



Dennis the Minister

Exit Plan

The end of this most unusual and challenging year - - the year of "the greatest recession since the great depression" - - is rapidly approaching. Although there have been many other notable aspects of the year, some of them very positive, quite good or simply totally unrelated to the economy, that "recession" association is still likely to be our principle remembrance of 2009. So how about if we seek to put the best ending on it we can?

1. **Plan now to inoculate yourself against "tinsel-itis".** I know we're mostly focused on H1N1 flu right now, but "tinsel-itis" is a seasonal illness too. The Dallas Morning News recently ran an article on Hank Stuever's new book, *Tinsel*, which is a revelation of sorts about mainstream America, as illustrated by families in Frisco. In particular he writes about how they (we) "do Christmas" in our consumer-oriented culture. The bottom line seems to be a reminder that we can't "buy our way out of the doldrums and into Christmas". Especially this year, we need to focus on an "attitude of gratitude" for what God is doing in our lives and the world.
2. **Go to more than one "Shot Clinic".** You'll be receiving a mailing within the next two weeks listing all the times of FUMC's shot clinics (clearly labeled "Discover Your Inner Elf"), and the particular vaccine available - - things like the music department's presentation of "The Messiah", the Christmas Pops concert, a warm and helpful sermon series about Expectation Laughter Family, mission opportunities "to fit all", the UMW's Cookie Jamboree, a quiet-but-meaningful Healing Service, the children's Birthday Party for Jesus, the youth's Christmas Party / ONE Worship. More than one dose of vaccine is recommended.
3. **Time-release inoculations.** Please note, the above-mentioned shots are time-sensitive. What that means is two fold: first, you have to **slow down** to get into these clinics; second, the vaccine's effects are **slow-ly** cumulative. Further, these shots actually work best in crowds. (A wise person said, "You can't create and sustain relationships moving through life at a high rate of speed.")

So this tough year is coming to an end. But before it does, create an exit plan. Plan now to inoculate yourself against the "same-old same-old". Don't succumb to "tinsel-itis". Slow down. Go to the shot clinics along with the rest of the crowd and "Discover Your Inner Elf" as a way to put a good ending on a tough year.

Grace and Peace,

** We would like to welcome Mr. Tim Allen, our new Operations Manager. Look for more information about Tim in the next issue of *First News*.



Looking Ahead to Worship

Sunday, November 15th

Traditional Service

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

Contemporary Service

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

Sunday, November 22nd

Traditional Service

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

Contemporary Service

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

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Heroes ...

is a support group for people caring for aging parents or others in need of care. This month's Heroes meeting (November 18th at 7:00 pm in Room 303) will include a recap of the 2009 Fall Caregiver Seminar presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Besides issues concerning people with Alzheimer's Disease, topics such as driving and talking with doctors were also covered and will be reviewed. For more information contact Marilyn Horton at marhorton@gmail.com or 972-393-1304.

Why I'm a Member of the United Methodist Women

Over the next few months, we will be sharing input from women who are part of the UMW here at FUMC Coppell. We asked them why they chose to be members of this organization, and here is what they said.....

"I was going through a divorce and was a single mom. For the first time in my life, I realized I needed new/supportive friends. I found fellowship, love and encouragement in my circle."

"We have some of the most interesting ladies in the church and it's fun to read books with them and share our thoughts. And, we try new and creative recipes to share in our meetings."

Please join us! For more information, contact Rebecca Davis at 972-462-7777 or rebecca.davis7777@gmail.com.

Career Transitions Group ...

for those in the church family and community who may be in job transition or underemployed meets Mondays at 7:00 pm in Room 301 off of Wesley Fellowship Hall. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Jerry Alexander (jerry.alexander@utdallas.edu) or Doug Powers (hdpowers@tx.rr.com). Upcoming guest speakers are:

11/16	Joan Anthony	Interstate Batteries	HR Manager
11/23	no meeting		
11/30	Lynn Guillory	Foxworth Galbraith Lumber	VP HR

Need Someone to Talk to?

