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Fund raisers ...

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Annual fall fundraising events critical to local church outreach

September 17 & 18

Killeen First UMC Bazaar Cafe & Country Store — lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. country store/baked goods/jellies & preserves • fried pies pick up/call church for orders [www.fumckilleen.com 254-634-6363]

Saturday, September 19

Britton UMC Fall Event — 4-7 p.m. BBQ dinner • live entertainment by Randy Gore & Band • baskets/school supplies/spa items/movies/bake sale [juanitamott@sbcglobal.net 972-938-0810]

Brock UMC Lord's Acre — Stores open 10 a.m. • turkey dinner 11 a.m. • live auction 1 p.m. [www.brockumc.com 817-613-0332]

Killeen First UMC Builder's Bazaar Dinner & Auction — 5:30 p.m. catfish dinner • 6:30 p.m. live auction [www.fumckilleen.com 254-634-6363]

Smithfield UMC Harvest Festival — Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • yard sale/games/crafts/ministry fair/used book sale/children's activities • silent & live auctions • lunch catered by Mexican Inn [817-281-0314]

Sparks Memorial UMC Harvest Festival — Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with live/silent auctions • children's auction • BBQ lunch • children activities • health fair. JCS7957@aol.com 254-716-9550]

September 26

Arlington First UMC Fall Festival — Open 4-7 p.m. with BBQ dinner • country store • raffle • games & activities for children [michelle@arlingtonmethodist.org 817-274-2571]

Burleson First UMC Fall Festival — 3:30-5 p.m. with silent auction • general store • children's area • 5 p.m. fajita dinner & live auction [817-295-1166]

Faith UMC of Fort Worth Fall Festival — Open 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. or until everything is sold • clothing • frozen food • furniture and household items • baked goods • crafts • food/drinks [817-838-6953]

Joshua Lord's Acre — Open 9 a.m.-1p.m. (1000 Paula Drive, corner of Paula & Hwy. 174) with BBQ lunch & live auction [817-558-9801]

Lake Shore UMC Fish Fry — Open 5 - 7 p.m. with good food and fellowship. [lakeshoreunited@grandecom.net 254-754-7333]

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'An Evening of Compassion' event offers insights into the migrants among us

"The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19, NRSV

Getting to know the migrants among us is both the theme and intention of An Evening of Compassion which will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, at Polytechnic United Methodist Church (1310 S. Collard St. 76105) in Fort Worth.

This two-hour event begins at 7 p.m. with the screening of the acclaimed film "Made in L.A." and provides opportunities to gather resources about immigration issues and to participate in a prayer vigil.

The United Methodist Church's

General Board of Church & Society has promoted this film as a poignant vehicle for better understanding the issues facing today's immigrants.

Organizers of An Evening of Compassion are part of the Welcoming Immigrants Network (WIN), a faith-based network of Texans who are reaching out in love to immigrants.

For more information about the program, contact Rev. Robert Flowers, pastor at Polytechnic UMC, at 817-534-0278.

For more information about WIN or to find out how to join this effort, please contact Rev. R. Dean Reed, pastor at First United Methodist Church of Stephenville, at rdr17@me.com or 254-965-5046.

The United Methodist Church recognizes that the story of the United States is the story of immigration. To find out more, please visit <http://www.umc-gbcg.org> and under menu select "Issues and News" and then "Immigration."

Faith community and the flu

H1N1 is here. It's already running rampant in close communities like college campuses, but the good news is it is far less virulent than expected.

Last May bishops of The United Methodist Church offered words of counsel on the Swine Flu epidemic to "stay clam, avoid blaming others, embrace the sick in Christian love."

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has published and disseminated considerable information about avoiding and combating H1N1 or Swine Flu, but here are five strategies churches can adopt for congregational health

1. Know the facts about H1N1 (Swine) Flu and seasonal flu — how to avoid contracting and spreading.

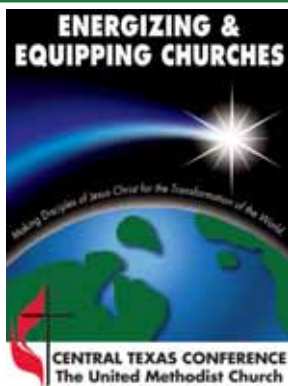
2. Prepare ahead of time — organize, modify procedures like individual wafers and disposable cups for communion.

