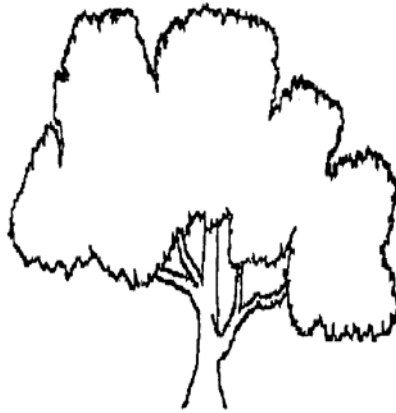


# OAK LEAVES



Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am

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***Oak Meadow United Methodist Church  
2003***

***October/November,***

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## **Words from our Pastor**

To the Congregation of Oak Meadow United Methodist Church

How excited I was that first Monday as I pulled into the parking lot of Oak Meadow United Methodist Church! As I sat behind the desk in the pastor's office, I knew that it was God who had sent me there.

I brought several things with me that day, in order to make the moving-in process as efficient as possible. I brought a cross, a Bible, a hymnal, some pictures of my family, a few pens, some Bible commentaries, some things to hang on the wall, and my robe.

However, almost before I could hang a picture, adjust my chair, or hang up my robe, I began to find many things.

I found a community of God's people willing and eager to serve God. I found dedicated committee chairpersons anxious to sit down and talk with me

about their individual ministries. I found many other people doing things around the church as well, not because of leadership positions, but just because there were things that needed to be done. I also found a multitude of other wonderful people stopping by just to welcome my family and me to the Oak Meadow body of Christ.

It is for these and many other reasons that my family and I wish to extend heartfelt gratitude to each of you.

You have opened your arms, your hearts, your homes and made us feel very welcome. We feel blessed to join you in ministry, and look forward to our time together.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Larry Scharmann

“For wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20 NIV

# Lectionary

## Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

OT Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
 NT Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
 Gospel Mark 10:2-16

## Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

OT Job 2:3-9, 16-17  
 NT Heb 4: 12-16  
 Gospel Mark 10:17-31

## Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

OT Job 38:1-7  
 NT Heb 5:1-10  
 Gospel Mark 10: 35-45

## Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

OT Job 42; 1-6, 10-17  
 NT Heb 7; 23-28  
 Gospel Mark 10;46-52

## Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

OT Ruth 1;1-18  
 NT Heb 9;11-14  
 Gospel Mark 12; 28-34

## Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

OT Ruth 3;1-5, 4;13-17  
 NT Heb 9;24-28  
 Gospel Mark 12;38-44

## Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

OT 1 Sam 1;4-20  
 NT Heb 10;11-14, 19-25  
 Gospel Ma5k 13;1-8

## Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>

OT 2 Sam 23;1-7  
 NT Rev 1;4b-8  
 Gospel John 18;33-37

## Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

OT Joel 2;21-27  
 NT 1 Tim 2;1-7  
 Gospel Matt 6;25-33

## Average Attendance

Month	SS	Worship
Jun	12	45
Jul	26	48
Aug	16	48
Sep	16	53

## Monthly income

Jun	\$8,000
Jul	6,589
Aug	10,378
Sep	9, 189

## Mortgage Balance as of September 30, 2003

**\$8,725.39**

## Calendar of Coming Events

### Regularly scheduled events:

Sunday:  
 Sunday School 9:00 AM  
 Worship 10:30 AM

Monday:  
 Boy Scout Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
 ALATOT 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday:  
 Mother's Day Out 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Tuesday/Thursday  
 Soccer Practice 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM

Wednesday:  
 Youth Games 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Alternate Thursdays  
 Girl Scouts 3:PM to 4:30 PM



## Stewardship

### What's New at Oak Meadow???

Have you been to Oak Meadow recently? You should come by for a visit and to renew old friendships.

Some new things are very obvious – others not so apparent. There is a new table and chairs in the Pastor's office. Bill Ridenour, one of our very talented people made the table and provided it for the office. There is a new Baptismal Font – The wood working was done by Gonzalo Funes and Donna and Lou Armstrong provided the bowl and pitcher. There is greenery in the sanctuary complements of our choir – Sam and Eve Fisher are the coordinators of this project. There is a new condenser on one of our air conditioning units and the parking lot light has been replaced. Mother's Day Out is operating at a higher student load than in previous years. They have new playground equipment, new covered sandbox, and new storage bin in two classrooms.

Oh, yes, we also have a new Pastor – Larry Scharmann came to us in June and has settled in as our new Pastor. He has immediately become an active participant in all of Oak Meadow activities as well as being our spiritual leader. Come by for a visit and meet our new Pastor, I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Probably the newest thing at Oak Meadow is not real obvious to the casual observer. It is the renewed enthusiasm of the congregation. There is great energy as we prepared for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as we plan for our third annual fall festival, the meals available through the church, the adult game days, and seeing the rapid pay down on our mortgage. There is a spiritual halo around Oak Meadow that I have not seen for a long time. I personally congratulate all of you for your contribution to this new spiritual attitude within the congregation. This spirit is what enables groups to overcome great difficulties and achieve greatness.

