

OAK LEAVES



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Oak Meadow United Methodist Church

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If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. (Matthew 18:15 NIV)

What a refreshing method of conflict resolution. This is a much better way than running and shouting to the world that you think **YOU** have been wronged. Although Jesus spoke this teaching nearly 2,000 years ago, it has great application today. It seems the modern world is becoming more and more legalistic. If there is a dispute between people or companies, they sue. If there is a dispute between countries, they bomb. Most disagreements are a result of a lack of

understanding or simply a mistake. A simple, polite, and direct conversation between the two sides would most often resolve the dispute in the simplest and least damaging terms. The outcome? More peace--less pain; more friendships--less enemies; more happiness--less heartache.

I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 18:18 NIV)

Grace and Peace,

Gerald

Weekly Attendance

Date	SS	Worship
Mar 3 rd	6	40
Mar 10 th	15	48
Mar 17 th	13	46
Mar 23 rd	13	54
Mar 31 st	15	46
Avg	12	45
Apr 7	9	28
Apr 14	5	40
Apr 21	7	44
Apr 28		

February Operating Income

Date	Income
Mar 3 rd	\$1730
Mar 10 th	1443
Mar 17 th	955
Mar 24 th	1699
Mar 31 st	854
Total	\$ 5681

May Lectionary

May 5 th	1 st Rdg: Acts 17: 22-31 2 nd Rdg: 1 Peter 3: 13-22 Gospel John 14:15-21
May 12 th	1 st Rdg: Acts 1:6-14 2 nd Rdg: 1 Peter 4:12-14: 5:6-11 Gospel John 17:1-11
May 19 th	1 st Rdg: Acts 2:1-21 2 nd Rdg: 1 Cor 12:3b-13 Gospel John 20:19-23
May 26 th	1 st Rdg: Gen 1:1-2:4a 2 nd Rdg: 2 Cor 13:11-13 Gospel Matt 28:16-20

Monthly Activities

Regular recurring events:

Sunday:

Sunday School - All groups - 9:00 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Monday:

Boy Scout Troop 940 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday:

Mothers Day Out - 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Wednesday:

Mothers Day Out - 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Choir Practice - 7:00 PM

Thursday:

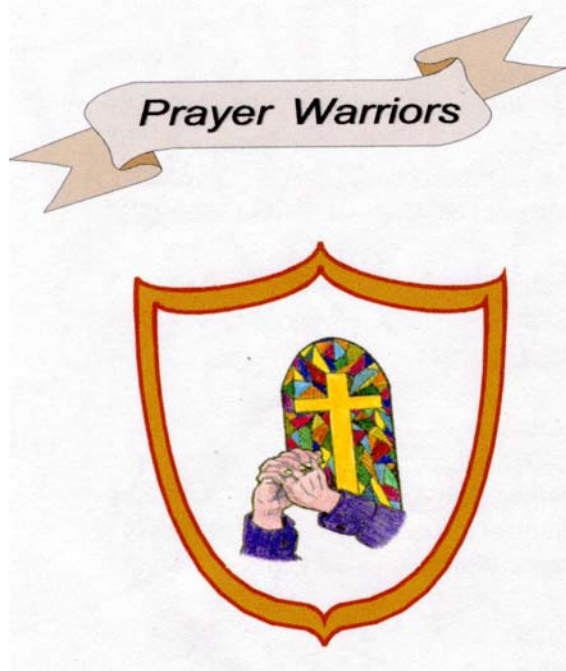
Mothers Day Out - 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Emmaus Reunion Group - 11:30 AM
Prayer Warriors - 1:30 PM

Birthdays/Anniversary

May 9 th	Ricki Ford
May 10 th	Dee Bartlett
May 12 th	Roger Ford
May 14 th	Annie Beighley
May 15 th	Kelly Sewell
May 22 nd	Henrietta Freeman
May 22 nd	Martha de Funes
May 22 nd	Turner Ford
May 30	Doug & Peggy Freeman

Special Activities

May 1 st	UMM Lunch Bunch Old World Restaurant
May 2 nd	National Day of Prayer
May 14 th	Seniors Game Day
May 18 th	Armed Forces Day
May 19 th	Pentecost
May 26 th	Trinity Sunday
May 27 th	Memorial Day Observed
May 30 th	Memorial Day



Prayer Warriors

People are unreasonable, illogical and self centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway

The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people

with the smallest minds,

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for some underdogs anyway.

What you spend building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

-Quoted in Response-



Our Church Family



Dee and Aileen Bartlett

Whenever Oak Meadow United Methodist Church needs anything, they are there.

Whether it's mowing the grass or food or money or simply hands, they come through.

They're Aileen and Dee Bartlett, faithful members for 10 years. A contrast in styles – she is quiet and self effacing, he boisterous and outgoing – this couple are a part of the backbone of this friendly family church.

“I love it,” says Dee. “Everyone is caring and close as family. I'd never go anywhere else.”

Since they married in 1947, they've been members of Travis Park, St. Stephens, St Matthews, and Coker. They've seen Dee form a partnership with his uncle in the tile business, go wholesale, buy his uncle out, and run his own tile company which became after several name changes, Monarch Tile. There, Aileen was his senior bookkeeper. At the same time, they raised four children; Becky,

Daryl, Paula, and Vivian, have eight grand children, two great-grands and two step great-grands. They lost Vivian to cancer when she was only 35, and moved their membership to Oak Meadow UMC.

