



The Good News Letter

Ovilla United Methodist Church

February 7, 2012

A Great Day in the Kingdom!

Have you ever heard of the name, 'Leoba'? This person was an incredible influence in their time. Are you picturing a man or a woman? Leoba was a Lady, a nun. In 700-780, there were huge mission efforts aimed at spreading Christianity to still large, pagan areas of Europe. Known for her avid reading, piety and leadership, the nun Leoba was summoned by Boniface to assist in his missionary work in Germany.

Boniface did not tolerate anything among clergy but excellence. He was known as an intense, no nonsense leader in Christendom. Leoba was perfect for the job. Soon after her summoning by Boniface, she established Bischofsheim monastery, a model for convents throughout the land.

Leoba is a hero through the heritage and history she has provided us. Although you may think no one will remember your name when this earthly journey ends, the legacy you leave behind is what matters to God. Consider for a moment that someone in your life provided a legacy for you. It is the very reason you are reading this article.

Being a Christian in earnest includes requirements. **Psalm 15** provides us with God's guidelines for this earthly life of service. No, I am not going to type out the fifteenth chapter of Psalms. God requires you to open your Bible and read it, enjoy it and take it to heart. There's a part of Leoba in all of us!

God Bless,

Pastor Joel

(Proud to be the pastor of Ovilla United Methodist Church, the most prolific, dynamic, evangelistic, exciting Church in all of God's Kingdom!!!!)

MATTHEW 28!!!!



MISSION MOMENTUM



We know it's only February, but it is supposed to be winter! This would be a good time to stay put and clean out cabinets and closets! Save all your "quality junk" for our Missions garage sale. The date has been set for April 21, 2012. We can now store some of these things for you if you don't have the space. Call Marcie Mayer at 972- 617 -0347 or her cell @ 214- 458- 6794 or Peggy Schieffer at 972- 223- 9351 to request storage.

With the winter doldrums, we have time to dust off our thinking caps and come up with new ideas. The Missions' committee has a new project: "Help our Vets". We will be collecting items for our vets who are taking chemo or undergoing dialysis at the VA Hospital in Dallas. A large tub will be in the foyer to collect the following items:

- Lap quilts (no smaller than 45"x45")
- Toboggan hats
- Snacks: applesauce, crackers, etc...
- # 10 envelopes
- Small writing tablets and pens

Mark your calendars for an Adult mission trip to Glen Lake Camp. It is scheduled for May 4-6, 2012. We will be doing projects to ready the camp for summer activities.

Praise God! Our generous congregation has cut and collected over 1000 cards for St. Jude's Ranch for children! We will be packing and mailing these to the camp. They will be recycled, made into new cards and sold to help fund some of their ranch projects.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

1. Campbell soup labels and box tops for education for McCurdy School in New Mexico. Our goal for this year is 6000. Keep clipping.
2. Used cell phones for Brighter Tomorrows. These phones are used by victims of abuse to call 911.
3. Deodorant (male or female), shampoo and toothpaste for North Ellis County Outreach in Red Oak. We could use more deodorants!
4. Items listed above for VA vets.
5. Coupons for QX - Come and help clip @ 5PM on Wed. in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSION MOMENTUM CONTINUED.....

6. Children's books for the Baptist Children's Home in Waxahachie

ONGOING MISSION ACTIVITIES

1. Wednesdays @ 5PM-come join the QX clippers!
2. Feb. 8 – Baptist Children's Home, 629 Farley St., Waxahachie, 9AM until noon
3. March 7 – Manna House in Midlothian, 10 AM until noon
4. March 29 – Missions meeting, classroom #3, 7PM
5. April 21 – OUMC Annual Missions Garage Sale
6. May 4-6 Adult Mission Trip to Glen Lake Camp
7. May 13 – retired missionaries, Jerri and Bill Savuto to preach and teach

