

First News

August 18, 2009

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Dennis the Minister



What's just around the corner?

- our first in-home gathering for information about the *Pathway for the Future* campaign; at Mark and Sharon Winneker's home this Saturday, the 22nd, at 5:30 pm; go to the church website to sign up; also, the next gathering will be at Tom and Cyndi McCullough's home at 7:00 pm on Monday, the 31st.
- promotion Sunday and the blessing of the backpacks this Sunday; kids, bring your backpack (adults, bring your briefcases!); let the church family pray over your school work (and work!) for the new program year.

What's just over the hill?

- a sermon series on prayer, "Pray as You Can, Not as You Can't," begins in September; all four pastors will preach in this series and Sunday school classes will be involved as well; plan to be here and grow in your prayer life.
- for all youth, the Back to School Retreat at Sky Ranch will be Labor Day weekend; you'll also get to meet our new assistant youth minister, TJ Zimmerman.

What's on the horizon?

- our 130th anniversary celebration on September 27th and kick-off for our *Pathway for the Future* campaign; we'll have Sunday School at 9:15 am that morning; one huge worship service at 10:30 am; dedication of a historic plaque at noon; dinner on the grounds across the street from noon until 1:30 pm with music and games; bring your picnic lunch!
- get ready to welcome TJ and Lindsay Zimmerman into our church family and onto our youth ministry team.

As the Fall program schedule begins and some special events occur, I hope you'll open your heart to the rich gifts of God's grace offered to you through the people and ministries of your church family!

Grace and Peace,

**Looking Ahead
to Worship**

Sunday, August 23rd
Traditional Service
Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

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

Sunday, August 30th
Traditional Service
Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

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

Promotion Sunday Events



- ☺ New Sunday school classes -- All children should receive a postcard in the mail. We will have greeters to help you find your way! A list of classroom assignments can be found on Page 5.
- ☺ We will have Wee Worship at the 11:00 am service ONLY. Please sign up in Wesley Hall at 10:50 am.
- ☺ Please bring your backpack with you to worship.

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Emmaus Gathering

If you've ever spoken to anyone who attended a Walk to Emmaus (not literally a walk but a 72 hour spiritual retreat designed to nurture spiritual growth and church leadership by experiencing in community the unconditional love of God), you know that it's an event that transforms you in the love of Christ.

On Sunday evening August 30th at 6:30 pm, we will have an Emmaus Gathering of the people at our church who have attended a Walk to Emmaus and all those who would like to attend one in the future. Dinner, fellowship and song will be provided. There are Walks scheduled for October for men and November for women. We hope you will attend and sign up for one of these walks.

Please email Susan Bryan, sbryan@fumccoppell.org or Jeanne Crandall, jcrandall@att.net, if you think you can attend.

Heroes, a Support Group ...

for people caring for aging parents or ailing family members meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Always open to anyone, the next meeting will be on August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in room 303. For more information, contact Marilyn Horton, 972-393-1304 or marhorton@gmail.com.

JOY Group August Event

This FUMC older adults group will gather at the home of Patty Woodall on Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 pm for a light dinner (sandwiches/snacks). The group will have a speaker from Costa Rica, who has been doing mission work there – he will describe what has and is being done in Costa Rica. For more information about JOY group, please contact John and Nancy Estep at 972-393-7404.

Gluten-Free Communion ...

wafers and juice are now be available on communion Sunday for those who need to receive in this way. Please go to the far east/piano side of the sanctuary to receive communion and let the communion servers know that you need the gluten-free communion.



Fall 2009 Adult Study Groups

Our Adult Study Groups at FUMC, Coppell offer participants opportunities to gather together to grow in faith and discipleship through fellowship, prayer, study, reflection and small-group discussion.

You may register online at www.fumccoppell.org, or e-mail or call Kathy Baker at kbaker@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 210 – give her your name, e-mail address and group you are signing up for. You will receive an e-mail confirmation and information prior to the group start.

