

First News

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Dennis the Minister

Heroines

Take a moment this week, to pause and honor some remarkable heroines -- the WASPs, Women Airforce Service Pilots. These ladies paid for their own private pilot training during WWII, then signed up as civilian volunteers to go through military flight training at Avenger Field in West Texas, then flew everything in the US aircraft inventory, from fighters to bombers, as ferry pilots and target tow-ers. 1,100 were trained; 38 died in service to their country, but the government didn't pay for sending their remains home nor for their funerals, their WASP friends did; then after the war they were quickly forgotten by the government and history books.

Finally, in July of last year, President Obama signed the authorization awarding them the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award in our nation. On Wednesday the 10th, 120 of the remaining 300 WASPs, will receive their medals in Washington (and 1,700 of their family members were there to witness it!). One of them is a personal friend of ours and a relative by marriage to Kay Thomas, Marion Hodgson, the mother of one of our dear friends in Wichita Falls. I treasure my signed copy of Marion's memoir, "Winning My Wings."

Pause to honor and thank these spirited, courageous, committed -- and patient -- women.

If you want to know more, Texas Woman's University in Denton has the greatest collection of WASP history and memorabilia.

Your Bible During Lent

Read - - to know the big story illustrated by all the small stories

Meditate - - to make sense of how these stories connect to your own story

Live - - to allow it to change you own life story

"Meditating on it turns one dimensional knowledge into two-dimensional understanding. Living it turns two-dimensional understanding into three-dimensional obedience". Mark Batterson

True Repentance

Repentance is not necessarily the gloomy and self-loathing practice it is sometimes made out to be. To repent is not to be confirmed in what that little voice within keeps whispering: that you are no good, that everything bad that happens to you is your own fault, that if only other know what you were really like, they would cease to care for or be interested in you. No.

True repentance begins with the felt knowledge that we are loved by God ... Repentance consists not so much in flagellating ourselves over our "failures" as in courageously and painstakingly reorienting our priorities, unlearning old patterns, turning our faces, like the sunflower, toward the dawning of the light of God.

-- Wendy M. Wright in *The Vigil: Keeping Watch in the Season of Christ's Coming* (Nashville, Tenn.: Upper Room Books, 1992, used with permission)

Grace and Peace,

Note from Susan Spring who is a member of our Staff Parish Relations Committee: As many of you are probably already aware Abby Scott, 2 year old daughter of our Pastor Jennifer, was born with a condition called "Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency" - which means she has a short thigh bone, a deformed hip and missing ligaments in her knee. She is scheduled for surgery on April 27th where the corrections required for Abby to live a more comfortable life will begin.

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Looking Ahead to Worship

Sunday, March 14th

Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Contemporary Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

Sunday, March 21st

Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Contemporary Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner,, preaching
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

Sunday, March 28th

Palm Sunday

Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Contemporary Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

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Given the rarity of the condition there is one doctor who has the most familiarity with and competency required to work on Abby and he is located in Florida. Although the majority of the medical costs will be absorbed by insurance there is a need of about \$9,000 to cover incidental and travel costs. Jennifer feels very strongly that she does not want to take away from any of the needs of the church but we believe it is important to reach out to her church family and ask for your help. If after prayerful consideration you determine that you would like to help please send your donations to Anne Hinkle with a note indicating the money is for Abby Scott or giving gifts directly to Jenn and Toby. Once her immediate need is met we will let you know. If you have any questions regarding the surgery, costs or timing please contact Susan Spring at susanspring@ymail.com. Blessings and Peace.



Lent

Healing Service for Lent

Wednesday, March 24th, 6:30 pm in the Rotunda

The Healing Service for the Lenten season will be a quiet and peace-filled time of prayer, readings and sharing about the hope found in God's promises to us on the journey through pain and loss.



Celebration of Life Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Our children are invited to bring their basket and join us for a fun time as we celebrate our risen Christ. There will be cookie decorating, face painting, balloon artistry and age level egg hunts. We will also have our second annual Scavenger Hunt for ages 7 and up. Please save the date and time for our annual celebration of the resurrection of Christ! As always, we will collect diapers, wipes, formula and baby food for New Hope Learning Center.