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen. Everything is confidential and there is no charge. Contact Rev. Susan Bryan - 972-462-0471 or sbryan@fumcoppell.org

Got Passion?

We will be stating new adult groups in January. If you have interests, hobbies and skills and would like to lead or be part of a new interest group, We are always seeking to start new small groups of folks interested coming together for Christian fellowship around a common interest or purpose. After the new year would be a great time to bring people together in new small groups! Please contact Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471, ext. 215 or sbryan@fumcoppell.org.

JOY (Older Adults) Group

Our next gathering will be Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 pm in the Rotunda. Dr. Bill Clark will present a Trumpet Concert of Favorite Hymns followed by a presentation on "Preserve your Wealth and Health". For more information, contact John and Nancy Estep.

Are You Going Bonkers?

Join the Grace and Peace class as we let the kids play on December 6th at *Going Bonkers*. After the 11:00 service the class will meet at Jason's Deli for lunch and then head over to *Going Bonkers* for a fun afternoon of play. We would love for you to join us for class that day too at 9:45 in Room 308. If you would like more information please contact Melissa Potter, melissajpotter@verizon.net or 972-956-9318.

2010 Women's Retreat

April 9th-11th at Lake Texoma, "Reflections"

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend for fun, fellowship, rest and renewal. A great way to make new friends and catch up with old friends! Look for more information coming soon on the website and in Wesley Hall. For more information, contact: Susan Bryan – sbryan@fumcoppell.org or Ellen Diers – erdiere@verizon.net



Confirmation Field Trips

Confirmands who missed the field trip to St. Ann Catholic Church may choose to visit the Life Teen Mass on another Sunday afternoon if they desire to participate in this worship experience. Youth mass begins at 4:30 pm and generally ends by 6:00 pm.

Field trips are an important part of the confirmation experience as they allow our youth to participate in the worship traditions of other faith communities. While these field trips are not mandatory, they are highly encouraged for all confirmands.

Field trips to Temple Emanu-El, a Jewish Temple in Dallas, are scheduled for January 2010. This field trip is an opportunity to learn about the Jewish faith and appreciate the roots of Christianity in Judaism. The field trip includes a tour of the Temple and a worship service. You will have three dates from which to choose:

- Saturday, January 9th (9:30 am – noon)
- Saturday, January 16th (9:30 am – noon)
- Saturday, January 23rd (9:30 am – noon)

We can take up to 30 people each time (including adult chaperones) and will need adult volunteers to drive and chaperone. To sign up for this field trip, please contact Cindy Wylie at 972-393-6925 or cindy.wylie@hotmail.com.

Coming Soon!

Confirmation Retreat to Sky Ranch Conference Center on January 30-31, 2010. The \$100 retreat fees for youth and \$50 retreat fees for chaperones are due by December 15th for any who have not yet paid. Retreat details will be mailed to homes in early January.



Third Grade Bibles Sunday, November 15th

Please be sure your 3rd grader is here on Sunday, November 15th in one of the three worship services. They will receive their Bible and have a Bible-learning lesson from 12:15-2:30 pm in the Rotunda. If you have not done so, please return the card with the name you would like in your child's Bible. Thank you!



crazy Christians to go Roller Skating

Join the fun on Sunday, November 15th as the Crazy Christians travel to InterSkate in Lewisville! CC's will drop off and pick up from the skating rink located at 1408 S. Hwy 121 (Business 121) near I-35E. Our skating party begins at 4:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm. **Please note that this is a change from our regular meeting time.** Parents are reminded to enter the building to sign children in and out for this event. To ensure their safety, please do not drop children at the door! CC's budget will cover admission fees, pizza, popcorn, soft drinks, and skate rentals (both quad and inline are available).

Crazy Christians is a fellowship group for 4th and 5th grade children. Church members and friends are always welcome! Enrollment and emergency medical forms must be received by all participants, so please allow extra time at the sign in table for any children who have not yet registered for CC's this year.