Below is a brief description of the classes offered. Brochures are available in the office or on the church website. For more information about adult study groups, please contact: Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471 or sbryan@fumccoppell.org.

Short-Term and Ongoing

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Led by Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Women's Reading Group

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan

Introduction to Romans

Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm (8 weeks), Led by Patience Hering

Morning Covenant Group

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 am, Led by Margaret Bryan & Debbie Schaefer

Can You Teach Me How to Pray?

Thursdays, 5:00-6:15 pm (4 weeks); Led by Rev. Jennifer Scott

10:17 Men's Bible Study

Sundays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Led by Scott Wilson

The Story of Christianity

Sundays, 2:30-4:00 pm (every other week), Led by Jeanne Crandall

Hungry for the Word

Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm, Led by Terry Settle

P.E.A.R.L.S. (Ongoing)

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am (2nd and 4th), Led by Michelle Bauer

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study (Ongoing)

Mondays, 6:00-7:00 am, Contact Ken Heffley

Long-Term Study Groups

Disciple 1

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan & Bill Hightower

OR

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan, Bob Boyles & Bill Hightower

Disciple 2

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Led by Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Disciple 3

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Led by Ellen Diers

Divorce and Grief Workshops/Support Groups

Divorce Recovery (6 weeks)

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, Led by Jeff and Pam Varnell

Grief & Healing Support Group (6 weeks)

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, Led by Rev. Joan Humphries

Special Offerings

Streams of Prayer (4 weeks)

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, Led by Class Members

Yoga (10 sessions)

Mondays, 9:00-11:00 am, Led by Lucinda Bordonaro

OR

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm, Led by Patti Carpenter

In the Garden

Saturday, October 10th, 9:30-11:30 am

Led by Rev. Susan Bryan

Women's Retreat

April 9th-11th, 2010, Prothro Center, Texoma



Important Back to School Dates

- ✓ Children's Sunday School Teacher Training - Wednesday, August 19th, 10:00-11:30 am
- ✓ Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks - August 23rd
- ✓ *Kids in Mission* - begins Wednesday, September 9th
- ✓ *Kids of Hope and Kids of Peace* (Grief and Divorce groups for kids) - October 4th-November 15th (no class October 11th)

We Need All Upcoming 5th Graders!!

We would like for you to assist in worship by serving as an acolyte in our services each week. You should have received an informational letter in the mail recently. Please return the form to the church office ASAP. You and one parent will need to attend a training session on Sunday, August 30th. The first Sunday of new acolytes will be Sunday, September 6th. Acolyte Dedication Sunday will be September 13th. If you would like more information, please call Jennifer Scott, 972-462-0471, ext. 208 (jscott@fumccoppell.org) or Heather Shaw hshaw73@yahoo.com or (972) 304-5219.

Vacation Bible School 2010



Please mark your calendars for June 14th-18th, 2010. We will host *Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!* Our cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, they will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet

Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Our kids will experience a God that is wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent and awesome! Please know that the church staff and VBS directors take great care in arranging the date around the school year, holidays and our church calendar. Please mark your calendar now and then arrange your summer vacations and camps around your favorite First UMC tradition!

Created by God A Human Sexuality Seminar

Mark your calendars now for February 11th-13th, 2010 This is a really important (and fun!) seminar for 5th and 6th graders. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Scott at jscott@fumccoppell.org.



Stringfellow School News

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

Our school year is right around the corner! Welcome back to everyone. Mark your calendars for the following dates.

- ☺ Meet the Teacher - Friday, September 4th
- ☺ First Day of School - Tuesday, September 8th

Please let your family and friends know that we have openings in our Young Toddler and Two Year Old programs. For more information, please contact the school office at 972-393-0698.

Our New Children's Library

We have set up a comfortable spot in room 101 for kids and families to spend some quality time reading together. The library is open on Sunday mornings - so if you need a resting place or if your child is having a tough time with Sunday School, come spend some Sabbath time there. Pick a good book and sit by the window and enjoy our beautiful prayer garden. There is no official check out system. Please use the honor system and be accountable for the books you borrow and good stewards of the resources that are provided by your church family.