Palm Sunday, March 28th

Services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary

Maunder Thursday Service

April 1st, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 2nd, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Services at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary.

All three services will have choir and orchestra and the same order of worship. The 9:30 service will also feature the Heartfire band.

Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am



Palm Sunday Processional

Hey kids! We need your help with the Palm Sunday Processional! Palm Sunday is Sunday, March 28th. We will gather in Wesley Hall 15 minutes before the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services to prepare for worship. You will be given a palm branch to wave during this processional into the Sanctuary. After the Processional, you will sit with your parents in the congregation. Thank you for helping lead us in worship!



Adults

Career Development Network ...

formerly known as Career Transitions Group meets every Monday at 7:00 pm in Room 301 off of Wesley Hall. It serves the following needs of members or non members:

- ✓ Business Development Networking
- ✓ Career Transition Advice
- ✓ Recruiting needs of area companies

Note that a group on LinkedIn.com called Coppell Career Development Network has been created. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Doug Powers (hdpowers@tx.rr.com).

In the Garden / In the Chapel Morning Apart

Join us for prayer, reflection and silence and solitude on March 27th from 9:30–11:30 am. The Easter Egg Hunt will be going on in the prayer garden, so we will be in the Chapel. No charge, led by Rev. Susan Bryan. Please let Susan know you're coming – sbryan@fumcoppell.org.

Stephen Ministry

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

A Stephen Minister Is . . .

- A congregation member with gifts for caregiving, who was carefully selected to serve in this role
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care
- A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports and encourages
- Someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need

A new training class for Stephen Ministers will begin August 30th for 20 weeks, Monday evenings 6:30-9:00 pm. If you are interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister, or if you or someone you know would benefit from meeting with a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471, ext. 215 or sbryan@fumcoppell.org.



Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats

Join the fun on Sunday, March 21st as we have another onsite meeting of the CC's and JJ's. We will gather in Smartt Hall from 3:30 – 5:00 pm for snacks, recreation and mission. CC's and JJ's are 2nd through 5th grade children meeting together on a monthly basis for fellowship and mission. Friends are welcome, and guest enrollment forms are available for them in the church office or at the check in table on Sunday. For more information, please contact kwilliams@fumcoppell.org.

Pastoral Care for Children in Grief or Divorce
Kids of Hope and Kids of Peace

Thank you for your prayers for these support groups for children who have experienced divorce or the death of a loved one. Our spring session ended March 7th and we will begin again in September. For more information contact Rev. Jennifer Scott jscott@fumcoppell.org.

Attention Children's Sunday School Teachers!

We're scheduling a brief chat session for teachers to share what's going well in Sunday School. This is an opportunity for you to learn tips from other teachers and share your own ideas. What activities do the kids like to do? What crafts have been successful? What parts of the curriculum do you use most? Please RSVP to Allison Groom (allison.groom@verizon.net) for March 28th. We'll meet in Smartt Hall from 9:00-9:30 am. Feel free to bring your kids with you. We'll have an activity for them to do. We'll also have OJ and muffins. We hope that you will take advantage of one of these dates to share what's going well.

Celebration of Life Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Look on Page 2 for more details. We need a lot of youth and adult volunteers to make this ministry event special for the children. Please contact Erica Bramer at EBramer@alixpartners.com.



Summer Camps at Bridgeport

Camp at Bridgeport is a life-changing event! Each day at camp is filled with Christian fellowship, creative worship, dynamic music, fun games, team building activities, arts and crafts, family groups, and outdoor recreation. Children and youth will have an incredible week having fun, making life-long friends, and growing in their faith in Christ. For dates and more information, please go online to www.bridgeportcamp.com. We'd like to keep a list of our kids attending Bridgeport camp this summer, so please let Jennifer Scott know if you register for camp by contacting her at jscott@fumcoppell.org. PLEASE REGISTER NOW, THE CAMPS FILL QUICKLY!