The finance committee is starting to prepare the budget for 2004. If you have any input for this process please pass the information to Betty Stone, Chair of the Finance Committee or any member of that committee.

The past year has seen some considerable improvement in our financial status. We have paid down our mortgage by over \$20,000 and should pay out the mortgage in May of 2004. We have been able to get a much better feel for what are the real operating costs. We have had some unplanned maintenance but due to the generosity of our members we have been able to take care of those expenses. As we changed pastors there were some minor adjustments in the pastoral compensation package. Our 2003 budget also planned moneys for a music director and for nursery care. Fortunately Dottie Burkett and Anna Cram have filled in as volunteers in this area and we've seldom had a need for nursery care.

There are still some major areas of concern regarding our financial status. First and foremost we have only paid the mandatory portion of our apportionments. Secondly, our facility is 25 years old and some of the maintenance that perhaps should have been accomplished on a regular basis was delayed because of our financial situation. Two of the 4 air conditioners may go out at any time. The medical care payments for our pastor are going up approximately 30% in 2004. The storage building is about to fall apart and needs replacement. There are numerous other items, while seemingly minor do add up and need to be funded. We need to continue the search for a music director and hopefully some day we'll have a need for nursery care.

Some time this fall – probably in November we will be conducting our stewardship campaign for 2004. I would ask that each of you start thinking about your commitment to Oak Meadow and how you personally can support Oak Meadow at a higher level.



**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

Oak Meadow united Methodist Church celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 21, 2003. ninety people were in attendance for this celebration. A large number of previous members and a previous pastor, the Reverend Mark Buchanan were present for the special 10.30 A. M. service. We also had several visitors present as guests of our members. The special service was followed by a meal prepared by the ladies of the church. There are still some 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bulletins by the door in case someone wants one as a keepsake.

Most of the planning for this special event was done by Katie Wardell and Nancy Ridenour. Ruth Cravey headed up the cooking crew and Betty Gene Haile put together the photographic history of the church. Djream Franklin, a teacher in the Mother's Day Out

program and her daughter Krisjon and son Nolan provided nursery service for the small children

It was a great day and many fond memories of Oak Meadow and its past and current members. Many stories were exchanged and a great time was had by all who were able to attend this anniversary celebration

A special thank you to everyone who played a role in making the celebration such a great success.



**Oak Meadow UMC  
3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Fall Festival**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oak Meadow Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00P.M at Oak Meadow United Methodist Church.

Special features of the festival are again the water color show and sale of water color paintings by local San Antonio water color artists, take home food sale, the tea room for refreshments during the show, a silent auction and arts and craft sales. We are also having several local vendors to display and sell their products.

A new feature this year is a raffle of a water color by our own Ivan McDougal (valued at \$500.00) and a leaded glass by our own Bill Ridenour (valued at \$150.00) Raffle tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each. The winning ticket will be drawn at 4:00 P. M. and the first drawn winner gets their choice of the two art pieces. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ticket drawn will then get the remaining item.

Items are needed for the silent auction. Please contact the local merchants that you work with for donations. Letters acknowledging these donations for tax purposes are available from Richard Pariseau or from the church office.

Tickets for the take home food which will be chicken and sausage with all the trimming are \$5.00 each. These and the raffle tickets may be obtained from any member of the Oak Meadow congregation.

There will be a "Moon Walk" available for the children. Come by and support Oak Meadow in this annual fund raiser.

Help is needed to man all the activities occurring on this date. Any time you can give to support Oak Meadow will be greatly appreciated.



## Mothers Day Out News

This year your MDO has many fun and exciting things planned. One of which will be a Thanksgiving Feast for the children and parent's of MDO. We would love to extend an invitation to the church to join us for food, fun and fellowship. If any one has any interest in this please let me know.

God Bless,  
Maria

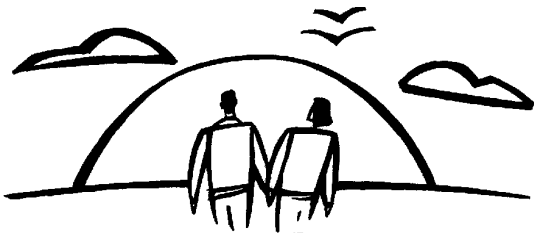


On behalf of your MDO program, the parents and teachers would like to thank those of you who worked so hard this summer to install our tent for the sand box and for the work for our new cubbies. Your hard work was greatly appreciated by all of us.

MDO also has a new teacher for the fall term. Donna Sabal is working with the babies and is a great addition to our staff.

## Amish School Sayings

- I am only one, but I'm still someone.
- I cannot do everything, but I can still do something.
- Just because I cannot do everything does not give me the right to do nothing.
- Remember when you talk you only repeat what you already know, but if you listen you may learn something.
- Let us pray not for lighter burdens, but for stronger backs.
- Start each day with a fresh beginning as if this whole world was made anew.
- We are known by our actual deed and not by what we boast we can do.
- A person who lives for himself never knows the real joys of life.
- Never be afraid to do what is right, even if all others are doing what is wrong.



**Do not let the sun  
go down on your anger.**  
*Ephesians 4:26*