

# THE HERALD

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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of my favorite authors is Tyler Knott Gregson. He is a bestselling author who places focus on poetry and pondering, two things that I truly enjoy.

I was recently reading Gregson's book, *Miracle in the Mundane* which I highly recommend, and in the chapter, "A Change is Gonna Come", he paints the picture of being balanced between two worlds and how voices are calling out to him. As we are entering a new season of Fall or as some say Autumn we can expect the seasonal changes, trees' leaves will grow bright with color and then wither and fall. Plants that once adorned the landscape are becoming dormant in anticipation of what is to come. Family gatherings that once filled the neighborhood yards with laughter and activity are migrating indoors. The church is settling in for the long months ahead, awaiting the next liturgical season - advent for those who are curious.

This time of year, is often filled with times of sorrow and remembered



sadness of what once was. Gregson pointed out that it is physically impossible to step into the same river twice. Which is a powerful point to ponder, because the water that we initially step in moves away and creates a new current, so the river is different with each step.

As a church we need to recognize that we cannot step into the same worship, ministry, program, or event. Something is always going to be different, and that is fine, for different reflects that something is happening. We must recognize that God is that something that is happening. God is transforming lives just as God is transforming the landscape around us. Something new is developing, something great is coming, and celebrations are on the horizon. Let us pray that God allows each of us to be a part of what God wants to do next.

See you in church,

- Pastor Terry

## 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, background checks and our year end pizza party!

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!

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!

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

## Trick or Treat

It's October, and that means Kirbie and Jennifer are working on this year's Trick or Treat! Our Trick 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, booths, 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 booth, but are unsure how, please contact Jennifer (618 843 0908) or Kirbie in the church office. Last year we had 580 of Halloween's finest Trick or Treaters walk through so let's all help make this year just as amazing! We are really hoping for 12 booths!

Trick or Treat will be held during the city's scheduled trick or treat hours.

## 5K Your Way

We are hosting a 5K event that benefits all 4 of Crawford County's NOW Programs! The race will be held on Saturday, October 7th beginning at 8:00 am! There will be shirts, bags, prizes and winners of age groups will receive medals! You won't want to miss out!

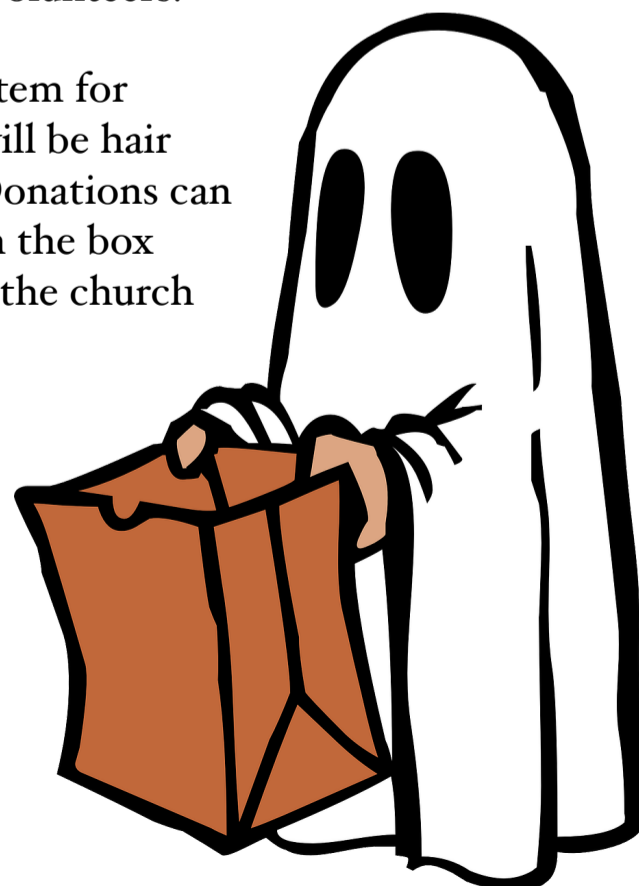
5K Your Way is a 3.1 mile race. The participant has an option of either running/walking the asphalt trail system or the dirt trail system. All participants will start at a common point and split off onto their chosen course then merge together again for the finish. The dirt trail conditions can be affected by weather. In the case that the dirt trails cannot be used all participants will use the asphalt trails.

Sign up at <https://5kyourway.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=15718>

## NOW

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 October will be hair brushes! Donations can be made in the box outside of the church office.