3. Educate staff and volunteers — reinforce good hygiene/common sense habits.

4. Revise policies — make adjustments like avoiding the "hello" handshakes and hugs.

5. Alternative working/meeting arrangements — encourage those who are sick to rest at home.

Overall, follow the guidelines of the CDC and state and local health departments.



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The Wilderness Way

BY BISHOP MICHAEL LOWRY

21. In my Wilderness Way article #19, I noted five key elements to faith walking in the wilderness which we find ourselves: (1) deep covenant commitment; (2) heightened worship and spiritual connectedness to God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; (3) unflinching perseverance; (4) real courage; and (5) touch trust in divine leading. The word perseverance “comes from the prefix *per* meaning *through*, coupled with the word *severe*. It means to keep pressing on, trusting God, looking up, doing our duty — even through severe circumstances.”¹

Our Lord Jesus Christ lived a life of perseverance on his way to the cross and beyond. His wilderness journey was the journey of perseverance and faithfulness, done for our sake.

There can be little dispute that perseverance is a great trait of Christian character. The Bible says, “Endurance [perseverance] produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”² On the one hand, perseverance seems obvious. We all need it. It is hard. We are all tempted to resign in despair. Yet for people of faith Jesus himself offers the template for true perseverance; perseverance beyond just a grit-and-bear-it philosophy.

On his way to Jerusalem in the 10th chapter of Mark’s gospel, he along with his followers can see the cross looming before him. Instead of running or living in denial, Jesus faced reality. “He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him.’”³

Jim Collins in his modern writing calls this the “Stockdale Principle.” Admiral Stockdale was the highest-ranking officer held as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. He endured incredible hardships, torture, and deprivations. Through it all he persevered. Jim Collins interview Admiral Stockdale on his horrendous wilderness experience. He records them walking together, “Stockdale limping and arc-swinging his stiff leg that had never fully recovered from repeated torture. Finally, after about a hundred meters of silence, I asked, ‘Who didn’t make it out?’

“Oh, that’s easy,” he said. “The optimists.”

“The optimists? I don’t understand,” I said, now completely confused, given what he’d said a hundred meters earlier.

“The optimists. Oh, they were the ones who said, ‘We’re going to be out by Christmas.’ And Christmas would come, and Christmas would go. They they’d say, ‘We’re going to be out by Easter.’ And Easter would come, and Easter would go. And then Thanksgiving, and then it would be Christmas again. And they died of a broken heart.”

“Another long pause, and more walking. Then he turned to me and said, ‘This is a very important lesson. You must never confuse faith that

you will prevail in the end — which you can never afford to lost — with the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of your current reality, whatever they might be.”⁴

Second, notice how Jesus held them together in community. He called the twelve together. He share with them. He walked with them. The hardships of our personal wilderness are not meant to be faced alone! Two things are meant to happen — Jesus repeatedly models them both:

(1) Support one another

(2) Seek and give encouragement⁴. We have a false and even destructive sense of the proud, silent type enduring trials. This is wrong. It is biblically false. Jesus discussed it with the guys. Admiral Stockdale lived in a supportive community in “Hanoi Hilton,” the prisoner-of-war camp. To preserve, hold to community!

Third, resiliency, the capacity to persevere, is crucial. There are three main components. Resilient people, those who practice perseverance:

(1) Exercise control rather than remain passive

(2) Remain committed to Godly values

(3) Find (or hold) to meaning and purpose

Two marvelous books leap off my shelf about this subject. Viktor Frankl’s classic *Man’s Search for Meaning* about surviving the Holocaust is a must read. John Ortberg’s fourth chapter in *If You Want to Walk on Water You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat* is tremendous. He writes: “Faith believes that with God, we are never helpless victims.”⁵ Jesus was never a victim of the plotting Pilate, the conniving authorities, or the betraying Judas. As you read the story of Jesus’ arrest, trial, and crucifixion he exercised whatever control he could. He was never a victim. He modeled perseverance for us.