Participants are reminded to wear "Follow Me" t-shirts so they may be easily recognized as members of our group. Extra t-shirts will be available at InterSkate for any children in need. **So we may plan appropriately for this experience, please contact kwilliams@fumccoppell.org by Wednesday, November 11th if your child plans to participate in this offsite event.**

First Annual Birthday Party for Jesus December 13th, 4:00-6:00 pm

This year we will start a new tradition at First UMC in place of Come to Bethlehem. At the Birthday Party for Jesus we will:

- make an Advent/Christmas Craft for families
- make a Missions Craft to give to another family
- be encouraged to bring a gift for our angel tree
- have a short children's time in the Sanctuary with Pastor Jennifer
- sing a few Christmas hymns with Ms. Deanna
- have Birthday Cake for Jesus
- go caroling around neighborhood

Everyone is invited to join us in this simple, yet meaningful way to prepare our hearts for the birth of Baby Jesus. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Scott, jscott@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 208.

Created by God/A Human Sexuality Seminar February 11-13, 2010

This is a really important (and fun!) seminar for our 5th and 6th graders. Please mark your calendar now with the dates and times. Contact Jennifer Scott (jscott@fumccoppell.org) for more information or to volunteer to serve as a table leader (this truly is a PAINLESS endeavor!).

- Thursday, February 11th: 6:30-8:00 pm, mandatory parent meeting
- Friday, February 12th: 6:30-9:00 pm the students meet
- Saturday, February 13th: 9:00 am-2:00 pm students meet, 2:00-3:00 pm parents join the students



Sunday School Classes for 7th-12th Graders

On Sunday mornings, we all gather together in the Rotunda at 9:45 am for a time of fellowship with donuts and announcements for upcoming opportunities. We will ask for prayer requests, pray together as a large group, and then head to our different classrooms.

UMYF

Come join us on Sundays from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Rotunda for games, devotional, small groups, worship. Be prepared for ANYTHING. Open to all youth in grades 6-12.

On November 15th, we will have another "Dinner Out". We meet at 5:00 pm for River Worship and then go to Chipotle for dinner. You need to bring money for food and have your parents pick you by 8:00 pm at Chipotle.

December 5th Paint Party!

Hey Middle Schoolers, on December 5th we are going paint crazy! There will be two great trips that Saturday afternoon for you to enjoy. The first will be a time of paintball with all the middle school students from the church, and the second will be a time to paint your own pottery. These trips are open to all middle school students 6th-8th grades. The cost of the trips will be a one time cost of \$20 with an event sheet filled out. These trips are open to guys and girls for either one, and don't forget to invite a friend. Save your spot and don't miss this great afternoon of painting. For more information please contact Drew Sher or TJ Zimmerman.

Save the Date: January 14-17, 2010

Winter Weekend with our friends at First Baptist and Valley Ranch Baptist. We will have a guest speaker, some great worship time together, and a whole lot of fun! More details will be coming out soon.



Cinderella Jr

Presented by middle school youth, performances are November 13th and 14th at 7:00 pm and November 14th at 2:00 pm.

School of Fine Arts ...

has opened its doors. It functions under the umbrella of the Music Ministry. 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.fumccoppell.org). For more information about the FUMC School of Fine Arts, please contact Elizabeth Parker at eparker@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0472 ext 203.

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.

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 from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Rotunda. If you have any questions, contact Nathan Frank at nfrank@fumccoppell.org.



Looking for a Christmas Volunteer Opportunity?

The **Single Pathfinders** Sunday School Class has taken on the task of managing the CCA Christmas Giving Tree at Vista Ridge Mall all day on Saturday, December 5th. Smiling "tree sitters" are needed from 10:00 am-9:00 pm to take in gifts, record donations, give tax receipts, etc. We need 2-3 people at the tree all day so you can volunteer an hour or maybe more or bring a friend to share in the fun. For more information or to volunteer for a time slot contact Terri Bacot at t.bacot@tx.rr.com or 214-543-6618.