Senior Fellowship News

Please join us for a field trip to the Pearce Museum on Thursday, February 16th. This will be in place of our Senior Fellowship meeting. The Pearce Museum is a Civil War & western art museum in Corsicana, Texas. We will leave the OUMC parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and tour the museum. The cost is \$6.00 for senior citizens and \$8.00 for adults. We will have lunch at the Corner Bakery in Corsicana and return back to OUMC in the early afternoon. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Ladies Bible Study to Be Offered

A Tuesday morning ladies Bible study will begin March 6 and will go through April 10, 2012. We will be studying Women of the Old Testament by Gladys Hunt. The books will cost about \$7.20 and will be payable on the 6th. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Nita Kees will be the facilitator. A sign- up sheet will be put in the foyer until February 12th and then picked up to order books.

Music Ministries

Extra practice for the Good Friday Tenebrae Service will begin on Sunday, Feb. 12th at 1:30 pm for the men and 3 pm for the women. After that rehearsal we will make decisions about other practices. Soprano sectional rehearsal is offered at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays in my office. Because there aren't any cd's with this music it would be good to set up sectional rehearsals with each section. Please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings after Bible Study.

The bell choir has begun rehearsing some new music. We still need one or two more ringers to play on a permanent basis and could use at least two more substitute ringers. Even if you do not read music we can help you to ring bells. On Feb. 12th at 4:00 pm, I will meet in the sanctuary with children age 2 - 5/6 to form a Cherub Choir. At 4:30 pm, children grades 1 - 5 are invited to come and help us begin a Children's Choir. If you are in the 6th grade, and not involved in another musical organization at the church, you are welcome to come and sing with us. Ultimately we want the Cherub Choir and Children's Choir to meet at the same time in two different rooms. Cherub Choir will be around 20 minutes long and then the children will go to childcare. Ladies with children in these choirs are invited to see Sunday Pirkle about an activity offered to you during choir practice times.

If you play a musical instrument and would like to get an instrumental ensemble started at OUMC please let me know so we can form a plan for this. Come and help us fill our newly expanded chancel area.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises." Psalm 98: 4

Marcia

Attention Mothers, Children and Potential Choir Helpers

On Sunday, February 12th at 4:00 pm we will meet in the sanctuary to begin our Cherub and Children's Choirs. We are looking for adult singers to alternate the practices of the Cherub Choir as it will ultimately meet at the same time as the Children's Choir in another location and will go to childcare after about 20 minutes. During this time there will be an activity led by Sunday Pirkle for mothers of these children to attend while the choir is in session.

See You Sunday,

Marcia

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Missions Workday at Waxahachie Baptist Children's Home – Wednesday, February 8th. Leave OUMC parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and work till noon.

QC Coupon Clipping – Wednesday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Church Meal & Bible Study– Wednesday, February 8th. Meal is at 5:30 p.m. and Bible study is right after at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

OUMC Children's Around the World Adventure – Wednesday, February 8th in the Youth Building from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. p.m. For children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Women's Fellowship – Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Finance Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Sunday school room #2.

Marriage Retreat – Friday, February 10th - Saturday, February 11th at Glen Lake Camp. Depart church parking lot on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and return Saturday evening. See Pastor Joel for further details.

Wings Jail Ministry Trip to Bridgeport, TX – Saturday, February 11th we will leave around 9am and return around 4pm. Contact Nancy Lawrence for more details.

Scouting For Food – Saturday, February 11 the scouts will be in the Youth Building at 9am preparing for Scouting for Food.

Children's Choir Meeting – Sunday, February 12 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

QC Coupon Clipping – Wednesday, February 15th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Sr. Fellowship Field Trip – Thursday, February 16th we will depart OUMC parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and return that afternoon. Field trip is to the Pearce Museum in Corsicana, TX.

Scouting For Food – Saturday, February 18th the scouts will be in the Youth Building at 9am preparing for Scouting for Food.