Last, and perhaps most importantly, never lose faith in God’s ultimate triumph. Perseverance lives in an Easter faith. Because of Christ, regardless of the situation, no matter how tough or traumatic the experience, we never need to lose faith in God’s ultimate triumph. “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness [the perseverance] of Christ.”⁶

1. From a sermon by Robert J. Morgan, *Nelson’s Complete Book of Stories, Illustrations, and Quotes*, p. 610

2. Romans 5:4-5

3. Mark 10:33-34

4. Jim Collins, *Good to Great*, p. 85

5. John Ortberg, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat*, p.102

6. II Thessalonians 3:5

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New World UMC, Arlington Fall Fest Circus “under the big top” —

Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. featuring center ring surrounded by booth of baked goods/chefs serving breakfast & lunch/souvenir shops/store/entertainment with clowns & fortune telling [marla@nwumc.org 817-460-4212]

Red Oak First UMC Lord’s Acre Day — Silent auction 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

• BBQ lunch by the UM Men 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with other foods by the women of the church • live auction 1 p.m. with auctioneer Heath Simms [972-617-9100]

Springtown First UMC Lord’s Acre — Shops opens in the Family Life

Center at 10 a.m. • BBQ dinner at 11:30 a.m. • live auction at 1 p.m. • country store • sweet shop • baked goods • UMW gift baskets • silent auction • seasonal creafits • quilts • kids’ bounce house • old time gospel &

contemporary live music. [springtownumc@gmail.com 817-523-7874]

September 26 - October 31

Lorena UMC Annual Great Pumpkin Patch — Open daily with pumpkins of all sizes/shapes 50¢ to \$30 • picture background for fall portraits • carving pumpkins. Church groups, day cares and schools welcome, but appreciate large groups calling in advance with their expected time/date. All proceeds benefit mission work, including sending junior/senior high youth on CTCYM [www.lorena.org 254-857-4283]

October 1-31

Red Oak First UMC 5th Annual Pumpkin Patch — buy pumpkins • take

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pictures • Party at the Patch on Oct. 10 with hayrides/stories/pumpkins painting • Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31 [www.fumcro.org 972-617-9100]
St. John the Apostle UMC, Arlington — Pumpkin Patch fund raiser for youth mission. Open daily 10 a.m.-8 p.m. [steve.langford@sjaumc.org 817-468-8484]

October 3

Annetta UMC Lord's Acre — Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • live and silent auctions [817-341-7414]

Bethesda UMC Lord's Acre — Opens 10 a.m. • country store/children's activities • turkey dinner • auction at 1 p.m. [ken@bethesdaumc.com 940-682-7339]

Church of the Good Shepherd UMC 22nd Annual Fall Fun Fest — Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with silent auction • giant garage sale • food booth • bake sale • vendor booths • Carter Blood Center on-site • stage entertainment all day • for the kids Arlington Fire Dept., bounce house, face painting, puppet shows, contests. [Nila Geisel at 817-276-0727]

Covington UMC Fall Festival — Opens 8 a.m. • bake sale • BBQ lunch • live auction 1 p.m. [254-582-8998]

Everman UMC 46th Lord's Acre Day with "Look at Us Shine in 2009" theme — Open 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. bounce house for the kids • 10 a.m. bake shop • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. lunch by Hickory Stick BBQ • 1 p.m. live auction with auctioneer Luther Davis • nursery provided [817-293-0577]

Florence UMC Fall Festival — Opens 8:30 a.m. • silent auction 8:30 a.m.-12 • baked goods/crafts/plants/games • BBQ at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • auction at 1 p.m. • quilt raffle [www.florenceumc.net 254-793-2535]

Frost UMC Lord's Acre at Frost School Cafeteria — Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. • auction that includes UMW friendship quilt • proceeds go to new parking lot with handicap accessibility [903-682-2721]