A list of books that have been donated can be found in the special insert of this newsletter.



Confirmation at FUMC, Coppell is a journey by which students begin to understand and affirm their Christian beliefs and claim their place in the life of the church. This program is designed primarily for youth entering the sixth grade and runs throughout the school year, ending with the Service of Baptism and Confirmation on the first weekend in May.

Our 2009-2010 Confirmation Classes...

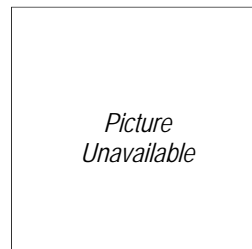
for sixth grade youth will begin meeting on Sunday, August 23rd during the 9:45-10:45 am Sunday school hour. Registration packets have been mailed to families. Please contact the church office at 972-462-0471 if you have not received a confirmation enrollment packet.

Parent Orientation Meeting

A parent orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, August 23rd at 5:30 pm in Wesley Hall. Please bring retreat fees and completed forms from your registration packet. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kelly Williams at kwilliams@fumccoppell.org or 972-393-0069.



Joined August 9th



Brandon, Dena and
Hannah Buford

Joined August 16th



Michael and Robyn Olney
Cameron, Morgan and
Madison Olney
Lucy, Zane and Ella Potts



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@fumcoppell.org.

Cinderella Jr. Auditions

Every year youth from all over the area participate in the Youth Musicals at FUMC. Auditions will be held Sunday, August 30th at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room for youth in grades 6-8 (fall 2009). Youth are encouraged to audition regardless of church affiliation. Performances will be November 13th, 14th, 15th at 7:30 pm.

Youth Music Rehearsals ...

begin August 23rd. Open to all 6th-12th graders. Please take note of the following schedule:

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| • First Church Orchestra | 3:00-4:00 pm | Choir Loft |
| • Youth Handbells | 4:00-5:00 pm | Choir Loft |
| • Youth Choir | 5:00-6:00 pm | Rotunda |

Youth Choir

Come be a part of Youth Choir for youth ages 6th-12th grade. It isn't just for opera singers. 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 in the Rotunda from 5:00-6:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Frank.



School of Fine Arts

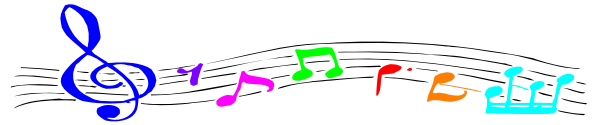
First United Methodist is proud to announce that FUMC School of Fine Arts will open its doors on August 24th. It functions under the umbrella of the Music Ministry and serves the church by:

- Providing quality training in the area of fine arts education.
- Assisting in meeting student's spiritual needs through the arts.
- Developing future church music leaders.
- Acting as a musical outreach for First Methodist Church.

It is our desire to provide the best in fine arts instruction to both students and adults. We are dedicated to creating an atmosphere where students and adults can learn fine arts, grow spiritually, and use their talents to glorify our Creator. Private study will be offered in piano, voice, guitar, trumpet, clarinet and violin. Group lessons will be offered in music appreciation/theory, voice, piano and guitar.

Enrollment continues throughout the school year. Enrollment forms can be located in the church office and on the church website (www.fumcoppell.org).

For more information about the FUMC School of Fine Arts, please contact Nathan Frank at Nfrank@fumcoppell.org.



Sing, Serve and Celebrate With Us in Children's Choirs This Year!