Now, they have a great time with their sumptuous motor home, going to rallies and gatherings with old friends, where games and camaraderie abound. They also entertain at their lake home and Dee struggles with his hunting “lodge”: and transient-feeding stop near Uvalde.

Aileen is very active in UMW, having served as treasurer for four years. She is also long-time Communion steward for the church. Dee has served on the SPRC and other boards of the church. Now he is making himself responsible for mowing the “back forty” of the church, plus helping out on some repairs and rebuilding work.

Aileen grew up in West Virginia, came to live in San Antonio with an aunt and uncle, and was fated to meet Dee on a double date at a bowling alley. Dee is a native San Antonian, baptized at Travis Park and participated in the youth program there. They were married there by Kenneth Copeland, who later became a bishop.

Interesting trails for a west Virginian and Texan, which we are all glad finally led them to Oak Meadow.

By Lynn Camp

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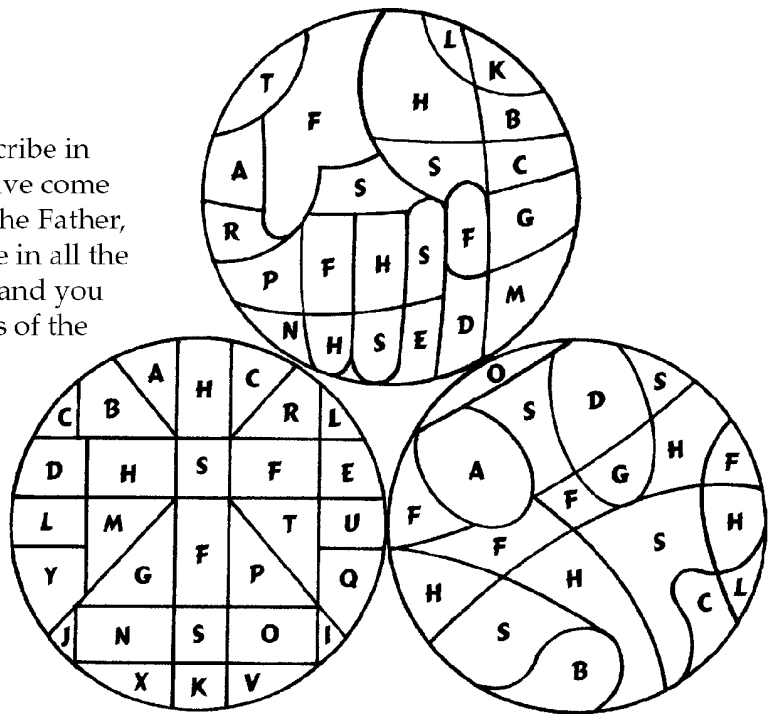
If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

The Holy Trinity

God is wonderful and hard to describe in just a few words. We Christians have come to know God as the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Shade in all the **F**, **S**, and **H** letters in these circles, and you will see symbols for the three parts of the Holy Trinity.

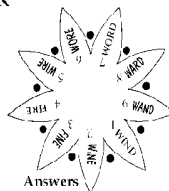
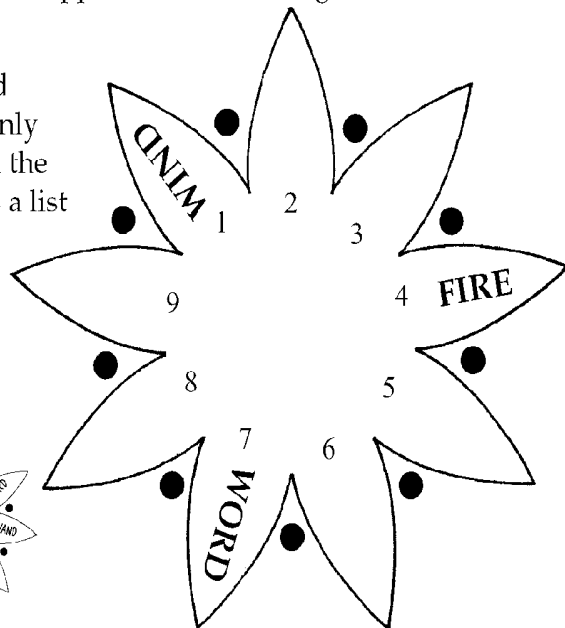


Three Little Words

On the Day of Pentecost people were filled with the Holy Spirit and were changed. They heard “a sound like the rush of a mighty wind...and there appeared to them tongues as of fire.” The people were able to use words in a special way.

Change the word *wind* into *fire*, *fire* into *word*, and *word* into *wind* by moving clockwise (changing only one letter at a time) and writing the new word in the blank spaces on the petals of the flower. Below is a list of clues.

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| 1. WIND | 8. a long room in a hospital, with many beds |
| 2. a grape drink | 9. a magic stick |
| 3. very thin or very nice | |
| 4. FIRE | |
| 5. metal thread | |
| 6. She _____ a hat | |
| 7. WORD | |



Learning from childlikeness

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. Kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at an old drunk and he smiles at me, I see a smelly, dirty person who probably wants money and I look away. Kids see someone smiling at them, and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm, so I sit self-consciously and listen. Kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words and if they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. Kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray, I say "thee" and "thou" and "grant me this" and "give me that." Kids

say "Hi, God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to heaven yet. I would miss Mommy and Daddy."

When I see a mud puddle, I step around it. I see muddy shoes and clothes and dirty carpets. Kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross, and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given kids to teach or to learn from? No wonder God loves the little children!

Thought for the month:

The first step in solving a problem is to begin.

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