Children's Choir Meeting – Sunday, February 19th at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

1st UMC of Arlington Chili Cook-off – Sunday, February 19th we will meet in the OUMC church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and head to Arlington for their chili cook-off at 5:00 p.m. See Patrick or Pastor Joel for more details.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. WE WILL NOT HAVE OUR CHURCH MEAL, BIBLE STUDY, KIDS PROGRAMMING, OR CHOIR PRACTICE THAT NIGHT.

Help Us Serve Our Veterans

"Our Veterans have served us, NOW let us serve them!"

Items needed are:

Lap quilts
Toboggans
Pen/pencil and note pads
Snacks (applesauce, peanut butter/cheese/etc...crackers)

A full list of needs is in church foyer on the V.A. box for donations.

Thanks from your Missions Committee

From the Youth Director

This week at Fuel we will be continuing our "Lovesick" series. Parents, if you haven't been receiving emails from me please let me know. Then, on February 19th, we will be headed out to the UTA Wesley Foundation Chili cook-off in Arlington. We will meet at the church at 4:00 and depart for Arlington. I suggest brining ten dollars to do voting for your favorites. We will return to the church at 8:00pm. If you are going to be making chili let me know so we can get you signed up. If you have any questions please ask!

Blessings,

Patrick Turkett
patrick.turkett@gmail.com

Attention New Members

If you have joined the church in either service and are not pictured in our current directory please allow Marcia, (the Music Director), to take a picture for the bulletin board. She is available right after the first service and before or after second service.

Women's Fellowship

(No article submitted)

Missions Garage Sale Coming Soon!

OUMC's Annual Missions Garage Sale is Saturday, April 21st

Get those closets and cupboards cleaned out, box it up, and call either Marcie Mayer or Peggy Schieffer to get access to the storage facility. We can store all good items until the sale at our mini-warehouse on Ovilla Road. Call Marcie at 972-617-0347 or 214-458-6794 or Peggy at 972-223-9351.

Thanks!!!

Peggy Schieffer

Calling All Quilters (or Quilter Want-a-Bee's!

The OUMC Quilters are seeking volunteers who are interested in helping with our 2012 Lord's Acre quilt(s). Experience is not necessary; we will provide on-the-job training. We are doing a preliminary inquiry to gather names of interested individuals and find the days and times most convenient for you.

In the past OUMC had a group of quilters who met regularly and worked on quilts that were sold or raffled at Lord's Acre; this group disbanded for various reasons. We were successful in reestablishing the OUMC Quilter group last year. The group completed a quilt that was raffled and earned approximately \$1,500 for Lord's Acre.

If you are interested in being a part of the OUMC Quilters group please call or email Lois Turner at 972-217-6706, or email jimandloisturner@att.net. You may also contact Cindy Dormier or Nancy Harsch with any questions you might have.

Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

Ovilla United Methodist Church Cemetery Association News

The Cemetery Association is working towards some important goals in 2012 that support the ministries of OUMC, and I wanted to bring you up to speed on a few things.

- First, the price of cemetery plots has been lowered 40% to \$600 each lasting through April 1, 2012. We hope to stimulate interest to help fund upcoming planned activities.
- Second, thanks to the Old Chisolm Trail Chapter of the NSDAR, The Cemetery Records 2011 for Ovilla Cemetery has been published. Copies of this publication will be available soon in the foyer at a cost of \$15 each.
- Third, I would like to add at least two new association members for 2012. With God's ultimate direction, your service will help us to fulfill our charge.
- Lastly, we will be having a cemetery beautification day coming up this Spring. I will give an update when we have pinned down a date.

The Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation that serves at the direction of the OUMC Trustees Committee, and we are charged with the management and oversight of all cemetery activities. Please contact me to discuss any of these opportunities, or any questions, comments or suggestions you may have regarding the cemetery.

Regards,

Tom Davis
OUMCA

2012 Lord's Acre Meeting

Lord's Acre is just around the corner!!