We have an exciting curriculum for all age levels and hope that everyone will join us in choir this year! Mark your calendars! The Children's Choirs Kick-Off is Wednesday, September 2nd, 5:30-6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. Make plans now to come register for choir, meet your choir director and eat some free pizza! Children's choirs are available for four-year-olds (by September 1st) through 5th Grades. Parents are encouraged to come and stay for this brief introduction to choir. Then, our first full choir rehearsal is Wednesday, September 9th, from 5:30-6:15 pm for four-year-olds through 3rd Grade and 5:30-6:30 pm for 4th-5th Grades. Join us as we *Sing, Serve and Celebrate* this year in choir! Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or dgoodman@fumcoppell.org for more information.

Children's Handbells

Attention all children who are 4th-6th Grade! We are looking for some people to play handbells! Our children's handbell groups begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 9th in the Choir Loft. The beginner group, Alpha Ringers, rehearse from 4:30-5:15 pm. The intermediate group, Celebration Ringers, rehearse from 6:30-7:15 pm. Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or dgoodman@fumcoppell.org for more information. Come and ring handbells with us!



Annual Back to School Retreat

You won't want to miss this annual retreat at Sky Ranch **September 5th-7th**. The retreat is open to all students entering 6th-12th grades (Fall 2009). The Senior Class 2010 will plan and lead much of the weekend along with some great worship led by our own River Worship Praise Band. Cost is \$150. Space is limited to the first 200 people (including adults) so don't wait until the last minute to sign up or you might miss out.

Poolside Parables

Come join us on August 23rd for the last one of the summer from 5:00-8:00 pm at the home of Ella and Solomon Thomas (715 Cambridge Manor Ln).



Congratulations to Ray and Leigh Walker at the birth of their son, Hogan Thomas, on August 5th. Proud siblings are Jackson and Elizabeth Grace.



UMCOR Disaster Relief

FUMC Coppell will host an UMCOR sanctioned Early Response Training session tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 5th. The class will be held in Wesley Hall from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The only prerequisite is a desire to help others.

UMCOR recently established new policies regarding those who might wish to respond to a call to assist in a disaster relief effort. This new policy requires that those wishing to respond to an UMCOR relief effort have completed the UMCOR Early Response Team training.

Students completing the class will receive UMCOR credentials, in the form of an ID badge, recognized by most disaster response agencies. This badge will allow you into disaster areas that are usually restricted to the general public. Participating in the class does NOT commit you to respond; however if you ever feel a desire to respond to a call for help you can because you will already have the required credentials.

If you want to attend or want more information, please contact Mike Ridgley at 214-498-8371 or email martoo@verizon.net.

Intergenerational Mission Retreat

Please mark October 23-25, 2009 on your calendars for an intergenerational mission retreat to Bridgeport. The purpose is three-fold:

- 1) we will be doing simple and needed work around our conference UMC campground (remember the Aaron Wilkinson memorial playground is there)
- 2) get kids excited about going there for summer camp and
- 3) foster relationships between church friends young and old.

Our hope is to get several individuals and families of all shapes and ages. We will leave after work on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Please consider joining us for this special time of RETURNING TO SIMPLE THINGS. We will have a time of SHARING, SERVING, EATING, PRAYING, WORSHIPING AND PLAYING together.

Cost for 2 nights lodging and 5 meals is: 7 and older, \$80; 4-7, \$40; under 4, free. Scholarships are available. Please email Jennifer Scott jscott@fumccoppell.org to sign up.



Volunteers Needed for 15 Minutes!

If you love children we need you. Story Tellers are needed in our church nursery Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:00 am. Everything is provided we just need a smiling face to read to our nursery class. If you have been looking for a way to give service to our church, please consider being a Story Teller volunteer once a month for 15 minutes. Please contact Deborah Eberhardt DebEberhardt2@yahoo.com or 972-462-8480 to start enjoying this very rewarding experience.



Classroom Assignments as of August 23rd

(All classes are at 9:45 am unless noted.)