Hico UMC "Harvest of Blessings" Lord's Acre (400 W. First, Hico) — Homemade quilts • needlework • baked goods • decorations/crafts • donations of hunting/fishing opportunities • livestock • tools, jewelry. 10% of proceeds to support a mission project and help provide interior renovations to the church. [fumchico@embarqmail.com 254-796-4539]

St. John's UMC, Georgetown Harvest Fest at San Gabriel Community Center — Open 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. • tickets in advance or at door • turkey dinner • baked goods/crafts/book & basket sales/silent auction • musical entertainment • live auction at 6:30 p.m. [512-863-5886]

St. Luke, Haltom City UMC Fall West Fest — Live/silent auctions • miniature horses chariots and duck races • quilts [stlukeumc@charter.net 817-838-6834]

St. Paul UMC, Hurst Fall Festival — Open 12 noon-4 p.m. with "Patriotic 40s theme" with ticket sales in September • catered lunch • silent auction • entertainment by Michael Hix of the Johnnie High Revue & St. Paulettes Trio • special activities for children (by reservation) [817-284-7181]

Temple Hall UMC & The Texas Hoopers "Electrifying Craft & Wares Fair" (5603 Temple Hall Hwy. off Hwy 51, 8 miles north of Granbury) — Open Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday following worship 12 noon-5 p.m. • homemade and country items • vendors • food • entertainment. Proceeds to redo church's electrical system [Delle Blackwell at 817-9245 or Helen Jones at 817-594-7940]

Troy UMC Fall Festival — Huge garage sale Friday & Saturday 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. • sugar shack, bake sale, general store & silent auction starting at 8 a.m. • grilled chicken lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. • live auction with Eddy Lange auctioneer at 3 p.m. [www.troymethodist.org 254-938-2364]

Waples UMC, Granbury Garage Sale — Open Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Church located 3 miles north of Hwy 377 on Hwy. 167 [jcjohn0100@sbcglobal.net 817-279-6614]

October 10

Blooming Grove UMC Lord's Acre — 9 a.m. country store • 11:30 a.m. BBQ lunch with take outs available at 11 a.m. • 1 p.m. live auction [903-695-2334]

Crowley First UMC 50th Lord's Acre Harvest Festival — Open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • live/silent auctions/country store/sweet shop • free BBQ lunch • children's area • nursery provided [www.crowleyumc.com 817-297-4530]

L. Clifford Davis Scholarship Fund Raiser hosted by Tarrant County Restorative Justice Center — Open 6-8 p.m. at Campus Drive UMC, Fort Worth • to participate in community choir contact Penny Yaites or register online [www.yaitesmin.org 817-719-5978]

Edge Park UMC Fall Festival — Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • silent auction/bake sale/crafts/children's activities/flu shots • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. lunch [817-292-5140]

Ferris First UMC Lord's Acre — Opens 9 a.m. under the tent with homemade goodies/crafts/silent auction/kid's activities • BBQ dinner • live auction

[ljwhithd@dishmail.net 972-544-2474]

Maypearl UMC 50th Lord's Acre — BBQ lunch at 11 a.m. • auction at 1 p.m. [juanitamott@sbcglobal.net 972-938-0810]

Meridian First UMC Lord's Harvest — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. general store and free kid's kingdom • 11:30 a.m. silent auction closes • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. BBQ lunch • 12:30 p.m. grand auction [RaddeRanch@htcomp.net 254-435-2218]

Poolville UMC Lord's Acre Festival — Opens 9 a.m. children's area/art contest/good eats booth • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. BBQ lunch • 1 p.m. live auction [817-599-3601]

St. Paul, Georgetown UMC Festival — Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • BBQ dinner • kid's area/garage sale/basketball shoot/cake walk • praise band from Wellspring UMC [512-863-3716]

St. Stephen UMC, Arlington Fall Festival — Opens 8 a.m. with yard sale/bake sale/children's area • lunch • 6 p.m. BBQ dinner • 6:45 p.m. live auction [suean@att.net 817-460-8655]

Wellspring UMC Fall Festival — Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • focus on children and families • noon BBQ lunch • live entertainment • silent auction [www.wellumc.org 512-930-5959]