Elementary Camps July 17-21; July 22-26; July 27-31; August 9-13
Music Camp June 8-12
SEEK Camp June 8-12 (children) and June 15-19 (youth)



Stringfellow School News

a Children's Day Out and Preschool program for children ages 12 months to 5 years

- ☺ The Preschool Spring Program will be on Wednesday, March 10th and Thursday, March 11th.
- ☺ We will be closed for Spring Break the week of March 15th.
- ☺ Spread the word that we still have openings for the 2010-2011 School year. Interested families may call the school office (972-393-0698) for more information.



Confirmation

Confirmation Interviews ...

are held during the month of April. Sign up sheets for these visits are now available in Wesley Hall on Sunday mornings throughout March. Confirmands are expected to schedule a 30-minute visit with a pastor or staff member in order to discuss their confirmation experience and share their readiness to join the church. Confirmands also have the opportunity to ask questions they may have regarding this important decision. To schedule an interview during weekday office hours, please contact Kathy Baker in the church office at 972-462-0471 or email kwilliams@fumcoppell.org.

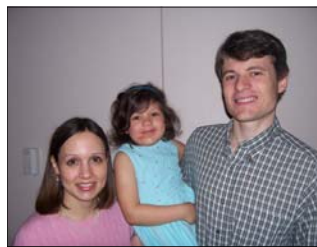
Class Meeting Notes

- The older youth confirmation class meeting with Marcia Mares in room 307 will not meet on Sunday, March 14th due to the Spring Break holiday.
- Sixth grade confirmation classes will continue to meet during Spring Break.

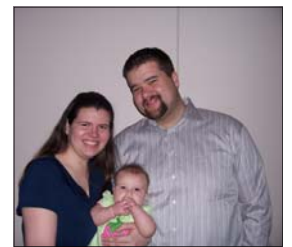


New Members

Joined March 7th



Greg, Sarah and Hannah Merrill



Jonathan, Barbara and Brooke Young



Music

Chancel Choir...

is open to anyone, regardless of ability level, that loves to sing and be part of a warm Christian Fellowship. We laugh, we play, we sing and you surely will have a great time in the Chancel Choir. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Frank at nfrank@fumccoppell.org.

Fine Arts Academy

Baby Beethoven Class with Amy Stoker!

All children from birth to 4 years old are invited to participate in our Baby Beethoven Music and Movement class at FUMC Coppell on Monday or Thursday morning (March 29th-May 24th). This is a fun time for parents and children to nurture a sense of wonder and a love for music. Each session is \$120 plus \$35 registration fee. Registration forms can be found in the front office. Please contact Amy Stoker for more information: alstoker@verizon.net.



Youth Choir

Come be a part of Youth Choir for youth ages 6th-12th grade. Youth Choir is for youth who like to have fun by hanging with your friends, learning how to sing, and serving the church through song. We meet on Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Rotunda. If you have any questions, contact Nathan Frank.

A Silent Auction ...

will be held in conjunction with *West Side Story* and we need your help on April 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th. For every donation you can receive free tickets to *West Side Story* production.

There are many ways to help and donating and here are several ideas:

- If you have a favorite store or restaurant, you can ask the manager for a donation or gift certificate.
- Do you own a vacation home that you wouldn't mind donating for a week or so?
- You can purchase something and donate it to the auction.
- Donate the gift of service. Mowing a yard or babysitting are excellent auction items
- Do you quilt, sew, knit, paint, woodcraft? You can share your talent by making something and donating it to the auction.
- Do you have extra, unused toys and gifts stashed in your supply closet? Dig them out and donate them to the auction.



Please remember that all silent auction donations must be **NEW**. Contact Nathan Frank at nfrank@fumccoppell.org for more information.



Youth

Dallas Stars Hockey, Friday Night, April 2

All youth, families, and individuals are invited to join us for a night with the Stars. Come hang out at the hockey game cheering on the Stars as they take on the Edmonton Oilers on April 2nd. The game begins at 7:30 pm. We have 40 tickets available on a first come first serve basis. If we have more than 40 sign up we will try to get more tickets and create a waiting list if needed. Tickets are \$20. To sign up money needs to be turned in along with an event registration form. Forms are available in the church's main office and online at www.coppellyouth.com. Call Drew if you have any questions.