Preschool and Elementary Classes

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| 3 Year Olds | 104 | |
| 4 Year Olds | Section A-105 | Section B-106 |
| Kindergarten | Section A-102 | Section B-103 |
| 1 st Grade | Section A-116 | Section B-117 |
| 2 nd Grade | Section A-110 | Section B-111 |
| 3 rd Grade | Section A-114 | Section B-115 |
| 4 th Grade | Section A-202 | Section B-203 |
| 5 th Grade | Section A-112 | Section B-113 |
| Loving HANDS | 107 | |

Youth Classes

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| Confirmation (6 th Grade) | Section A-301 | Section C-303 |
| | Section B-302 | Section D-304 |
| 7 th Grade | 207 | |
| 8 th Grade | 109 (Rotunda) | |
| 9 th Grade | 206 | |
| 10 th Grade | 205 | |
| 11 th Grade | 210 | |
| 12 th Grade | 211 | |

Adult Classes

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| Allcomers | 316 | Living Your Faith | 310 |
| Challenge | 313 | Parenting in Faith | 209 |
| Epiphany | 305 | Seekers | 306 |
| Foundations | 309 | Single Pathfinders | 311 |
| Genesis (11:00 am) | 316 | Trinity | 312 |
| Grace & Peace | 308 | | |



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

If your child has experienced divorce or the death of a loved one, please plan on enrolling them in our 6-week session beginning in the fall. The sessions will be separate groups, but will both meet on Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30 pm from October 4th-November 15th (no class October 11th). We ask that the children be able to commit to most of the sessions. Please contact Jennifer Scott at jscott@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 208. These groups will be held at the same time as the adult Grief and Divorce Support groups. For more information on the adult groups, please contact Susan Bryan at sbryan@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 215.

And A Little Child Shall Lead Them...

Were you at 11:00 Worship on Sunday, August 16th? During Children's Time we had quite the lively discussion on if Jesus were hungry, thirsty, shivering, sick or in prison and how we would help him. If you missed it, ask one of your buddies to update you!

**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.

Special Fall Dates

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| August 23 rd | Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks |
| August 30 th - September 20 th | Prayer Series |
| September 13 th | Acolyte and Teacher Dedication |
| September 27 th | 130 th Birthday Celebration |
| October 4 th | UMW and World Communion Sunday |
| October 18 th | Laity Sunday |
| October 25 th | Commitment Sunday |
| November 1 st | Requiem/Musical |
| November 15 th | Bible Sunday |
| December 6 th | Fellowship Meal and Christmas POPS! |
| December 12 th | Christmas Cantata (Handel's <i>Messiah</i>) and Birthday Party for Jesus |
| December 27 th | Intergenerational Sunday school |

Women, Mark your Calendars!

- **United Methodist Women Fall Kick-off Dinner**
Thursday, September 10th, 6:30 pm, Come enjoy Cadi Fashion Show. Tickets will be sold August 30th and September 6th in Wesley Hall. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Sandra Crawford, sandra.crawford@verizon.net.
- **Women's Retreat** - Prothro Center on Lake Texoma
April 9th - 11th, 2010 (Friday dinner - after worship Sunday)
For more information, contact Rev. Susan Bryan

Have You Experienced the Loss of a Baby?

Many families in our church and community have suffered the devastating loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant loss. You do not have to grieve alone. There are many families who have expressed their willingness to support you in your journey. Your church pastors want to pray for you and provide a special gift to remind you of your precious child who died too soon. Confidentiality will be maintained and names of support persons will be given to you to contact in your own time. Please contact any of the pastors.

Hey Yall!

School is about to start and that means Homecoming is just around the corner! Stock up on your Michaels SCRIP gift cards to fulfill all your mum and garter needs. Order now!

Bakers Needed

The Bread Ministry delivers bread and information packets to our first time visitors. Please help us keep our bread ministry stocked with your **homemade bread**. If you could bake some loaves and bring them to the church, we have freezer space available in the small kitchen off of Wesley Hall.

What is Loving Hands?