Wesley UMC, Corsicana Lord's Acre — 5:30 p.m. turkey dinner [arlene.turner@att.net 903-872-1877]

October 11-31

Killeen First UMC Pumpkin Patch — Open Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. to dusk / Sunday 1 p.m. to dusk [www.fumckilleen.com 254-634-6363]

October 17

Arlington Heights UMC, Fort Worth Lord's Acre — Open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. [chism53@juno.com 817-737-3161]

Bethel UMC, Waxahachie Lord's Acre — Opens with free BBQ lunch at noon • 1 p.m. auction [bethel.umc@hotmail.com 972-923-2644]

Bruceville-Eddy UMC Fall Festival — Opens 8 a.m. • kid's games/garage sale/arts & crafts/breakfast burritos • BBQ lunch • 10 a.m. live auction [http://www.gbmg-umc/beumc 254-224-7064]

Christ UMC, Fort Worth Fall Festival — Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • country store/silent auction/bake sale/children activities • lunch • Carter Blood Drive 8 a.m.-12 noon (call church office to schedule at time to donate) [office@christumc@sbcglobal.net 817-346-2400]

Davis Memorial UMC Family Fall Festival — Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • craft fair/adopt-a-pet/health vendors/kid's games • food [www.dmumc.com 817-281-0411]

Grace UMC, Copperas Cove Fall Festival — Open 8 a.m. • pumpkin patch • kid's games/garage sale/bake sale/craft sale • BBQ dinner [cyancey@graceumccopperascove.com 254-547-3729]

Grandview UMC Lord's Acre — Open 9 s.m. • crafts/sweets/plants/kid's corner, silent auction/rummage sale/pumpkin patch • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. fried catfish dinner • 1 p.m. live auction [817-866-3636]

Handley UMC Fall Festival — Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • breakfast • garage sale • lunch • silent/live auctions • all day activities for kids [http://www.handleyumc.org 817-451-4321]

Hurst First UMC Harvest Festival — Open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with children/family activities/mystery boxes/bake & frozen entree sale/silent auction • 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. baked potato or salad lunch • 1-2 p.m. live auction [cindybrownhyarding@charter.net 817-282-7384]

Line Street UMC, Hillsboro — Opens 8 a.m. • country store • bake sale • chicken fried steak lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • auction [817-282-7384]

Lorena UMC Harvest Fest — 7 a.m. breakfast burritos/coffee • bake sale/silent auction/kid's activities (hay jump/maze/scare crow dressing/arts & crafts/bource house) • 8 a.m. map-led citywide garage sale • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. chopped beef sandwich lunch • 2 p.m. live auction • proceeds go to mission work including

CTCYM [www.lorenaumc.org 254-857-4283]

Palmer UMC Lord's Acre — Opens 4 p.m. with country store/silent auction • 5-6:30 p.m. dinner • 7 p.m. live auction • proceeds go to mission and capital budgets [rhonda_joseph@att.net 972-938-7883]

Wm. C. Martin UMC Lord's Acre — Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • silent/live auctions/bake sale/Martin Mall/casserole sale/kid's fest/Mission Cafe for breakfast/BBQ lunch [deannam@martin-methodist.org 817-354-9038]



Conference Calendar

September

19: Conference Mission Leadership Team/N.O.W. Councils at Glen Lake Camp

24: Texas Health Resource Task Force at Conference Center

26: Training for Stephen Ministers, sponsored by Outreach Council's Mental Health Concerns

26: Stalcup Lecture on "A History of the Christian Witness" 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. at Brite Divinity School, TCU, Fort Worth RSVP: 817-326-4242

27: United Methodist Women Sunday

27: An Evening of Compassion: Getting to Know the Migrants Among Us, 7 p.m. at Polytechnic UMC, Fort Worth

28: Perkins Youth School of Theology Open House, 7-9 p.m. at Perkins, SMU, Dallas RSVP: 214-768-1481