Camp dates are July 9th-17th. 2010 registration is going on now! You may get your forms and register in the church office during the week and at the Camp Pike booth on Sunday between services.

Bring a friend, spread the word but don't be left out on the most incredibly fulfilling time you will experience and it's all in the Colorado Rockies! Hope to see ya there!

Combined Youth and Music Mission Trip

2009-2010 has been an exciting year in our Youth Ministry at First United Methodist Church. It is our hope that many of our youth will take part in the annual Mission trip. This year's trip is a little different than years past. Instead of the Music and Youth Programs taking separate trips, we are combining our efforts to further bridge the narrowing gap between these two ministries. The trip is to Atlanta, GA, June 13th-20th.

There is a parent meeting scheduled on March 21st at 4:00 pm to address questions and concerns. If you cannot make the meeting, please feel free to contact through email any of the following.

Drew Sher (dsher@fumccoppell.org)
TJ Zimmerman (tzimmerman@fumccoppell.org)
Nathan Frank (nfrank@fumccoppell.org)



Missions

Do You KIVA?

Visit our FUMC Kiva/Microloan site to learn more about the people your loans impact globally.

http://www.kiva.org/team/fumc_coppell

<http://www.kiva.org/lend/176102>

If you would like to participate make checks to FUMC/Microfinance.

Costa Rica Mission Trip

Keep our members in prayer as they depart for Costa Rica on March 13th and return March 20th.



Prayer Corner

Recalling God Moments

Get still and quiet, and recall a time when you felt especially close to God. If you can't recall a time at first, remember a time when you felt extreme love, joy or peace or maybe even pain – it's in these moments, if we are paying attention, that God is experienced.

In an attitude of prayer, use your imagination to put yourself back in that experience – Where were you? Who else was there? What feelings did you have? What did this experience mean to you? What did this experience teach or show you?

What led up to this time in your life? What or who paved the way? What happened after this experience? How has that brought you to where you are now?

How do you feel God is still working and moving in your life now?
How are you responding to God?

Pray, giving thanks for the memories, and for the ways that God is present and working in your life. Pray to pay attention to God moments each and every day. Pray for inspiration, wisdom and guidance for the journey. Amen – let it be so.

Keep praying, Susan B. - sbryan@fumccoppell.org



Joys

Congratulations to ...

Brian and Susan James at the birth of their daughter, Avery Grace, on February 5th. Proud sister is Grayson.

Brad and Julie Gossett at the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace, on February 25th.



Volunteer Opportunities

Celebration of Life Easter Egg Hunt

We need a lot of youth and adult volunteers to make this ministry event special for the children on Saturday, March 27th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Please contact Erica Bramer at EBramer@alixpartners.com.




Contemporary Corner

The Heartfire Praise Band, which is the backbone of the Contemporary Service at 9:45 am each Sunday, includes eight musicians and six audio-visual and sound board people. This week meet:

Ken Heffley

Ken is a vocalist and has been in the Heartfire Band for more than three years. He is the chief financial officer for a local governmental water district in Las Colinas. Ken said, "The best part about being in the Heartfire Band has been seeing the Contemporary Service gain momentum and the attendance grow. That has been really exciting for me."



Catch Those Tunes on KLTY

Can't get enough of those songs the Heartfire Band sings each week? Then turn your FM dial to Contemporary Christian radio station 94.9 KLTY. Heartfire Band leader Mark Cozart said most of the songs sung by the Heartfire Praise Band can be heard on that station.



Bits & Pieces

Have a Craft Project? Need Inspiration?

The next Crafts & Fellowship is this Friday, March 12th from 5:00-10:00 pm in FUMC Wesley Hall. Come and take a much needed break and work on whatever craft project you have going on. We will have tables set up for you to work on scrapbooks, photo albums, knitting, or whatever your hobby may be! Please feel free to bring a friend! This is a come and go event so come whenever you can! Please feel free to bring your own snacks. RSVP to Jen Bunting at jen.bunting@verizon.net to let us know you're coming!