Costa Rica Mission Trip – 2010

FUMC Coppell will be participating in a mission trip to Costa Rica again this coming spring, March 13-20, 2010 (coincides with CISD Spring Break). Registration has begun. This marks the 9th year for us to participate. This year, members of FUMC The Colony and Faith Bridge Church in Rockwall will be joining with us! Our purpose is to radiate Christ's love while serving him in whatever capacity we have been called to serve. We will work under the direction of the staff of the Centro Rural Metodista in Ciudad Quesada (Northwest of San Jose). Activities typically include: construction work on a new local Methodist church, putting on a vacation bible school for area children, and doing "fix up work" at the center. Our exact location for our mission work will be decided with the staff of the Methodist Center shortly before we go, based on current local needs. Actual quarters will depend on our work location and could include staying in the Retreat Center, a local church, rustic hotel or local homes. We have found the people of Costa Rica to be loving and trusting. They encourage us and inspire us as we work with them. We have found the country of Costa Rica to be a beautiful and hospitable place. Costa Rican food (and coffee!) is always an added bonus.

The total trip price will be \$1,300 per person. We will need to limit the number of travelers to 22. (That is the number of plane reservations we are holding and the capacity of the bus transportation available.) A \$100 deposit and completed registration form are all you need to reserve your spot on the trip! Please mail or drop off your checks to the church office, 420 S Hartz Rd, Coppell, TX 75019. Checks should be made out to FUMC Coppell, with "Costa Rica Mission Trip Deposit" in the memo field. The deadline for deposits and registration is January 3rd.

This trip can be an incredible blessing for families with older children! Ninth grade and older youth accompanied by parents are invited, as are sophomores and older youth who have an adult sponsor accompanying them on the trip. Information brochures are available in the church office and on the Mission table in Wesley Hall. A short video of last year's trip is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJ3HdCBw14>. If you have any questions, please contact any of the team leaders (Billy Faught, 972-393-7235 or Amanda Glassey, 214-536-8100).



November 1st



Christopher, Laura and Allie Kupcunas

November 8th



Avery Purdin



Mark Your Calendars Advent/Christmas Schedule

Discover Your Inner ELF
Expectation Laughter Family

November 29th

Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am

December 5th

In the Garden/Chapel for Advent, 9:30 am

December 6th

Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 am
23rd Annual Cookie Jamboree, 9:30 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Christmas Fellowship Meal, 5:00-6:15 pm
Christmas POPS! Concert, 6:30 pm

December 13th

Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 am
with special music from Handel's Messiah
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Birthday Party for Jesus, 4:00 pm

December 16th

Holiday Healing Service, 6:30 pm

December 20th

Traditional Worship, 8:30
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Traditional Worship, 11:00 am

December 24th, Christmas Eve

Family Service, 4:30 pm
Candlelight and Communion, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 pm
Note: Nursery at 4:30 and 7:00 pm only

December 27th

(no 8:30 worship)
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Combined Sunday School, 10:00 am
Traditional Worship, 11:00 am

Making Room for God While Getting Ready for Christmas

In the Chapel - Saturday, December 5th - 9:30-11:30 am
Advent is often the busiest time of the year, and yet, we are called to make time and space to prepare our lives for the coming of the Christ child again into our hearts and lives. What a challenge. ...No matter how busy we may become, God is waiting to break through our endless tasks and preparations to remind us that God is with us. Come for prayer and meditation, community and alone time to ponder how to draw close to God in this busy season. No charge. Please RSVP to Rev. Susan Bryan (sbryan@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 215).



Hark the Herald Angels Bake?

That's right, it's almost time for the 23rd annual UMW Cookie Jamboree! This great FUMC Coppell tradition will be held on Sunday, December 6th.



What is the Cookie Jamboree? It is a giant cookie exchange! Each church family is asked to bake cookies or candy and bring them to the church for the huge sale. Then, everyone is invited to line up, and for only \$10/box, you get to select the cookies that go home with you!

Where does the cookie money go? The cookie money proceeds allow UMW to support missions such as Christ's Foundry, Wesley Rankin, Christian Community Action and others. This is UMW's biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help.

Will you be an angel? You may not think of yourself as an angel, but we do! We are asking for any and all baking angels (female or male) to bring any amount (1 dozen to 8+ dozen) of baked goods for the Jamboree. Your time and materials will be a blessing to many.