## Worship Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers that would like to serve in worship services for 2024. Our volunteers for worship have slipped considerably, if you have any questions on what to do or want training let Kirbie know! We can also work together on certain months that you would want. Worship volunteers make the service flow so well, so please consider volunteering! Sign ups are available at the welcome center!

## Water Bottles

A small volunteer group event for FUMC members will be held on October 4th at 4:00 pm. We will be putting labels on the water bottles that will be passed out at the end of the parade! Please come join us!

## Heath Harvest Festival

FUMC is once again hosting a hospitality table during the Heath Harvest Festival on Saturday October 7th. The first shift will begin at 8:00 am. We will have our restrooms for the attendees of the festival.

Water bottles will be passed out at the end of the parade again this year! Volunteers need to be here at 12:45 pm to start setting up, the parade begins at 1:30 pm.

Sign ups for both are at the welcome center!

## Robinson FUMC Education News

The Education Team met recently on Wednesday, September 20 before the Church Council meeting. Pastor Terry Evans and Kurtis Goebel (church council co-chair) joined the education team for the meeting. The 2023 Education Team members are: Sue Roales, Dennis Inboden, Shirley Treadway, Linda Null, Nina Davis, and Marcia Schmidlin (chair).

Several new and exciting religious education programs are offered:

- **Youth:** Children's Sermon during church service, Children's Church following Children's Sermon, Sunday School Classes following church, SPY for grades 4-8 on the third Thursday evening, and beginning in January, The Flock for grade school students on Monday evenings, Confirmation Class - January 2024
- **Adult:** Sunday School Classes: SPICE and Koinonia will begin meeting October 8 following the last Stewardship Sunday School Class on October 1. CHEW on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings, Happy Hour Gardening Group (all ages) on Mondays (while the weather cooperates)

If you would like to learn more about the education programs at Robinson FUMC or to make a suggestion for future offerings, please contact Marcia Schmidlin (maschmidlin310@gmail.com or 618 553-2710).

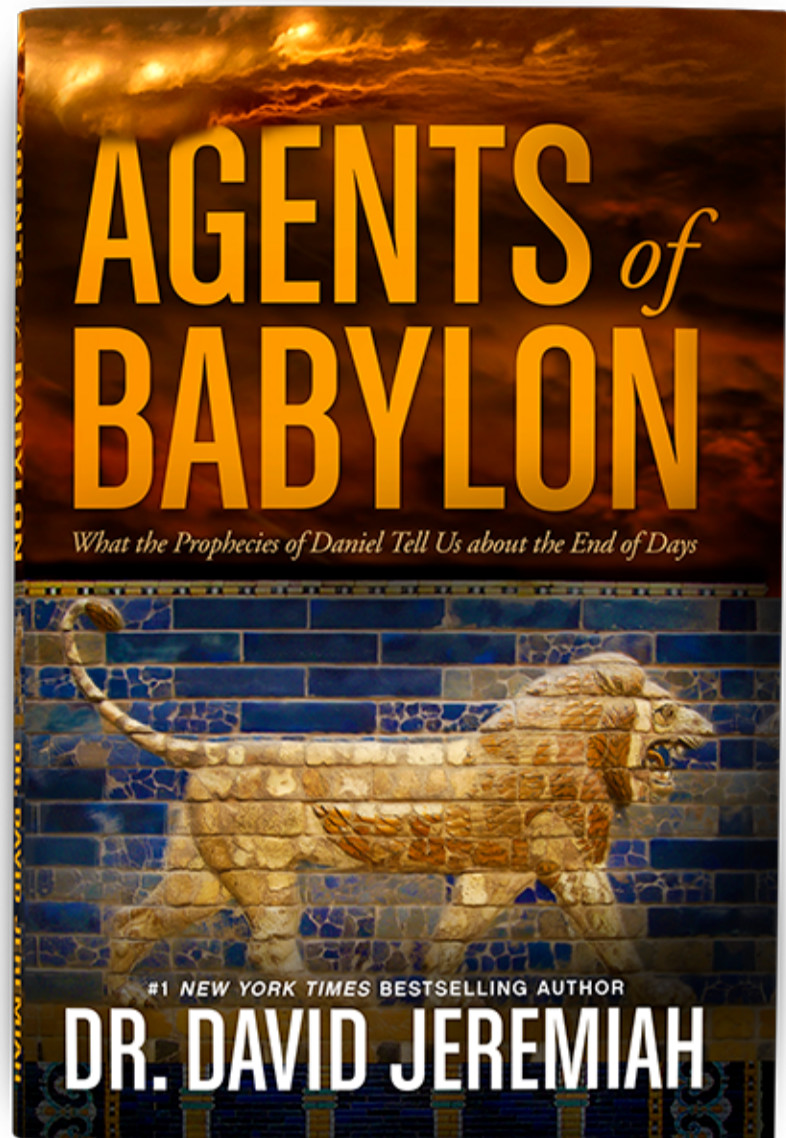


## Christian Book Exchange

Greetings from the Book Exchange!  
Located next to the elevator in the narthex,  
our October highlight is *Agents of Babylon*!

