

First News

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Looking Ahead to Worship

Sunday, December 26th

Traditional Service

Please Note: No 8:30 Service
Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching
Sanctuary, 11:00 am

Heartfire Service

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

eleven¹⁰ Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner, preaching
Rotunda, 11:10 am

Sunday, January 2nd

Holy Communion

Traditional Service

Please Note: No 8:30 Service
Rev. Joe Zinser, guest preacher
from North Texas Conference
Sanctuary, 11:00 am

Heartfire Service

Rev. Joe Zinser, guest preacher
from North Texas Conference
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

eleven¹⁰ Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner, preaching
Rotunda, 11:10 am

Sunday, January 9th

Traditional Service

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

Heartfire Service

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

eleven¹⁰ Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner, preaching
Rotunda, 11:10 am



Worship

Christmas Eve Worship Services



(Nursery care at 4:30 and 7:00 pm only)

4:30 pm

Family Worship Service, Sanctuary

7:00 pm

Candlelight and Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary

9:00 pm

Candlelight and Communion Worship Service
with Heartfire Band, Sanctuary

10:00 pm

Modern Christmas Experience, Rotunda

11:00 pm

Candlelight and Communion Worship Service, Sanctuary

December 26th and January 2nd Worship Schedule

Note: **NO** 8:30 am Worship Service

9:45 am Heartfire Worship Service, Sanctuary

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
Please note: NO Wee Worship

11:10 am eleven 10 Student Worship Service, Rotunda



Adults

Adult Grace/Study Groups

Starting in January 2011 – Signups Begin in January

Our Adult Grace Groups are our small groups for adults that offer participants opportunities to grow in grace together through fellowship, prayer, study, reflection and small-group discussion. Brochures available at the Information Desk, Church Office or online the church's website. For more information about Grace Groups, please contact Rev. Susan Bryan (972-462-0471, sbryan@fumcoppell.org).

Short-term and Ongoing Study Groups

(Long-term Studies will begin again in Fall 2011)

What it Means to be United Methodist

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am; January 23rd, 30th and February 6th or
Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00 pm; January 26th, February 2nd and 9th
No Fee; Led by the Pastors

Mid-Week Reflections

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 pm; Starting January 5th
Led by Calista Hall and Jennifer Bunting

Hungry for the Word Bible Study

Sundays, 4:00-5:30 pm; Starting January 16th
No fee, except for the Chronological Study Bible
Led by Terry Settle

Beginning Conversational Spanish

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; Starting January 18th
Materials Fee: \$8; Led by Holly Whiting

For Women

Women's Reading Group

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm; Starting January 20th
Led by Rev. Susan Bryan; Book Fee: \$12

PEARLS – Personal Enrichment and Relations Ladies Study

Ongoing 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am
New Book starting January 13th; *Tune In: Hearing God's Voice*
Through the Static by Jen Hatmaker
Books can be purchased on amazon.com
Led by Michelle Bauer

For Men

10:17 Men's Bible Study

Sundays, 8:00-9:00 pm; Led by Scott Wilson
Only fee is for the study book

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 6:00-7:00 am - Ongoing
Current study is on David; Contact Ken Heffley
Only fee is for the study book

Grief and Healing Support Groups

Offered in conjunction with the children's grief groups. For information or to sign up for the children's groups, contact Jennifer Scott.

Grief Support Group

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm; Starting February 13th
Fee: \$15 for book; Led by Carol Sheer and Ron Harrison

Special Offerings

Christian Yoga

Starting January 24th; Fee: \$30
Mondays, 9:00-10:00 am; 10 sessions; Led by Lucinda Bordonaro
Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm; 10 sessions; Led by Patti Carpenter

Morning of Prayer

Saturday, March 5th; 9:30-11:30 am
No fee; Led by Rev. Susan Bryan

2011 Women's Retreat

April 8-10; Prothro Center, Texoma
Fee: \$145 by February 13th, \$155 after
Contacts Ellen Diers and Lisa Hancock

New Dinner Fellowship Group Leaders Needed!

Dinner Fellowship Groups will begin again in February with new groups of 8-10 forming. We need group leaders to act as hosts for the groups. "Hosts" plan for the first gathering in their home or at a restaurant and then help plan for the other gatherings during the year – February, April, July, September, November. For more information, to volunteer to host, or sign up for a group, please contact Rev. Susan Bryan (sbryan@fumcoppell.org, 972-462-0471).