What do you do next? Simply put your baked goods in a foil lined box and include a card that lets us know what kind of goodies you made. Then drop them off in Room 315 (off Wesley Hall), either Saturday between 9:00 am-2:00 pm or Sunday morning by 9:00 am. The sale starts at 9:30 am on Sunday, and continues until the cookies are gone.

For additional information or questions, please contact Rebecca Davis at 972-462-7777 or rebecca.davis7777@gmail.com.



Cinderella's Song

Cinderella was my favorite fairy tale and movie as a child - I can remember sitting alone often and singing this song,

"In my own little corner, in my own little chair, I can be whatever I want to be. In the wings of my fancy, I can fly anywhere and the world will open it's arms to me."

I realize now why I have always resonated with these words. I'm an introvert who loves to be alone in my corner - my favorite chair by the fireplace, or outside on a swing or a bench - actually not alone, but alone with God, praying. In these times I feel like God opens God's ears and eyes and arms to me.

In coming newsletters, in this Prayer Corner, I will share simple ways to pray - prayer practices to try in your own little corner. Please join me on this journey! Rev. Susan Bryan - sbryan@fumccoppell.org.



Bits & Pieces

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order poinsettia plants to decorate the chancel area for Christmas. They can be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Pick up an order form in the Church Office or the table in Wesley Hall. Deadline to order is November 29th and the cost is \$20 each.

Get on Board the Bandwagon! Don't Miss Out!

In order to be better stewards of our money, we have implemented the option of emailing quarterly contribution statements. If you would like to have your giving statements sent to you electronically via a secure PDF file format, please send an email granting your permission to Anne Hinkle, ahinkle@fumccoppell.org. The email must include: your name, home phone number and your preferred email address.

If a majority of families in the church participate in this endeavor we will save in three ways - the money from postage, paper from printing, and time from the administrative staff preparing the large mailing. Won't you help the church be good stewards and hop on the bandwagon?

And A Little Child Shall Lead Them...

Yvonne Lam was a very special friend to my family. It was a wonderful joy for me and my kids to take her to dialysis one Monday each month. Charlie has seen how sad I was this week as I talked with him about her going to be with Jesus. As I was tucking him in the other night, I started our prayer, "Dear God..." and he quickly interjected "We miss Ms. 'Von!" It brought me to tears. I said "We DO miss Ms. Von. Did you know that she went to heaven to be with Jesus and we won't see her again?" And again he quickly interjected "But we'll see her when we go to heaven." Then he asked if she could talk in heaven. I told him I thought there was probably a way of talking in heaven, though it might be different than we talk. He said, "I think she talks in sign language!" His Daddy had told him on All Saints Sunday about the remembrance cards. So he told me that night that he wanted to write a note to her to send to heaven. How we miss our sweet and loving and dear friend. She taught us what it means to live life to the fullest and to love on our babies all the time and most importantly - to LAUGH!



Submitted by Jennifer Scott

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.

Thank You For The Socks!

Many thanks to all of you who donated socks in memory of Veronica Sheer. We had more than 200 pairs of socks! Many thanks for sharing the warmth of God for children across Dallas and across the world!



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.

The United Methodist Church - Did you know?

Interested in knowing more about our denomination? Great websites to check out are:

History/Beliefs - www.umc.org
Discipleship Ministries - www.qbod.org
Daily Devotionals - www.upperroom.org
Cokesbury Books - www.cokesbury.org
North Texas Conference - www.ntcumc.org

Loving Hands



Loving Hands is a ministry in our church that provides buddies for special needs children. 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.

We look forward to more friends and more volunteers for our next Saturday Evening of Rest, otherwise referred to as "church camp" by a couple of our kids. December 12th is our next night and we would love to have you come join us for a few hours of fun! Questions please contact Kathy Braem at kbraem@fumccoppell.com or kbraem@msn.com.

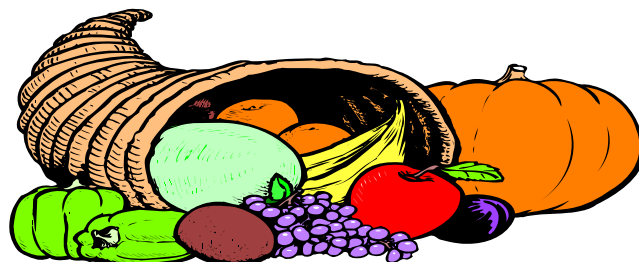
Groundbreaking at Christ's Foundry!