Chancel Flowers for 2010

There are still a few dates left (May 2nd, May 16th and October 24th) to sign up for the donation of chancel flowers for Sunday morning worship. Call the church office during regular business hours. The cost of each arrangement is \$55 and the church will bill you directly.

Knitting Supplies

Thank you to all who donated yarn for the Knitting Group. We appreciate support and hope to provide you with new delights in knitted gift items at this year's sale which is tentatively set for November 7th, 2010. For more information, please contact Pamela Dickinson-Noris – 214-796-2491.

Take Note

Due to Spring Break, the next issue of *First News* will go out on March 30th instead of March 23rd.

Great News From Ghana

Dear Rev. Dennis,
I trust that all is well with you. By the Lord's grace, I have been offered a position at the Ghana National Health Insurance Authority as an Actuarial Analyst. My start date is March 15, 2010. Thanks a lot for your prayers and support. Grace, Ama and Awoh are doing fine. We want to take this opportunity to thank you again for all the financial and emotional support you have offered our family. We would not have been able to make it to Ghana without your support. Thank you very much and may the Lord richly bless you and The FUMCC. We will keep you posted on developments.

Best regards,
Magnus Owusu

How Our Church Family Remains Connected to Owusu Family

Did you know that our *Kids in Mission* made Valentine cards for the family and mailed them to Ghana? We weren't sure how long it would take but God helped get them there with 2 days to spare. Also, a spiritual direction group in the church has adopted Grace's family by asking what luxuries they are missing from the U.S. Then each month they are sending them a care package. So, they have sent them Doritos, tea, etc. and things for the girls. If you would like to contact the family to show your love and support, their emails are gracekrampah@yahoo.com and magnusman33@yahoo.com.

Books for Sale

We have the following books left over from studies. If you are interested in purchasing any of these, please contact the church office.

<i>Rumors</i> by Philip Yancey (4)	\$10
<i>The Language of God</i> by Francis S. Collins (1)	\$ 5
<i>Prayer</i> by Philip Yancey (1)	\$15

And A Little Child Shall Lead Them...

I wanted to thank you again for offering the Created by God human sexuality class. I am so pleased that my children were able to participate in such a wonderful program. They asked me this morning about how this class was different than what they would get in 7th grade at school, and as I thought about that question and explained to them the importance of learning about this at church, it really meant a lot to all of us. And I was so impressed with the leader Laura Atterstrom - she's excellent.



One more thing for you to know - Anna told me on Sunday, after counting how many hours she spent at church over the weekend, that she is really glad she is so involved in our church. That was heartwarming for me, and I thought it would be for you too!

Submitted by Laura K.

Many thanks to the family of First United Methodist Church of Coppell for providing a safe and loving place for kids to experience God's love.

**We need your faith stories from kids! Anything you feel like you'd like to share about a child blessing your life or leading us along the journey of faith. Please email jscott@fumccoppell.org.



Join us each Wednesday evening in Wesley Hall from 6:00-7:00 pm. Reservations required. You can pay on Sunday morning in Wesley Hall or call the church office (972-462-0471) by 5:00 pm on Monday. Price is adults-\$5, children-\$4, maximum family amount-\$15.

Please note that there will not be *Good to Go Cafe* on March 17th due to Spring Break. Be sure and join us again on March 24th.

Upcoming Surgery for Abby Scott

Many thanks to our entire church family for the love and support you have shown us since Abby's birth in April 2008. We have made a tough decision to have her first big surgery on April 27, 2010 in West Palm Beach, FL. Please pray for Abby's redheaded strength to shine through and for clarity of mind and steady hands for Dr. Paley and his medical team. Feel free to check her Caring Bridge website (www.caringbridge.org/visit/abbyscott) for all the background information you could want. You will need to sign in with your email address and password each time. Thank you all for your love and prayers.

Jennifer Scott



Chili Cook-off Winners

Thanks to everyone who prepared chili, baked a pie, help set-up or work Sunday morning, and most especially thanks to all who came out and supported the Music Ministries of FUMCC! Almost \$1700.00 was raised from both the Pie Sale and Cook-off.