Children

Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 16th from 3:30-5:00 pm as we continue our emphasis on Heifer International. Please continue collecting your change to benefit the Heifer Project and remember to bring your donations to our meeting on January 16th! CC's and JJ's are fellowship groups for 2nd through 5th grade children. For more information, please contact kwilliams@fumccoppell.org.

Children's Service Christmas Eve 4:30 pm

All children Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Pageant. With traditional costumes for all, we share the story of the birth of the Christ child through music, Scripture and song. This service is a perfect way to prepare our children for the birth of Jesus Christ. All children who wish to participate will need to be at the rehearsal on Thursday, December 23rd at 4:30 pm. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Jennifer Scott (ext. 208 or jscott@fumccoppell.org) ASAP.



Children's Sunday School Mission Project December 26th 10:00 am, Smartt Hall

On Sunday, December 26th Children and Confirmation Sunday school classes will meet in Smartt Hall at 10:00 am for a special mission project. Wesley-Rankin is a United Methodist-based agency that has served the diverse West Dallas community where individuals, families, and children encounter the realities of poverty, crime and despair. West Dallas is also where they encounter a caring, supportive community striving to face challenges with hope and grace. Wesley-Rankin depends on individuals like you to respond to the profound need of this historic community. We invite you to join us to create a promising future for the children and families of West Dallas.

Please bring the following **NEW** items in children's sizes:

- Coats/Jackets
- Socks
- Underwear
- \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards

Pastoral Care for Children in Grief Kids of Hope

If your child has experienced the death of a loved one, please plan on enrolling them in our 6-week session beginning February 13th. The session will meet on Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30 pm. If you have interest in enrolling your family or have a friend you'd like to invite, please contact Jennifer Scott (jscott@fumccoppell.org, 972-462-0471, ext. 208).

**For planning purposes, please register by January 30th. If we do not have enough participants for the classes to make, we will offer the session again in September.

Attention All Parents Who Are Cleaning Out Before the End of the Year!

Please don't throw out your gently used Children's clothing and baby items, we will be doing another collection for Children's Sabbath in the month of February. **Please note that we will NOT be taking child's safety seats. New Hope is not allowed to distribute used car seats due to safety concerns. FYI, did you know that child safety seats expire after 6 years? For the safety of your child, please check those manufacture dates and toss it in the garbage if it's too old. If it's not safe for your child, it's not safe for any child. Thank you!



Stringfellow School News

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

We will be closed for Christmas December 21st-January 3rd
Classes will resume on January 4th, 2011

Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year from Stringfellow!

Created by God/A Human Sexuality

This is a really important (and fun!) seminar for our 5th and 6th graders. Please mark your calendar now with the dates and times. We are still in need of several MALE table volunteers (this truly is a PAINLESS endeavor!) Please contact Jennifer Scott (jscott@fumccoppell.org). The official registration information is coming the beginning of January.

- Thursday, February 17th - 6:30-8:00 pm mandatory parent meeting
- Friday, February 18th - 7:00-9:30 pm students meet (**Please note this time change!**)
- Saturday, February 19th - 9:00 am-2:00 pm students meet, joined by their parents from 2:00-3:00 pm

Children's Summer Camps at Bridgeport Camp

Registration for the 2011 Summer Season has begun. Early Bird registration will run until February 28th, offering a savings of \$25.00 per child. Dates and registration are available on-line at www.bridgeportcamp.com/register

Vacation Bible School, June 13-17, 2011

Shake it up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids **explore the Bible** as a cookbook filled with recipes for **living out God's word**. Through **interactive lessons**, that are easy for kids to **apply to their lives** today, boys and girls will celebrate **biblical festivals** that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.

Be ready for God
Give happily to God
Believe fully in Jesus
Remember Jesus often
Celebrate God forever

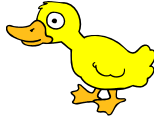




Confirmation

Do You Still Need to Complete a Service Project?

Confirmands are needed to clean up Duck Pond Park during the month of January. Please contact Kelly Williams to volunteer, kwilliams@fumccoppell.org. You choose the date and time to complete this important project!