In *Agents of Babylon*, you will become acquainted with the most prominent players in the book of Daniel—those who play a role in Daniel's life and in the prophetic end-time plan of God. These agents were kings and rulers, royal counselors, animals, angels both good and evil, and inanimate objects like trees and statues. All play a part in the unfolding story of Daniel in Babylon.

As you read this book, you will develop confidence as the future days on earth are understood from a biblical perspective. You will become equipped to discuss the hope that we have as believers in Christ, and you will acquire new understanding about the events in the world today.



### Blast from the Past

Hello Brethren! Here's your blast from the past for the month of October. I have come across an old postcard of what I believe to be Otterbein United Methodist Church from roughly 1940.

-Robert Quick

## Care News From Stephen Ministry

**Did you know that Stephen Ministry has a simple and powerful way to care for people who are grieving?**

Journeying through Grief is a set of four short books to send to people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. The founder of Stephen Minister, Kenneth C. Faulk, is the author. His warm and caring words guide the reader through the grief journey. He shares helpful insights about grief and biblical truths. Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be experiencing at that point in grief—offering understanding, empathy, compassion, and hope. These books can be a powerful way for you to personally offer sustained comfort and compassion to a relative, friend, neighbor, or coworker who is grieving.

Book 1: *A Time to Grieve*  
... sent 3 weeks after the loss

Book 2: *Experiencing Grief*  
... sent 3 months after the loss

Book 3: *Finding Hope and Healing*  
... sent 6 months after the loss

Book 4: *Rebuilding and Remembering*  
... sent 11 months after the loss

To learn more about Journey Through Grief, check out the Stephen Ministry website:

<https://www.stephenministries.org/default.cfm>

If you would like to send a set of grief books to someone you know, please contact the church office (618 544-8016) to receive a set. Or...you may request Robinson FUMC send the set on your behalf.

And, if you are going through a difficult time and would like someone to talk with on a regular basis, please contact Janelle Oxford. (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  
10/11 David Anderson  
10/13 Leavone Johnson,  
Victoria McMillan  
10/16 Jason Hartke  
10/18 Gianna Ippolito  
10/19 Colby McGahey, Calvin Turner  
10/21 Allen Lowry, Lindy Evans  
10/23 Ethan Dhom  
10/25 Kevin Ippolito, Mason Weck  
10/27 Sydney Harmon  
10/30 Julie Wilson,  
Donovan Townsend

## October Anniversaries

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

## Prayer Requests

Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; Lisa Schaefer; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Thelma Gifford; Bernie Limper; Melinda Wehrle; Blain Loll; Miranda Waddell; Ruth Fiscus; Rhea Hayden; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Margaret Beaman; Alexander Forrey; Ninette Faith; Lou Bonnell; Claudette Mejean; Laurie Vaugh; Susan Rodgers; Adrian Hays; Rachel Tracy; Connie Calvert; Randy Butcher; Stephen Ministers; Care Receivers; Doug Finkbiner; Clem Aydt; Annette Leighty; Spencer Meagher; KJ Reid, Tricia Anderson; Jon & Joy Anderson; Alex Townsend; Brad Harris; Andy Limper; Karen Villalobos; Dason Douglas, Dorris Ballard; Lora Simmons; Mary Etta Whitmer; Rhonda Moade; Barbara Bell; Jocelyn Ramsey; Leth and Jeff Stanford; Mary Correll; Becky & Donna Beabout; Beth Rynke; Roger Hamilton; Bennett Smith; Breanna & Melissa Young; Jimmy Vinson; Sarah Valdez; Rhea Hayden; Kirtrina Carter; Judy Rice ;Sharon Miller; Stephenie Townsend; Tim Aydt; Joy Anderson, Sue Trimble



# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Worship</li> </ul> <p><b>10:15 am</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunday School</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Happy Hour Gardening Group</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHEW</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water Bottle Labels</li> </ul> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Glory Handbell Rehearsal</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CHEW</li> </ul> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NOW Weekend Bagging</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <p><b>10:15 am</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Happy Hour Field Trip</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5K Your Way Hospitality Table</li> </ul> <p><b>12:45 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water Bottle Pass Out at Parade</li> </ul>
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