October

1: CTC Board of Trustees meeting at Conference Center

3: CTC United Methodist Women Autumn Gathering

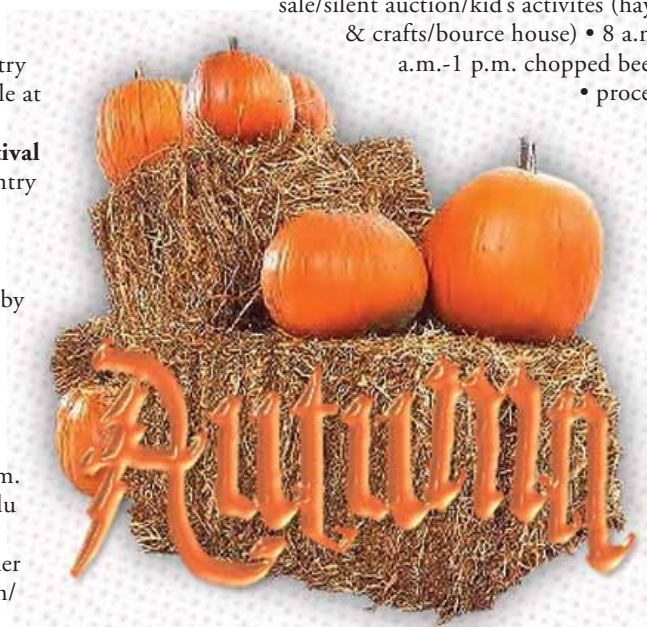
3: CTC Board of Pensions meeting at Arlington Heights UMC, Fort Worth

4: World Wide Communion Offering

8: Pre-Marriage Counseling - Information & Education for Clergy at Central UMC, Waco

9-11: Poverty Simulation Weekend for youth grades 9-12 and sponsors at Mission Waco

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Wesley Memorial UMC, Cleburne 44th Lord's Acre & Harvest Festival — Opens 9 a.m. with country store/sweet shoppe/silent auction • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. BBQ lunch • 1 p.m. big item auction [817-645-2373]

October 17-31

Hewitt First UMC Pumpkin Patch — (600 S. First St., Hewitt) • activities for children held among the pumpkins [firstumcofhewitt@grandecom.net 254-666-2500]

October 18

Ballinger First UMC Lord's Acre Festival — Open 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [fumc.ballinger@verizon.net 325-365-2323]

Bartlett First UMC Harvest Fest — Opens 8 a.m. with homebaked goodies/handicrafts • 5 p.m. BBQ chicken dinner • auction [nancsj@earthlink.net 254-527-3772]

Bethel UMC, Waxahachie Lord's Acre Sale (first in Texas) [972-923-2644]

Couts Memorial UMC, Weatherford Harvest Celebration [cindy@coutsumc.org 817-599-8601]

Euleless First UMC Lord's Acre Fall Festival — Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • silent/live auctions/bake sale/children's activities • lunch [phyllis@fumceuleless.org 817-283-4421]

Oglesby First UMC Fall Festival at Oglesby Community Center — 3 p.m. yard sale/arts/crafts • 5 p.m. dinner • 6 p.m. auction [johnbarnes@embarqmail.com 254-644-0262]

October 24

Alvarado UMC Lord's Acre — Opens at noon with baked goods/country store/petting zoo/children's activities • BBQ dinner • 6 p.m. auction of handicrafts/collectibles • proceeds support various mission and ministries [fumcalv@sbcglobal.net 817-790-3101]

Cahill UMC Fall Festival — Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • garage sale/silent auction/live auction/cakewalks/kid's games/quilt raffle • BBQ lunch [huskerchick@aircanopy.net 817-783-7107]

Comanche First UMC Harvest Festival — Opens 2 p.m. • bake sale • silent/live auctions • BBQ dinner [fumc@comanchetx.com 325-356-2120]

Ennis First UMC Harvest Festival — Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • silent/live auctions • food pantry • pumpkin patch • used-but-good • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lunch • 4 p.m. take-home dinner [rev1955@aol.com 972-875-7491]

Eureka UMC Lord's Acre — Open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-7 p.m. • 5-7 p.m. BBQ dinner • 7:30 p.m. auction [revdricker@yahoo.com 903-872-5079]

