandparents, and sitters who are caring for their sweet little ones! Please share the date and time with families in the community!





NOW

Join us on Saturday, October 1st for the NOW Program Fundraising Rummage Sale! All funds raised will go to supporting our weekend meal bags! Door will open at 8:00 am and run till 12:00 pm. Everything must go for a free will donation! Also, a few of my favorite volunteers will have apple cider and cinnamon rolls for sale too!

It should be a great day! If you have anything that you would like to donate please have it to the church by Friday, September 30th at 3:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Kirbie.

NOW Weekend Meal Baggings are back in full swing! We will be bagging most Thursdays at 4:00 pm, and we would love to have new volunteers!

Just One Item for September is shampoo! Full size tubes of toothpaste for children and adults are accepted. Donations can be made in the box outside of the church office.

Hangings of the Greens

Mark your calendars! Sunday, November 20th will be the Hanging of the Greens! Please join us to help decorate the church in preparation for the holiday season! After decorating is done we will have a light lunch of soup, sandwiches and sweets available in Asbury Hall for fellowship! Keep a look out for a sign up on the welcome center by mid October for anyone wanting to help with the lunch!

Trunk or Treat

It's October, and that means Kirbie and Jennifer are already working on this year's Trunk or Treat! Our Trunk or Treat is one of the many ways FUMC reaches out into our community and welcomes families in. And we need your help! We need volunteers for set up, trunks, crowd control and food handling. And we will also be taking candy donations! Please check the welcome center in the Narthex for a sign-up sheet and for the candy donation bin. If you are interested in doing a trunk, but are unsure how, please contact Jennifer (618 843 0908) or Kirbie in the church office. We would love to have at least 12 trunks this year!

Trunk or Treat will be held during the city's scheduled trick or treat hours. It will be in the parking lot, and in the event of unfavorable weather, we will move indoors into Asbury.

Jennifer and Kirbie will also be representing Robinson FUMC at Trick or Treat at Trail on Thursday, October 27, 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Happy Halloween!

Music at FUMC

Chancel Choir will rehearse/record on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir will participate at the 9:00 am Worship service on October 9th. We will meet in Choir Room at 8:15 am to warm up and get robes. There's still a need for more singers. All are welcome to join us!

Glory Handbells will play for the Worship service at 9:00 am on October 2nd. Ringers will meet at 8:00 am to set up in the Sanctuary and rehearse.



Care News from Stephen Ministry



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

- Colossians 3:12

Stephen Ministry Library

You are invited to visit the Stephen Ministry library collection located in our church library. Check out the varied and helpful resources available to you. The following books and many more are in the library:

- *Cancer-Now What? Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead;* Kenneth C. Haugk
- *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those who are Suffering;* Kenneth C Haugk
- *Bible Readings for Caregivers;* Betty Groth Syverson
- *Psalms for Healing: Praying with Those in Need;* Gretchen Person
- *Empty Arms: Hope and Support for Those Who Have Suffered a Miscarriage;* Pam Vredevelt
- *Second Forgetting: Remembering the Power of the Gospel During Alzheimer's Disease;* Benjamin T. Mast
- *The Good Listener;* James E. Sullivan
- *Wounded Healer;* Henry Nouwen
- *As We Forgive Those: How to Forgive Others, Ourselves, and God;* Charles F. Finck
- *A Grief Observed;* C. S. Lewis
- *Grieving a Suicide: A Loved One's Search for Comfort, Answers, and Hope;* Albert Y. Hsu
- *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home;* Richard Foster
- *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation;* Parker J. Palmer
- *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved;* Kate Bowler

LOOKING FOR CARE?

**If you or someone you know is in need of compassionate Christian care, please contact Janelle Oxford at (618) 553-9598. Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian care.*

October Birthdays

10/1 Ka Su Kelly
10/2 Harper Weck
10/4 Sabra Adams, Maezie Fearday
10/6 Robert Quick
10/7 Rich Johnson
10/10 Evelyn Salhani
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 Kevin Ippolito, Mason Weck
10/27 Sydney Harmon
10/30 Julie Wilson

Prayer Requests

Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Lisa Schaefer; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Thelma Gifford; Jennifer Newlin; Bernie Limper; Melinda Wehrle; Mandy Harris; Cindy Weger; Blain Loll; Miranda Waddell; Dave Freeland; Ruth Fiscus; Rhea Hayden; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Margaret Beaman; Alexander Forrey; Ninetta Faith; Delane Guyer; Lou Bonnell; Ronn Legg; Larry Quick; Claudette Mejean; Laurie Vaugh; Susan Rodgers; Louis Youngs; Those who attended Great Banquet; Madelyn Storckman; Adrian Hays; Rachel Tracy

October Anniversaries

10/2 Gary & Susan Rodgers
10/7 Bill & Kaye Damron,
10/10 Ryan & Kaitlyn Kubiak
10/21 Jack & Edna Frakes
10/23 Daniel & Jennifer Boatman
10/27 John & Marcia Schmidlin



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 am - NOW Rummage Sale - Hospitality Table for Harvest Fest 12:30 pm - Water Bottles for Parade
2 World Communion Day 8:00 am - Glory Handbell Rehearsal 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday school	3	4 6:30 pm - Modern Parables Study	5 3:00 pm - Kids' Club 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir	6 9:30 am - Modern Parables 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging	7	8
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16 9:00 am - Worship 10:15 am - Sunday School	17	18	19 3:00 pm - Kids' Club 6:00 pm - Committee Meetings 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting	20 9:30 am - Modern Parables 4:00 pm - NOW Weekend Bagging	21	22
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