Bragging rights go to - -

- ★ Best Traditional: The Hiller Family "Slap Yo Mama" Chili
- ★ Best Non-Traditional His Better Half (Maia VanDyke) (Chicken)
- ★ Best Non-Traditional Camp Pike (Jimmy Griffith) (non Poultry)
- ★ Hottest The Sopranos (Glenise Creque)

The Bread Ministry Bakers Corner



Sunshine Blueberry Bread

1/2 cup butter	1 tbl baking powder
1 cup sugar	1/4 tsp baking soda
3 eggs	1 1/4 cup orange juice
2 tsp lemon peel grated	1/2 cup nuts chopped
3 cups flour	1 cup blueberries
1 tsp salt	

Directions:

In a small saucepan over low heat melt butter. Remove from heat; add to sugar in a large bowl beat until creamy. Add eggs and grated lemon peel; mix well. Set aside. In a medium bowl, combine flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Fold into egg mixture alternating with orange juice, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Fold in chopped nuts and blueberries until mixed. Pour into well greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 1-1/4 hours, or until the center is set. Cool in the pan for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



Calendar for March 10th - 30th

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 9:30 am-11:30 am Stringfellow Program
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choirs
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Café
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMW Board Mtg
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Grp
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 7th Grade Bible Study
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 11

7:15 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 9:30 am-11:30 am Stringfellow Program
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 3
 9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S.
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Texas Creative Arts

Friday, March 12

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 5:00 pm-10:00 pm Crafts & Fellowship

Saturday, March 13

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
 10:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts



Sunday, March 14

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
 9:45 am-10:45 am Worship Services
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Sunday School
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Hungry for the Word
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Knitting Grp
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm Beginning Knitting
 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, March 15

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Development Network

Tuesday, March 16

9:30 am-11:00 am Morning Covenant Grp
 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 17

10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 18

9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 3
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Texas Creative Arts

Friday, March 19

11:00 am-1:15 pm JOY Group

Saturday, March 20

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
 10:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts

Sunday, March 21

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
 9:45 am-10:45 am Worship Services
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Sunday School
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Hungry for the Word
 2:30 pm-4:00 pm Knitting Grp
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Story of Christianity
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm First Church Orchestra
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm CC's & JJ's
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Parent's Info Mtg
 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, March 22

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga
 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Development Network
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 9:30 am-11:00 am Morning Covenant Grp
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm UMW Mary Martha Circle
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 24

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 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Healing Service
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Grp
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 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 25

7:15 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 3
 9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S.
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Texas Creative Arts

Friday, March 26

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons

Saturday, March 27

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
 9:30 am-11:30 am In the Garden
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt
 10:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
 9:00 am-9:30 am Worship Services
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School Teacher Mtg
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Sunday School
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Hungry for the Word
 2:30 pm-4:00 pm Knitting Grp
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Story of Christianity
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra
 3:30 pm-4:00 pm VBS Leadership Mtg
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #590
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm COE Mtg
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, March 29

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga
 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Development Network
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

Tuesday, March 30

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 9:30 am-11:00 am Morning Covenant Grp
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Note: Be sure to check the weekly calendar in the Sunday bulletin or church website for any additions and/or changes to the calendar.



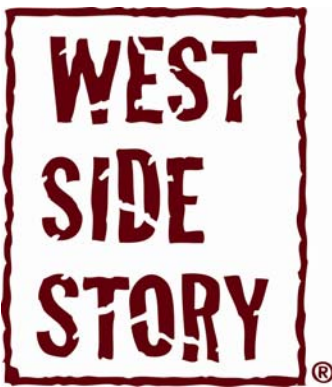
First Church Finances At a Glance

	Preliminary Year to Date @ 2/28/10	2009 Actual Year to Date @ 2/28/09	Variance
Offerings and Other Income	\$ 375,295	\$ 327,206	\$ 48,090
Operating Expenditures	(375,816)	(339,334)	(36,482)
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (521)	\$ (12,128)	\$ 11,608
Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts	\$ 328,608	\$ 345,763	\$ (17,155)



Online Giving - Gifts can be made for our general church budget, capital campaign and other purposes through your checking account, savings account or credit card on-line through our website, www.fumccoppell.org. Go to "Giving", select "Donations" and click on the "Online Offering" symbol.