Loving Hands is a ministry in our church that provides buddies for special needs children. If you have a special needs child that would like to go to Sunday School, but you're not sure if they can make it on their own, we can help. If you would like to have a few hours to yourselves, but don't know who to ask to watch over your child. We can help. Loving Hands has a Saturday Night of rest once a month. If you have brought your child before you already know how easy it is to bring your child to our night of fun and how nice it is to go out and have a few hours to relax knowing that your child is in very good hands, Loving Hands.

Our next Evening of Rest will be August 29th. We not only would love to have more children join us, but we also need more Loving people to volunteer. If you would like to help us play and have fun with our special friends please contact me. Kathy Braem, kbraem@msn.com, 972-743-4133 or 972-462-7320. I would love to give you more information regarding participation or volunteering.

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In-Home Gatherings

Let us know we can count on you to attend one of the in-home gatherings. This is a time for fellowship, information, inspiration and challenge. No gifts will be made at the gatherings.

- **Saturday, August 22nd at 5:30 pm**
Mark and Sharon Winneker, 638 Andover Ln
- **Monday, August 31st at 7:00 pm**
Tom and Cyndi McCullough, 528 Lynn Ct
- **Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm**
Steve and Julia Moomau, 719 Cambridge Manor Ln
- **Sunday, September 13th at 4:00 pm**
Steve and Kim Mobley, 313 Dunlin Ln
- **Monday, September 14th at Noon**
Thom and Kelly Hulme, 126 Ridgewood Dr
- **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm**
Harvey and Lisa Cunov, 413 E. Bethel School Rd
- **Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 pm**
Del and Lisa Dunham, 500 Harris St
- **Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm**
Ray and Suzie Larson, 260 W. Bethel Rd

Please RSVP to JanetLaCaze@aol.com, call the church at 972-462-0471, or go to the Capital Campaign page on the church website. Childcare may be requested.

Think About This

If a person walks into any church in any town across America on any given Sunday, they will most likely find something they don't like about it. Whether it's the worship style, what version of the Bible they use, the décor of the sanctuary, or how many people attend, someone is bound to have a problem with something in the church because we're all different.

The good news is that God doesn't focus on those minor issues within a church. He's more interested in whether or not a church can look beyond its members' differences and become united in its effort to carry out His purpose in the world. Whatever church is prepared to do that will get the honor of being involved in His work.

David Jeremiah, author

Babies, Babies Everywhere!

Are you a church member or visitor who is expecting a precious and beautiful miracle from God? Are you hoping for a beautiful blessing through adoption? Your church family would love to know about it so that we can be in prayer for your family. Please contact Jennifer Scott (jscott@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 208) and let us know if you'd like to be put on the prayer list. It would also be helpful to know the due date or anticipated adoption date so that we can be in fervent prayer as the big day approaches! Congratulations and blessings on your family!



Calendar for August 19th - September 1st

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 am-11:30 am Children's Teacher Training
3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Theatre Academy
5:45 pm-11:00 pm Youth Week (Rangers Game)
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Nursery Committee Mtg
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Lay Leadership Mtg
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp
7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 20

9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S.
12:30 pm-1:30 pm F.L.A.V.R.
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
2:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Week (Whirly Ball)
3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts

Friday, August 21

10:00 pm-Sat am Youth Week (Lock-in)

Saturday, August 22

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
8:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
5:30 pm-7:00 pm Pathway For the Future
In-home Mtg #1
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
Worship Services
9:30 am-10:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am-12:30 pm Hungry for the Word
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting
2:30 pm-4:00 pm Story of Christianity
3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Handbells
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Church Council Mtg
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Mtg
7:00 pm-8:30 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, August 24

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball

Tuesday, August 25

10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 26

3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 27

1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons

Friday, August 28

2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons

Saturday, August 29

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
8:30 am-2:00 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
8:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
5:00 pm-9:00 pm Saturday Evening of Rest