Hubbard First UMC 31st Lord's Acre festival — Opens 9 a.m. with country store • 2 p.m. auction with handmade quilts by "Quilters for Christ" and other items • turkey dinner [fulton1@windstream.net 254-576-2313]

Itasca UMC — Smokers cooking all night with sale of sandwiches, briskets and by the pound and whole • live/silent auctions [itascaumc@digitex.net 254-687-2650]

Kennedale First UMC Lord's Acre — Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • silent/live auctions • games/rides for children/country store/crafts/food • live entertainment • BBQ dinner [ut70boyd@sbcglobal.net 817-478-5811]

Killeen First UMC Fall Carnival — Open 3-6 p.m. for games/food/pumpkins [www.fumckilleen.com 254-634-6363]

McGregor First UMC Harvest Festival — Opens Friday with bake sale at First National Bank of McGregor • Saturday BBQ brisket lunch and country store • proceeds support ministries of the church [lianner@sbcglobal.net 254-840-2181]

Temple First UMC event — [jane.woodward@fumctemple.org 254-773-5269]

Trinity UMC, Arlington Fall Festival — Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • booths/vendors • silent/live auctions musical entertainment • children's games [brenda@trinityumcarlington.org 817-274-1345]

Watauga First UMC Fall Festival — Open 4 to 7 p.m. • bake sale/bounce houses/pony rides • silent/live auctions • BBQ dinner [rebecca.lewis@bnsf.com 817-352-2003]

October 31

Lakeside UMC Fall Garage Sale Plus — Open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • children's games/crafts/baked goods/casseroles • trunks & treats [lakeside_umc@yahoo.com 903-599-3080]

River Oaks UMC Fall Festival — Open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • crafts/country store/food • silent/live auctions • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. brisket lunch • 2 p.m. live auction • 6-9 p.m. Halloween Carnival with treats/hot dogs/prizes [madsferg@sbcglobal.net 817-625-6281]

Sunday, November 1

Belton First UMC Fall Festival — Open 5-7 p.m. in Family Life Center • tickets sold for 10¢ at the front door with all proceeds going to youth mission trip • food • games [maryanner@vvm.com 254-939-5703]

Iredell First UMC — fundraiser & holiday craft show [iredellfumc@dishmail.net 254-364-2576]

November 7 & November 6-7

DeLeon First UMC Harvest Festival at downtown DeLeon City Hall — 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. booths and lunch • 5-7 p.m. BBQ dinner • 6 p.m. auction • proceeds to support youth and children's outreach ministries, including Jump Start After-School Program [fumc@cctc.net 254-893-6155]

Eastern Hills UMC Fall Festival — Open Friday & Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. with silent auction/bake sale/thrift store • pancake breakfast Saturday 8-11 a.m. [Lesdarrah@aol.com 817-457-2758]

Godley UMC Lord's Acre at Godley Elementary School (next door to church on FM 2331) — Opens 9 a.m. • 10 a.m. silent auction • 11 a.m.

turkey dinner • 1 p.m. live auction with quilts, crafts, special items [817-389-2287]

Gordon UMC Lord's Acre at Gordon High School Gym (just off I-20 on FM 919, 38 miles west of Weatherford) — Open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for turkey dinner and other activities [254-693-5352]

Hewitt First UMC Harvest Festival — Opens 7 a.m. with garage sale/country store • 8 a.m. cookie walk/homemade goodies • 11 a.m. brisket dinner • 12 noon live auction • [firstumcofhewitt@grandecom.net 254-666-2500]

Olney First UMC — 10-11:30 a.m. food pantry • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. brisket/chicken lunch • 12:30 p.m. auction • live entertainment [revlaraine@yahoo.com 940-564-5622]

Ovilla UMC Lord's Acre celebrating completion of the Billingsley Memorial in the church cemetery — 6-8 p.m. Friday chicken fried steak dinner • Saturday open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • crafts/country store/bake sale/silent & live auctions • BBQ lunch • Fall Stewardship Events also show support for the local fire and police departments hosting them at Friday dinner & Saturday lunch [calhoffman@sbcglobal.net 972-617-8840]