Field Trips to Temple Emanu-El, ...

a Jewish Temple in Dallas, are scheduled for January 2011. These field trips provide an opportunity to learn about the Jewish faith and appreciate the roots of Christianity in Judaism. Each field trip includes a tour of the Temple and a worship service. You will have three dates from which to choose:

- Friday, January 7th (5:15 pm – 7:30 pm)
- Saturday, January 8th (9:30 am – noon)
- Saturday, January 22nd (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 a Temple visit, please contact Becky Wall at beckywall@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars ...

for a future confirmation field trip! Confirmands are also invited to attend the Bishop's Annual Confirmation Celebration on Sunday, February 13th from 2:00-5:00 pm at FUMC, Denton. More information will come in January as Wendy Dickson coordinates involvement by FUMC, Coppell.

Coming Soon!

Confirmation Retreat to Sky Ranch Conference Center on January 29-30, 2011. Retreat participants will depart by 8:00 am on Saturday and return by 12:30 pm on Sunday. Registration and bus loading will begin at 7:30 am on Saturday. Retreat details and release forms will be mailed to homes in early January.



Youth

Christmas Eve

10:00 pm

modern Christmas worship and the best Christmas gift in Jesus Christ




Missions

Christmas Morning at Austin Street Centre

We will be serving a hot breakfast for the people at the Austin Street Centre early on Christmas morning again this year. Over the last many years the participation in this effort has been tremendous. This Christmas, we will again serve a hot breakfast meal and will need help in preparing the casseroles (recipe and the pans will be provided!), serving the food, and singing Christmas carols! If you are interested in helping in this effort, please contact Cindy Warner (warner.family@verizon.net, 972 304-8344).

December Communion Offering ...

is designated for Austin St. Centre which provides emergency shelter and related services to the homeless in a compassionate Christian community. Your offering will go to provide a meal for Christmas this year and also help with Saturday meals throughout the year. We also make donations to Austin Street that go to pay for utilities for the facility or any other needs they might have. If you want to know more about this mission please contact Cindy Warner (warner.family@verizon.net).



Care & Support

Career Development Network ...

meets every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Library. It serves the needs of members or non members by Business Development Networking, Career Transition Advice, and Recruiting needs of area companies. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Doug Powers (hdpowers@tx.rr.com).

Heroes is a Support Group for Caregivers . . .

who are experiencing the challenges of caring for aging parents. Information, experience and stories are shared as we learn from each other. Open to anyone, Heroes meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in room 302. For more information contact Marilyn Horton (972-393-1304 or marhorton@gmail.com).





Contemporary Corner

A Heartfire Christmas Eve



The Heartfire Praise and Worship Team would like to invite everyone to come and share the joy of Christmas at the Heartfire Christmas Eve service at 9:00 pm. Contemporary Christmas music along with special guests, communion and a candlelight closing will be the perfect way to

celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

We also want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Christmas filled with Joy, Peace, Hope and Love!

Billboard Chart's Top 5 Christian Songs

"Light Up The Sky" by The Afters

"Jesus Saves" by Jeremy Camp

"Starry Night" by Chris August

"Your Love" by Brandon Heath

"I Will Follow" by Chris Tomlin

So if congregation members have a favorite Christian song they would like to hear, they should let Heartfire Band leader Mark Cozart (cozy102010@yahoo.com) know and he'll do his best to make it happen.



Music

Calling all Children!

We are looking for a few more singers for our children's choirs! January is a great time to join the choir! Rehearsals resume on January 5th. We have choirs for four-year-olds (by September 1, 2010) through 5th Grade. Choirs meet 5:30-6:15 pm.

The 1st-5th Grades are going to a rotation system beginning February 23rd and will include time for singing, guitars, Orff instruments, and art. Please refer to the church newsletter and website for more information. Singing in the choir is a great way to serve God and the church, learn about music, and make new friends! We have some great things planned. Come and join us! For more information, contact Deanna Goodman (972-462-0471, ext. 228 or dgoodman@fumccoppell.org).



Watch for New Schedule
for Sunday Music Rehearsals
coming in January.



New Members

Joined December 12th



Doris Starnes
and Anita Moran



Craig and Gina Warner
Riley and Blaine



Bits & Pieces

Beaders

Do you Bead? Would you like to share your talent with your church? We need a few people or a group to make prayer bracelets for our ministers to give to people who need some encouragement? Please prayerfully consider being a part of this special loving ministry. These bracelets will be made by our church members.