Christ's Foundry will break ground on its new buildings on **Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 pm**. Event details are:

- The event will be held on Christ's Foundry's property (3363 Park Lane Dallas, Texas 75220).
- However, ALL PARKING WILL BE OFF-SITE AT WALNUT HILL UMC (10666 Marsh Lane Dallas, Texas 75229.)
- Shuttles will run between Walnut Hill and Christ's Foundry beginning at 2:30 pm.
- Please drop off your passengers at the site, and then drive back to Walnut Hill to leave your car and catch the shuttle.
- Rain location: Walnut Hill UMC

Veterans Day Celebration

The City of Coppell, along with Restland Coppell Chapel, is planning a Veteran's Day Ceremony. The ceremony is November 11th at 3:00 pm under the Pavilion at Rolling Oaks Memorial Center, 400 S Freeport Parkway in Coppell. The Police Department Honor Guard and Pipe and Drum Corp will be there to enhance the celebration. There will be a small reception after the ceremony.





Calendar for November 11th - 24th

Wednesday, November 11

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 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-6:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Caf e
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMW Board Mtg
 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Cinderella Jr Rehearsal
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Nursery Committee Mtg
 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, November 12

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
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 4:00 pm-8:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Cinderella Jr. Rehearsal
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Friday, November 13

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Cinderella Jr. Performance

Saturday, November 14

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
 9:00 am-5:00 pm Stephen Ministry Retreat
 11:00 am-2:00 pm Texas Arts Academy
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Cinderella Jr. Performance
 2:30 pm-5:00 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Cinderella Jr. Performance

Sunday, November 15

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
 Worship Services
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Bible Learning Lesson
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Hungry for the Word
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm UMW Knitting Circle
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells
 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Crazy Christians
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
 5:00 pm-8:00 pm UMYF Worship/Dinner Out
 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Adult Divorce Recovery
 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Adult Grief & Healing Grp

Sunday, November 15 (continued)

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Kids of Hope/Kids of Peace
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Triumphant Sound Concert
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, November 16

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 5:30 pm-7:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Hearthstone Worship
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Evangelism Mtg
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transitions Grp
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

Tuesday, November 17

9:00 am-11:30 am Coppell Gifted Association
 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
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Heartfire Mtg
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 8th Grade Girls Cell Grp
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 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-6:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Caf e
 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-8:00 pm 8th Grade Guys Cell Grp
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 19

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
 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
 4:00 pm-8:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm JOY Grp
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm UMW Kairos Circle

Friday, November 20

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, November 21

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
 11:00 am-2:00 pm Texas Arts Academy
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Wedding

Sunday, November 22

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
 Worship Services
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Hungry for the Word
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm UMW Knitting Circle
 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 Bells
 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm UMYF
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, November 23

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
 5:30 pm-7:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 24

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
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
 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 @ 10/31/09	2008 Actual Year to Date @ 10/31/08	Variance
Offerings and Other Income	\$ 1,562,080	\$ 1,595,709	\$ (33,629)
Operating Expenditures	(1,760,134)	(1,746,625)	(13,509)
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (198,054)	\$ (150,916)	\$ (47,138)
Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts	\$ 166,165	\$ 218,967	\$ (52,802)

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".



Capital Campaign

As of Monday, November 9th, we have 229 pledges (29% of our 800 households) totaling \$2,037,518 (45% of our goal of \$4,500,000).

Special Music Opportunity

Come and hear "Triumphant Sound," a men's gospel quartet from Oto, Iowa on Sunday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in the Rotunda. It promises to be a wonderful evening of music! (The bass is Lisa Rucker's brother-in-law.) We hope to see you there!



Triumphant Sound

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
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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)
TJ Zimmerman	Associate Director of Youth	(237)
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)
Tim Allen	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.

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%	