Thank you for your generous support!



Tickets Now on Sale

\$7.50 to \$20.00

You can now buy tickets online at Showtix4U.com.

Performance Dates and Times

Friday, April 9th 7:30 pm
 Saturday, April 10th 7:30 pm
 Sunday, April 11th 3:00 pm
 Monday, April 12th 7:30 pm



Don't Forget!

Daylight Savings "Spring Forward" is March 14th



Hearing Assistance Devices ...

are available in the sanctuary. Pick one up at the sound booth or ask an usher if you are in need of one.

Staff Directory

(972) 462-0471

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson	Senior Pastor	(213)
Rev. Jennifer Scott	Pastor (Children's Ministries)	(208)
Rev. Susan Bryan	Pastor	(215)
Rev. Ashleigh Joyner	Pastor	(214)
Nathan Frank	Director of Music	(216)
Elizabeth Parker	Associate Director of Music	(203)
Deanna Goodman	Director of Children's Music	(228)
Tiffany Ogdon	Accompanist	
Mark Cozart	Heartfire Band Leader	
Drew Sher	Director of Youth Ministries	(217)
TJ Zimmerman	Associate Director of Youth Ministries	(237)
Kelly Williams	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Kathy Braem	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Dena Nichols	Stringfellow School	(972-393-0698)
Karen Rodriguez	Nursery Director	
Anne Hinkle	Director of Finance	(212)
Amy Richardson	Financial Assistant	
Susan Walsh	Exec. Administrative Manager	(200)
Kay Thomas	Administrative Assistant	(211)
Kathy Baker	Administrative Assistant	(210)
Tim Allen	Operations Manager	(234)
Matt Shinn	Operations Assistant	

Childcare Reservation Note: Please call 972-462-0471, ext. 226 to make or cancel reservations for childcare at least 48 hours in advance.

First United Methodist Church
 420 S Hertz Rd
 Coppell, TX 75019

Return Service Requested

SCRIP ORDER FORM

Revised 12/4/2009

Name _____

Phone # _____

Singer to be Credited _____

Today's Date _____

Total Order \$ _____ Check # _____

Please make checks payable to "First United Methodist Church" with "SCRIP" in the memo section.

You may mail your order directly to the church office c/o Nathan Frank (420 S Hertz, Coppell 75019). If you would like your order mailed back to you, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your order.

*For Assistance with scrip:
Contact the church office at 972-462-0471.

All orders must be received by 6:00 pm on Sunday to be able to pick up the following Sunday.

Vendor **Qty** **Amt** **Total** **Choir**
 Each **Profit** **Rcvd**

Automotive

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
Chevron		\$ 50		1.5%	
Exxon/Mobil		\$ 50		1.5%	
Shell		\$ 25		1.5%	

Travel

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
American Airlines		\$ 100		8%	
American Airlines		\$ 250		8%	
Choice Hotels		\$ 25			
Hyatt		\$ 25		9%	
Hyatt		\$ 100		9%	
Marriott		\$ 50		12%	
Marriott		\$ 100		12%	

Grocery Stores

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
HEB		\$ 25		3%	
Kroger		\$ 25		5%	
Kroger		\$ 100		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 25		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 100		5%	