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

Sunday, August 30

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
Worship Services
9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am-12:30 pm Hungry for the Word
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting
3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Handbells
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg
4:00 pm-7:00 pm Acolyte Training
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm-8:00 pm Poolside Parables
5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Support
Team Mtg
6:00 pm-8:00 pm Cinderella Jr. Auditions
6:00 pm-8:30 pm Emmaus Dinner
7:00 pm-8:30 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, August 13

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Pathway For the Future
In-home Mtg #2
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transition Grp

Tuesday, September 1

10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Depression Support Grp
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Visitor's Dessert
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Trustees Mtg



First Church Finances At a Glance

Year to Date at August 17th

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Offerings and Other Income | \$ 1,231,522 | \$ 1,197,737 | \$ 1,198,855 |
| Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts | \$ 236,642 | \$ 318,110 | \$ 264,719 |

Thank you for your generous support!



Online Giving - Gifts can be made for our general church budget and/or other donation purposes (excluding program or event fees or retreat payments) through your checking account, savings account or credit card on-line through our website, www.fumccoppell.org. Go to "Membership" and select "Donations".

Streams of Prayer: Sermon and Adult Sunday School Series

August 30th, September 6th, 13th and 20th

Please join us as we focus on various aspects of prayer and ways to pray on these four Sundays during the Worship services and in Adult Sunday School Classes (feel free to visit any class).

Web Notes



- Check us out on Facebook (FirstMethodist Coppell). Keep up to date with church events.
- Our newsletter, *First News*, is available on-line on the church website under "What's Happening". Next article due date is August 26th.

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.



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

Return Service Requested

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) |
| Christina Cavener | Youth/Missions Intern | |
| Kelly Williams | Assistant to Children's Ministries | |
| Kathy Braem | Assistant to Children's Ministries | |
| 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) |
| Rusty Nickols | Operations Manager | (234) |
| Dena Nichols | Stringfellow School | (972-393-0698) |

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

Books Donated to the Children's Library of First UMC

| Donated By | In Honor Of | Book Title |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Joe Barnett | | I Loved You Before You Were Born What is a Christian? |
| Hannah Bauer | Kathy Braem | The Purple Balloon |
| Meghan Bauer | Deanna Goodman | God Gave Us Two |
| Martha-Allison Blewer | | Berenstain Bears Golden Rule Berenstain Bears Counting Their Blessings Berenstain Bears Blame Game Berenstain Bears Learn About Strangers Chrysanthemum |
| Ainsley Bramer | Evester "Nett" Sutton Maria Scully | Colors and Sharing Punchinello and the Most Marvelous Gift |
| Gracie Bramer | Susan Whiting Susan Whiting Susan Whiting | God Gave Us Two Berenstain Bears Play a Good Game Berenstain Bears and The Truth |
| Gracie & Ainsley Bramer | Karen Rodriguez | Dear God, Well I Can Tell You, I Have a Lot of Questions |
| Mom & Dad (Jill & Steve Chambless) | Megan & Morgan Chambless | Crickwing |
| Ellinger Family | Barry & Brenda Olson (confirmation teachers) Bruce & Vivian Fox (confirmation teachers) Kris & Sylvia Pollard (confirmation teachers) Michael & Nancy Ludden (confirmation teachers) | I Wanted to Know All About God Love You Forever My First Message: A Devotional Bible for Kids Thanks & Giving All Year Long |
| Beverly & Tom Gemmell | Sunday School Teachers Cathy Saxby | God Gave Us You One Year Devotionals: Real Life Encounters with God |
| Emma Harper | Renee Alexander | Creation Song |
| Evan Harper | Jim Harper & Jeri Huckleba | I'm Gonna Like Me |
| Kate Hoopman | Jessica Truax, Steve & Melayne Martin, Todd & Jennifer Hoopman (3 year old A Sunday school teachers) | Berenstain Bears Love Their Neighbors |
| Rachel Hoopman | Tony & Louisa Pack, Francis & Lori Chow, Mark & Nina Jordan | Guess How Much I Love You |
| Rachel & Kate Hoopman | Susan Whiting | The 11th Commandment |
| Ella Huckleba | Cindy Wilson | My First Lift-the-Flap Bible Stories |