Our kick off meeting is scheduled for 7PM on Thursday, February 23rd. EVERYONE is needed at this meeting, so we can discuss this year's event. Bring your new ideas/suggestions, and be thinking where you wish to serve.

Thanks,
Riley and Cheryl Sullivan

Sunday School Information

K-5 (meets in the Youth building): Led by our great band of volunteers. Currently studying: **Pre-school** is learning: (no information submitted.) Our **K – 5th Grade:** (no information submitted.)

Crossroads C lass (singles; meets in Pastor Joel's office): Led by Bob Green. Currently studying: a book entitled, "Crossroads." This is a book about the single people in the Bible.

College Age class (college age ; meets in the comfy classroom by the kitchen): Led by JoAnn Leath. Currently studying: NOOMA Video Series by Rob Bell. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. **NOOMA** is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. **NOOMA** is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

Junior high (grades 6-8; meets in the Youth building): Led by Lori Green. Currently studying: (no information submitted.)

Senior High (grades 9-12; meets in the back room of the Youth building): Led by Jim Bob Green. Currently studying: Song of Songs". Ever wonder why the Bible gives us so much direction on life but says so little about romantic relationships? Actually it does. In fact there is a whole book in the Bible dedicated to what a Godly guy/girl relationship should be like. This is a very important topic for todays youth so I encourage you to attend or if you are a parent reading this, PLEASE make getting your kiddo to Sunday School each Sunday, especially the next 2-3 weeks a high priority."

Fellow Seekers adult class (meets in the front classroom in the Fellowship Hall): Led by Grant Jacobs and Don Lindop. Currently studying: God Establishes a Faithful People: Freed From the Law Through Christ.

Contemporary Topics adult class (meets in Education building, room #1): Led by different class members. Currently studying: (no information submitted.)

Time Out adult class (meets in Education building, room #3) : Led by various class members. Currently studying: Current Christian Topics.

New Life adult class (meets in Education building, room #2): Led by Jim Turner. Currently studying: The New Life Class will soon complete its study of the Book of Luke and will start a study of the Book of Acts either Sunday February 12th or February 19th. Adults of any age are welcome in this class.

Friendship adult class (meets in Education building, room #4): Led by Rick Hart. Currently studying: "Faith and the Founding of America." A video series by historian and author David Barton is the basis for discussion that our Christian heritage is at the root of American liberty and freedom, not a separation from God

Joys and Concerns

To be on our prayer list, please call the church office with the name and reason for joy or concern. Names are rotated off every few weeks so that we have room for everyone's needs.

1-29-12

Mark Beidleman – needs employment

2-5-12

Kenny & Patty Jean Mitchell – friends of the Leggett family

Helene LaScala and Hank Steinwandt – mother of Mary Steinwandt and father of Steve Steinwandt

Ongoing

Donnie Pickard – Ovilla Fire Chief – health issues

Jan Brooks – recuperating from surgery/health issues

Rita Junco – cousin of Kathy Ivanovskis – facing cancer and is recently unemployed

Katy Duncan – friend of Joel & Christie Robbins – fighting 2 forms of cancer

Bob Green – beginning chemotherapy, prognosis is very good.

Mike & Kathy Dickey – continued healing for Mike and strength and peace for Kathy

Dyrk Burcie – friend of Tommy McKee – little boy with cancer

Billy Sullivan – son of Riley Sullivan

Laura Abbott – District Admin. Asst. – on leave of absence for stage IV cancer Recovery efforts in Japan

Roger Hilburn – still taking chemotherapy

Estell Griffin – David Griffin's mom

Chad Jackson – health issues

Jim & Louise Garner – health issues

Robert Strafford – Jennifer McKee's dad – continued healing for heart trouble

Del and Cindy Jones – health issues and adjusting to new way of life

Home Bound

Dorothy Pope

Church Ministries

Jerri & Bill Savuto – retired UMC missionaries

Haiti recovery ministries

Military

Michael Mercado, Michael Winn, Harry Evans, Steven Culley, Brian Culley, Brandon Boyce, John David Dirk, Bobby Hodge, Audrey Webster, Stan Murphy, Freddie Shoemaker, Cody McKee, Gregory Austin, Casey Joshua Booth, Blake Womack, Matthew Bustos

Help Wanted!

