

First United Methodist Church
of Shamrock, Texas
November 27, 2013

Rev. Jarrod Neal, Pastor

Kathy Marak, Secretary



Special Request from Shamrock United Methodist Women

This year, several of the UMW group programs have dealt with poverty stricken areas all over the country. What about right here in our own community? Is Shamrock not a needy community as well? Recently, Irish Helping Hands had to close their doors. They provided food, medicine and utility services assistance to needy families in our own little town, but no more.

The United Methodist Women feel there is a need to reach out to the hard-pressed people and hungry children of our own community. The women have discussed both “A Free Lunch Day” and starting a “Snack Pak 4 Kids” program. The “Lunch Day” would be to provide a free meal at lunch one day each week. The “Snack Pak 4 Kids” program would partner with the school and send snack packs home with needy kids on Fridays to help them get through the weekend. We would really appreciate input from the whole congregation because this would be a full church endeavor. Please feel free to respond to this request in whatever way you feel most comfortable. You may phone the church office, send an email to the church, respond via the church website, write a letter to the church or discuss this in person with Rev. Neal or a UMW member. Let’s be passionate about “being” the church rather than “doing” church! Let’s partner alongside each other to grow the church beyond its physical walls and reach out to our community! Let’s reach out to others with compassion and grow in our faith and service to God by serving others! Together we can do a lot!!



It is NOT too late to sponsor Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for this year!!!

December Birthdays

Deshya Reeder 11
Trampas Forbau 14
Mickey Jones 14
Don Bradley 15
Benny Garcia 19
Tristen Gilmore 19



**Birthdays
this Month**

Garland Moore 21
Jack Wardlow 24
William Doebele 27
Dorothy Jo George 28
Tristan Sims 28



Jarrold's Jottings

Matt. 1:23 “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

As we begin our journey through the season of Advent toward Christmas, we see the lights and decorations going up, the shops getting busier by the day, the mingled sense of exhilaration and exhaustion steadily increasing around us. But in addition to all of this, the days leading up to Christmas have always had, for me, a “feel” to them unlike any other time of the year—a mixture of cheerfulness and joy, good will, and generosity of spirit. That “feel” can be elusive at times: not everyone gets it, and many may feel like they are standing far outside of it, looking in on a celebration no one invited them to.

Much less hullabaloo was made over Christmas in the 18th century, but still I wondered what John Wesley’s Christmases were like. So I looked up his journal entries from December of 1744, the year when Joseph Priestly, a theologian and chemist, discovered oxygen, and when the first Continental Congress met in Philadelphia. In that year, John Wesley wasn’t getting the “feel” of Christmas at all—at least, not at first.

Sunday, 23 Dec.—I was unusually lifeless and heavy, till the love-feast in the evening; when, just as I was constraining myself to speak, I was stopped, whether I would or no; for the blood gushed out of

both my nostrils, so that I could not add another word: But in a few minutes it stayed, and all our hearts and mouths were opened to praise God.

Yet the next day I was again as a dead man; but in the evening, while I was reading Prayers at Snowsfields, I found such light and strength as I never remember to have had before. I saw every thought, as well as action or word, just as it was rising in my heart, and whether it was right before God, or tainted with pride or selfishness. I never knew before (I mean not as at this time) what it was “to be still before God.”

Tuesday, 25 Dec.—I waked, by the grace of God, in the same spirit; and about eight, being with two or three that believed in Jesus, I felt such an awe and tender sense of the presence of God as greatly confirmed me therein: So that God was before me all the day long. I sought and found him in every place; and could truly say, when I lay down at night, “Now I have *lived* a day.”

On Christmas, we remember the day when the world could no longer claim that God was standing far outside, looking in on all our troubles. On Christmas, we remember that God is not only *with us* always, but that God is most decidedly *for us* as well.

May God go with us all through this season, and all the days ahead.

Jarrold



Tithes & Offerings

2013 Budget:	\$ 144,242.00
Needed Weekly:	\$ 2,773.88
Offering-week of Nov. 3:	\$ 2,039.00
Offering-week of Nov. 10:	\$ 1,818.00
Offering-week of Nov. 17:	\$ 2,326.00
Offering-week of Nov. 24:	\$ 2,501.00
Total Received 2013:	\$ 129,411.32

November Attendance: 3 10 17 24

Sunday School:	20	18	18	4
Morning Worship:	30	33	38	10

In Memoriam

Clifford Fred Hofmann

Born April 29, 1933

Joined our Congregation June 30, 1946

Died November 18, 2013

*Have a wonderfully
Blessed Thanksgiving!*



PRAYER REQUESTS

Sympathy

the family of
Fred Hofmann

Ongoing Concerns

Nick Albus
Linda Allison
Don & Leoda
Blackketter
Ronald Carter
Bernice Collinsworth
Joanne Corley
Brenda Cornett
Martha Cox
Chris Daughtry
John & Kitty Dorn
Shirley Galmor
Gary Gandy
Joyce Gragg
Richard Kincannon
Jude Kinikin

Selena Martinez
Noel McLemore
Holly Middlemis
Chancey Rae Miller
Sandra Morgan
Herschel Neal
Darrell Nelson
Betty Reneau
Diane Gragg Reynolds
Lynn Terry
MaryGail Wilson
Victims of Typhoon
Haiyan, Philippines

Assisted Living/ Nursing Home

Irene Barth
John Ray Corley
James Reneau
Joyce Woods

Homebound

Dr. William Doebele

Christine Marett

Military Personnel

SGT J. Egner
SPC J. Scheideger
Veterans
All in the Military
& their families

Leadership

National, State, County
& Local leaders
School leaders, Teachers
& students
Firefighters & Police
Missionaries:
the Brabons, the Urys,
Myrna McGlothlin,
Jerri & Bill Savuto

***Thank God for His
Blessings!***

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Saturday, November 30

2:00 pm-Erect outside Nativity scene



Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am-Coffee in Fellowship Hall

9:30 am-Sunday School

10:30 am-Morning Worship



Wednesday, December 4

6:30 pm-Bible fellowship



No UMW Group meetings in December



Sunday, December 15

2:30 pm-**Church Conference** - held here with McLean UMC

Monday, December 16

4:00 pm-UMW Unit Christmas Party - all members hostess



Thursday, December 19

6:30 am-UMM at **The Roost**



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