Saginaw UMC Fall Craft Sale — Contact: office@saginawumc.org

Walnut Springs Memorial UMC 54th Lord's Acre/Harvest Festival at Walnut Springs Community Center — Opens 5-8:30 a.m. with hunger's breakfast • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. turkey dinner • baked goods • silent and live auctions beginning at 12:30 p.m. • proceeds go to local, county, national and world missions plus church apportionments

Waxahachie First UMC Lord's Acre Sale — Opens 9 a.m. • quilt raffle • silent auction • builder's basket auction • Christmas decorations • food • crafts • entertainment featuring Todd Brothers and the new Creation Singers • BBQ lunch at 11 a.m. • live auction at 1 p.m. [waxnews@sbcglobal.net 972-937-4400]

Western Hills UMC, Fort Worth Fall Festival — Opens 10 a.m. with games/rides/activities/concessions/country store/bake sale/basket raffle/silent auction • 6 p.m. dinner • 7 p.m. live auction [http://westernhillsumc.org office@westernhillsumc.org 817-244-1153]

October 30-November 1

Groesbeck First UMC Fall Festival — Meals • silent & live auctions • bake/craft sales • blessing of the animals [pastorronb@embarqmail.com 254-729-5137]

November 7

Barry UMC Lord's Acre (held at Fannie Mae Vernon Room, 4021 W. Hwy. 22, Corsicana) — Opens 10:30 a.m. with country store • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. BBQ • 1:15 p.m. [revdricker@yahoo.com 903-872-5079]

November 8

Ballinger First UMC Fall Fest Fish Fry — Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. [fumc.ballinger@verizon.net 325-365-2323]

Dawson First UMC Lord's Acre Celebration — Opens 11 a.m. • ham lunch at 11:30 a.m. • auction of local crafts and food items [michaelr@valornet.com 254-578-1305]

Winters First UMC Fall Fest Fish Fry — Open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 141 N. Church St., Winters 79567 [325-754-5213]

November 14

Acton UMC Lord's Acre — Open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with lunch • silent/live auctions • bounce houses for kids • bake/casserole sales • arts & crafts [kendall@actonumc.org 817-326-4242]

Colleyville First UMC Holiday Extravaganza — Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. • vendors • silent auction • concessions • door prizes • proceeds benefit missions [www.fumccolleyville.org 817-281-5254]

Cross Plains UMC Lord's Acre — Bazaar open all day • turkey dinner 4-7 p.m. • live auction 7 p.m. [arscp04@yahoo.com 254-725-7377]

Gatesville First UMC Harvest Festival — Opens 7 a.m. with sale booths/silent auction/kid's kraft korner • 11:30 a.m. BBQ dinner • 12:30 p.m. live auction [fumcgatesville@embarqmail.com 254-865-2520]

Killeen First UMC 5K Fun Run/Walk — Race day check in at 7:30 a.m. • starting line at Killeen Community Center parking lot [www.fumckilleen.com 254-634-6363]

Mineral Wells Central UMC Fall Festival — Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • BBQ lunch/crafts/baked goods/jellies & jams/raffle tickets for quilt/music [www.centralumc.com 940-325-5437]

Mt. Zion UMC, Waco Fun Fall Festival — Opens 9 a.m. • games for all ages • arts/crafts • "tastiest food this side of the Bosque River" [niecie4him@aol.com 254-756-5086]

Santa Anna UMC Lord's Acre (date changed / pick up other details)

St. Paul UMC, Hurst Fall Bazaar/Craft Fair — Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • admission/entertainment free • vendors/crafts/children's activities/food & drink [817-284-7181]

November 14-15

St. Andrew's UMC, Arlington Fall Festival — [kate@sa-umc.org 817-465-3043]

November 20-21

Salem-Crestview UMC at Graham Country Store — Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-12 noon Saturday • homemade foods/crafts/gifts/etc. [540-549-1667]

November 24

Corsicana First UMC United Methodist Women's Bazaar — Crafts/baked goods/wood products • turkey spaghetti luncheon • funds go to community ministries 903-874-5656