Vendor **Qty** **Amt** **Total** **Choir**
 Each **Profit** **Rcvd**

Restaurants

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
Applebee's		\$ 25		8%	
Arby's		\$ 10		8%	
Boston Market		\$ 10		12%	
Burger King		\$ 10		4%	
California Pizza Kitchen		\$ 10		4%	
Cheesecake Factory		\$ 25		5%	
Chili's / On The Border		\$ 25		11%	
Chipotle		\$ 10		6%	
Chuck E Cheese		\$ 10		8%	
Cracker Barrel		\$ 10		9%	
Dave & Buster's		\$ 25		8%	
Denny's		\$ 10		7%	
Domino's		\$ 5		5%	
Fat Daddy's		\$ 10		20%	
Honey Baked Ham		\$ 10		12%	
Jack in the Box		\$ 10		4%	
Kentucky Fried Chicken		\$ 5		9%	
Mimis Cafe		\$ 25		5%	
Ole's Tex-Mex		any size		15%	
Olive Garden/Red Lobster		\$ 25		9%	
Outback Steakhouse/Carraba's		\$ 25		4%	
Panera Bread		\$ 10		9%	
Papa John's		\$ 10		6%	
P.F. Chang/Pei Wei		\$ 25		7%	
Pizza Hut		\$ 10		9%	
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse		\$ 50		10%	
Saltgrass/Rainforest Café/Landry's		\$ 25		9%	
Starbucks Coffee		\$ 10		7%	
Starbucks Coffee		\$ 25		7%	
Subway		\$ 10		3%	
TGI Fridays		\$ 25		8%	
Wendy's		\$ 10		4%	

Vendor Qty Amt Total Choir Rcvd
Each Profit

Retail Stores

Ace Hardware		\$ 25		4%	
AMC		\$ 25		7%	
Amazon.com		\$ 25		4%	
American Eagle Outfitters		\$ 25		8%	
American Express		\$ 100		1.25%	
American Express		\$ 200		1.25%	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton		\$ 10		9%	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton		\$ 25		9%	
Bass Pro		\$ 25		7%	
Bath & Body Works		\$ 10		17%	
Bath & Body Works		\$ 25		17%	
Bed, Bath and Beyond		\$ 25		7%	
Best Buy		\$ 25		2%	
Best Buy		\$ 100		2%	
Blockbuster Video		\$ 4		15%	
Blockbuster Video		\$ 10		7%	
Borders/Waldenbooks		\$ 10		8%	
Borders/Waldenbooks		\$ 25		8%	
Build A Bear		\$ 25		8%	
Cinemark Theatres		\$ 25		14%	
Claire's		\$ 10		7%	
Container Store		\$ 25		9%	
Crate and Barrel		\$ 25		8%	
CVS Pharmacy		\$ 25		2%	
Dillard's		\$ 25		9%	
Dillard's		\$ 100		9%	
Express/Structure		\$ 25		13%	
Family Christian Stores		\$ 25		9%	
GameStop		\$ 25		3%	
Home Depot		\$ 25		4%	
Home Depot		\$ 100		4%	
Home Depot		\$ 500		4%	
iTunes		\$ 15		4%	
J C Penney		\$ 25		5%	
J C Penney		\$ 100		5%	

Vendor Qty Amt Total Choir Rcvd
Each Profit

Retail Stores

Jo Ann Fabrics		\$ 20		6%	
Kohl's		\$ 25		4%	
Kohl's		\$ 100		4%	
Land's End		\$ 25		9%	
Limited		\$ 25		9%	
L.L. Bean		\$ 25		15%	
Lowe's		\$ 25		4%	
Lowe's		\$ 100		4%	
Macy's		\$ 25		9%	
Macy's		\$ 100		9%	
Men's Warehouse		\$ 25		7%	
Michaels		\$ 25		4%	
Office Depot		\$ 25		4%	
Office Max		\$ 25		4%	
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic		\$ 25		9%	
Payless Shoes		\$ 20		13%	
Pier 1		\$ 25		9%	
Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma		\$ 25		8%	
Radio Shack		\$ 25		4%	
Regal/ United Artist		\$ 25		8%	
Ross		\$ 25		8%	
Sally Beauty		\$ 25		8%	
Sears		\$ 25		4%	
Sears		\$ 100		4%	
Sephora		\$ 20		4%	
Sports Authority		\$ 25		8%	
Staples		\$ 25		5%	
Talbots		\$ 25		8%	
TJMaxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods		\$ 25		7%	
Toys "R" Us/Kids "R" Us/ Babies		\$ 20		1.5%	
Wal-Mart		\$ 25		2%	
Wal-Mart		\$ 100		2%	
Walgreens		\$ 25		2%	