Attention Pew and Foyer Maintenance Team:

If you are looking for a place to serve in the congregation there is an area that could use more helpers. After services on Sunday the pews should be straightened, books put back, bulletins picked up and put in the recycle box in the choir robing room and trash put in the trash can. About every other week the paper supplies and pencils need to be checked. If you are willing to help with this, keeping the foyer clean and changing out the altar cloths please let me know. We have never set a regular schedule for doing this work and it would be a good thing to have a group of people to do these duties. Please let me know if you are willing to help in this area, when you are available to work, and I will show you where the supplies are located.

Thank you,

Marcia Haugarth

Attention Bulletin Folders/Those Wishing to Help Fold Bulletins,

We have several folks that helped fold bulletins last year that have had to drop out for 2012 for one reason or another. We are looking for more volunteers. We rotate you where you only have to fold no more than once a month. You may sign up as an individual or get your whole family in on the fun. Bulletins are usually ready by Thursday afternoon. You just need to pick them up and have them back at the church folded by early service on Sunday mornings. We currently fold 200 bulletins for Sunday mornings.

If you would be interested please contact Michelle Davis at 4dranch02@att.net or 972-723-6370. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Meal Coordinator Position

We are looking for someone to coordinate our Wednesday night meals. This person makes sure we have plenty of folks signed up, makes sure food is ordered and ready for our Wednesday night crowd if no one is signed up. You are reimbursed for your costs. If this is a ministry that you would like to serve in in any capacity please call the church office at 972-617-8840. Thank you.

Calling all Chili Cookers and Consumers!

Calling all Chili Cookers and Consumers!!! Come one, come all to the District-Wide Chili Cook-Off that benefits the UTA Wesley Foundation! Bring your trusted family recipe for your spiciest, meaty-est or bean-iest chili to further the UTA Wesley Foundation's Campus Ministry. Chili will be judged on color, aroma, texture/consistency, taste, flavor & heat and aftertaste.

Carpool with us. We are leaving the church at 4:00pm to head to Arlington! We will return at 8:00pm.

When: 5:00-7:00pm Sunday, February 19th

Where: First United Methodist Church Arlington (313 N. Center Street)

Who: Everyone! Sunday School Classes, Families, Friends!

Awards will be given for:

- Best overall chili (combination of judges scores and votes)
- Judges' choice
- People's choice
- Best vegetarian
- Spiciest
- Best alternative (any meat except beef)

Chili Entry fee is \$25.00

Admission is \$3.00 each or \$10.00 per family (includes one voting ticket per dollar).

Want more votes? It's \$1.00 per vote!

REGISTER your team with **Patrick Turkett**

100% of net proceeds benefit the UTA Wesley Foundation

Awana Information

AWANA CLUBS

Thank you for all those that have been so gracious to volunteer to bring the gospel to our children in our church and those children that are not churched. God has called me to help build this program for our children, but I need your help. Please be in prayer for the Awana clubs program. Let me know if you would like to volunteer. I have lots of different needs from teaching a bible lesson, helping children recite their bible verses, keeping attendance and awards, and game time. There is lots of ways to serve. As soon as I get all the volunteers needed to run an Awana club program (20- 25 wonderful people), I plan to have the kick off registration at the end of February. Soon the Awana Team will have a Saturday Basic Training to learn everything they need to know about running Awana.

Awana Clubs

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Start date: TBA

If you have any questions, please call me at 972-742-5013 or email me green224@me.com

Thanks,

Lori Green

Awana Commander