Books Donated to the Children's Library of First UMC

| Donated By | In Honor Of | Book Title |
|---|---|---|
| Lucas Huckeba | Marnie Cranmer | Edward the Emu |
| Brenna Kidwell | All my Sunday School Teachers | Cat Heaven |
| Ben Krenek | Mr. Jim, Ms. Jeri, Daddy - my Sunday school teachers | If I Could Ask God Anything |
| Mommy (Deb Krenek) | Betsy Krenek | My Little Golden Book About GOD |
| Krenak Family | Tammy Hollingsworth, Penny Guice, Ashley Weathers, Karen & Allen Mushinski (4th Grade Sunday school teachers) | Sticky Situations: 2 |
| Steve Martin | Melayne Martin Melayne Martin | You Are Special Frog and Toad Are Friends |
| Preschoolers of FUMC | Tom Allen | Berenstain Bears Say Their Prayers |
| Abby Scott | Stringfellow nursery staff and First UMC nursery staff | Imagine ... Amazing Me! |
| Charlie Scott | Elizabeth, Kirsten, Clare, Amy, Darlene (Specials/Stringfello Briscoe Family Cathy, Deb, Jill & Nikki (3 year old B Sunday school teacher Ms. Kayla Sargent (Stringfellow) | Ark Angels Play & Pray Goodnight Moon Berenstain Bears Go to Sunday School Dear God, Thanks for Making Me Special! |
| Charlie & Abby Scott | "Grandpa" Pastor Dennis & Ms. Linda Wilkinson Renee Alexander & Chad, Natalie, Emily, Brooke Linda Bruce and Maya Wood | More Hugs! Dear God, I Just Can't Sleep-Want to Talk? Heartprints |
| Mom & Dad (Jerry & Tracie Starkweather) | Luke Starkweather Zachary Starkweather Olivia Starkweather | Shapes and Sharing It's Hard to Be Five Along Came You |
| Baker Tipton | Kelli & Joe Foster Jennifer Alford Vicki Neville | God Gave Us You My Spiritual Alphabet Book Where Does God Live? |
| Amanda Vanhoozier | Preschool Sunday School Teachers | The Runaway Bunny |
| Eleanor White | Nursery Staff Nursery Staff | Designed by God "Character Builders" Devotions for Teens: Make Your Day |
| Cody Wilson | Jennifer Scott | God Made Me |
| Caroline Wilson | Jennifer Harper | The Crippled Lamb |

SCRIP ORDER FORM

Revised 8/18/2009

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.

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Amt Each</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Choir Profit</u> | <u>Rcvd</u> |
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Automotive

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|-------------|--|-------|--|------|--|
| Chevron | | \$ 50 | | 1.5% | |
| Exxon/Mobil | | \$ 50 | | 1.5% | |
| Shell | | \$ 25 | | 1.5% | |

Travel

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|-------------------|--|--------|--|-----|--|
| 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

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|-----------|--|--------|--|----|--|
| HEB | | \$ 25 | | 3% | |
| Kroger | | \$ 25 | | 5% | |
| Kroger | | \$ 100 | | 5% | |
| Tom Thumb | | \$ 25 | | 5% | |
| Tom Thumb | | \$ 100 | | 5% | |

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Amt Each</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Choir Profit</u> | <u>Rcvd</u> |
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Restaurants

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|------------------------------------|--|----------|--|-----|--|
| 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 | | \$ 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% | |
| Fat Daddy's | | \$ 25 | | 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% | |
| On The Border | | \$ 25 | | 11% | |
| 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% | |
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Vendor Qty Amt Total Choir Rcvd
Each Profit

Retail Stores

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|---------------------------|--|--------|--|-------|--|
| 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

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|---------------------------------|--|--------|--|------|--|
| 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% | |
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