



METHODIST MESSENGER

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Texhoma Church Welcomes New Pastor, Steve Roach



Steve Roach returned to his home church on June 12 to serve as pastor. Steve formally served as Executive Pastor of Stillwater First United Methodist Church for the past eight years, and he has also served the Wakita-Manchester and Prague-Arlington Methodist churches. This begins his fifteenth year in the ministry.

Steve is thrilled to share this ministry with his wife, Dr. Christi Roach and son Forrest, a sophomore at Texhoma High School. Christi recently retired from the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administrators as Executive Director of the Elementary and Middle-level Principals' association. She begins her 32nd year in education by serving as an adjunct instructor at OPSU in the fall. Forrest is active in Ag Mechanics, stock car racing and mechanics, and works in the Texhoma grocery store.

Steve is also happy to join his mother, Ginger Roach, as a servant of the church. Ginger has filled in as church organist/pianist this summer; a job she fulfilled for over 60 years prior to "retiring".

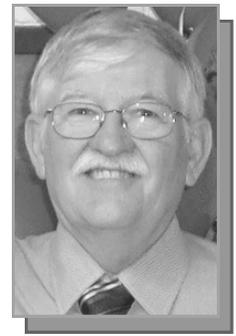
Steve, Christi and Forrest reside at the church parsonage, 316 W. Main. The parsonage phone number is 580-423-7460 and Steve's cell number is 405-747-4959.

Special Dates:

- **PPRC Meeting**
August 7,
3:00pm at
the church
- **Finance Committee Meeting**
August 11,
7:00pm at
the church
- **Church Council Meeting**
September 7,
7:00pm at
the church
- **Charge Conference during worship**
October 2, Noon
Luncheon following
at the
church

YOU ARE INVITED!
9:45am Sunday School
10:55am Worship Service

Message from the Pastor



Hello family and friends...it is good to be home!

My return to Texhoma is momentous in so many ways. It allows me to serve the church that “raised me”. It allows me to be a father to my son on a daily basis. It allows me to support and spend time with my mom. It allows me to truly share the ministry with my wife, now that life has slowed a bit for both of us. I am grateful to each of you for honoring my assignment to Texhoma United Methodist Church and for the gracious welcome you have extended my family.

I have done many things in my life...and now know that I virtually ignored God’s call to serve as a minister. All the signs were there, but I did not feel worthy of that high calling. Don’t we often feel that way? Don’t we often make excuses because we are not good enough; we are not skilled enough; we have not prepared enough?

Seventeen years ago, I finally realized that I was to step out in imperfection and strive to be better each day. I do not have to have the answers; my charge is to guide people to seek their own answers through their personal journey of faith. My good friend Stan Warfield defines the pastoral responsibility as “we are not the shepherd, we are the sheep dog”. I can happily identify with that definition! I will encourage you, nudge you and nip at your heels to grow your personal relationship with God. He does not expect perfection; he expects our devoted participation in his kingdom to better ourselves and others. (*With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19: 26*)

I want our church to continue to fulfill the mission of **Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**. With a mutual commitment of growing from good to great, we can make a difference by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service to the entire Texhoma community and beyond. Please take a few moments to complete the Family Information Sheet that is available in the foyer or online. We want to recognize and celebrate your own momentous occasions, and we also want to gather input from you on ways to expand our ministry. Yes, OUR ministry! As your sheep dog, I accept *no excuses* for restricting our collective faith journey. I invite your participation as we increase the mob.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Psalm 105: 1-2

August Bible Verses

August 7—8th Sunday after Pentecost:

- ◆ Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
- ◆ Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
- ◆ Romans 10: 5-15
- ◆ Matthew 14: 22-33

August 14—9th Sunday after Pentecost:

- ◆ Genesis 45: 1-15
- ◆ Psalm 133
- ◆ Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
- ◆ Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

August 21—10th Sunday after Pentecost:

- ◆ Exodus 1:8-2:10
- ◆ Psalm 124
- ◆ Romans 12: 1-8
- ◆ Matthew 16:13-20

August 28—11th Sunday after Pentecost:

- ◆ Exodus 3: 1-15
- ◆ Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c
- ◆ Romans 12:9-21
- ◆ Matthew 16: 21-28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ An updated **PRAYER CHAIN** list is available on the foyer podium at the church. Please know that these wonderful volunteers are available to support you and your family when you are in need. Just one call and you will have the church uplifting you!
- ⇒ Please complete a new **FAMILY INFORMATION SHEET** with contact, birthday and anniversary information. Also give consideration to ways you might want to serve the church as we move from good to GREAT! Please return your form to Steve or Christi; or email the information to: sroach@texhomaumc.org.
- ⇒ Best wishes to **Alan Burdge** as he begins his college career at OU! We know you will represent us well in "Sooner Land" and we will keep you in our prayers.
- ⇒ TUMC extends our sympathy to Mansel Roach on the passing of his daughter, Zelda Roach Pickens of Stratford, TX. Mrs. Pickens graduated from this life on August 3.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Romans 12: 9-13

Margie Pugh Awarded Special Missions Pin from UMW

On Wednesday, August 3, fifteen members of United Methodist Women took part in a fellowship trip to Amarillo. Under the capable leadership of driver and organizer, Linda Berry, the group visited several important community locations before sharing a meal together at Cheddar's restaurant. During lunch, President Sue Fleming honored member Margie Pugh with the

Special Missions pin. UMW annually supports a United Methodist mission project, and the conference offers the chapter the opportunity to recognize an outstanding member in its name. Congratulations Margie!

The next UMW meeting will be held in October.

The Story Behind Your Favorite Hymns

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine, 1953

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Stuart K. Hine's hymn, derived from Swedish, German, and Russian sources, speaks of the grandeur of God in nature. The wonder of this great God giving a son to die for our sins is expressed in stanza 3. Stanza 4 is a vow to praise God more fully in heaven.

Primarily because of its soaring refrain, this hymn has a strong impact on many congregations. Surveys conducted by the Hymnal Revision Committee showed that among United Methodists it was of all hymns both the most loved and the most disliked.

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Prayer List

Please keep these special requests in your heart and mind this month.



Kevin Allard
Corky Bain
Velma Barton
Reola Boothby
Darla Burrows
Mike & Mary Coffey
Bonnie Cryer
Maxine Dawson
Niki Erickson
Nick Evans
Betty Flanagan
Bill Huddleston
Francis Ingram
Misty Inman
Bus Johnson
Clyde Keylon
Donna Kuykendall
Eldon & Becky Lansdown
Dale Meyer
Sawyer Meyer

Tina Mills
Marilyn Minard
Retta Norris
Derreck Nye
Curt Overton
Manuel Padilla
JA Palmer
Paula Palmer
Wade Pugh
Roy Thompson
Yesimen Valenzula
All of our Military
PRAY FOR RAIN

**ASSISTED LIVING
CENTERS:**
Alice Hollis, in
Weatherford, TX

NURSING HOMES:

Glenda Ruth Berry
Charlie Brown
Maxine Dawson
Yvonne Elliott
Martha Elmore
Willie Fleming
Dorothy Johnson
Clyde Keylon
Dale Meyer
Donna Millard
Naomi Parsons
Mansel Roach

If you know of anyone who needs to be added or if this list needs to be edited, please contact Steve at the church office: (580) 423-7231 or (405) 747-4959 cell.

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

Church Family Celebrates the Life of Sue Nelson

Sue Jane Nickell Nelson entered the church triumphant on July 7th, 2011. The church celebrated her wonderful life on July 12, following a graveside service in Alva on July 11. Sue was a faithful servant of the church

and her community. She followed her calling as a first grade teacher for 33 years. The church family extends sympathy to Sue's husband, Garry Nelson; son Jim Nelson (LuAnn) of Liberal KS;

daughters Kristy (Mrs. Troy) Irrer of Grosse Pointe, MI and Kathy (Mrs. John) Maynard of Nolensville, TN. Sue and Garry are blessed with five grandchildren, loving family and countless friends.