Our congregation and ministers will hold these special bracelets in their hands and pray for the recipients. These are a simple design and we will provide the supplies. We would like to begin in early 2011. Contact Debbie Schaefer (debbie_schaefer@hotmail.com, 214-718-7224).



Join us on Wednesdays in Wesley Hall from 6:00-6:45 pm. Price is adults \$6 and children \$5.

Reservations required by 12:00 pm on Monday. You may make your reservations online and even pay in advance if desired. Go to the church website

(www.fumccoppell.org) and click on "connect", then "Good to Go Reservations" or click [here](#).

Birthday in Bethlehem

Thank you to Children's Council and the countless volunteers who made Birthday in Bethlehem such a wonderful and special event. Our intent this year was to bring back some of the favorites of Come to Bethlehem with a few elements of what made Birthday Party for Jesus special last year. All while trying to keep it simple enough and not so labor intensive. We don't believe that a single child left the building without a small piece of the Christmas Story and Spirit in their heart. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and hearts with our church family in this busy, glorious season.

Angie Marlin and Jennifer Scott

Ziplocs for Baby Jesus Under the Sanctuary Tree

Will you consider packing a one-gallon Ziploc with basic necessities and an ounce of God's love? This year the gifts under the tree in the Sanctuary will be items that can be given out to the people we see on the streets or at Austin Street. Do you squirm a little in your seat when you see someone with a "Please help, I have no money and no job!" sign? Do you wonder what you should tell your kids when they ask what that sign says? Or what do you say when your kid asks why you didn't give them money? We are putting together as many bags of God's love as we can so that church members who work downtown can have them readily available to hand out at stoplights. There are bound to be a few blessings and God stories that will come from this important ministry of following God's basic commandment. If you don't have Ziploc, please put the items in a grocery sack and we'll put them together for you! Please put under the Sanctuary tree by Sunday, December 26th.

Please pack your bag with some or all of the following suggested items:

- Soap/small body wash (in separate Ziploc to prevent contamination)
- Washcloth
- Granola bar or power bar
- Toothbrush
- Rain poncho
- Socks
- Tissues
- Bottle of water
- Toothpaste
- Mittens/Gloves or Scarf

Please include a small note or child's drawing expressing God's love. Please sign only your first name.

Third Grade Bibles

If your child was unable to be in worship on November 7th, please stop by the church office to pick up their Bible and nameplate.

Attention Church Members

We are pleased to announce the launch of an EXCITING NEW TOOL for all church members --the FIRST CHURCH WEB PORTAL.

This is a fully secure (your information is protected) portal which provides each individual with their own personal ID and password. Each individual will determine what and how much information they will make available on the portal.

Some of the important and useful new features include:

- a church directory, customizable (you decide the amount of information you want to share) and updatable by each individual
- ability to send emails to individuals and/or groups
- group networking, including: communicate within groups; search for groups; group leaders update

FIRST CHURCH is taking steps to provide on-line CONNECTIONS for our members. We are committed to our church community and meeting your networking needs. Join us as we launch another way to "Grow in Grace" with one another.

Note From the Trustees

Just a reminder that no food or drink are allowed in the sanctuary. Please help us keep the new carpet looking fresh.



Loving Hands ...



next Evening of Rest will be January 15th. 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.

What a Sweet Success!

The UMW extends a huge thank you to all those who helped make this year's Cookie Jamboree one of the most successful of all time. With your homemade sweets, we were able to raise \$2,900 for missions that the women of this church support. We had double the amount of sweets from last year and sold out after the 11:00 service--usually the 11:00 folks only see crumbs!

We know that the Jamboree is a fun and anticipated event, but it does have a very serious side. The cookie money is the foundation of our mission work. Here is just a sampling of who you blessed: local children in need of clothes for school, women who are seeking shelter from an abusive situation, after school programs in Dallas for kids in at-risk situations, Dallas Bethlehem Center, Wesley Rankin Center, Christ's Foundry.

Thank you for the mixing, scooping, baking and packaging! Your efforts already made a difference in a life and we could not have done it without YOU!

And Little Children Shall Lead Them...

So, Charlie was on quite the roll in Sunday School today. Mr. Todd, who I was teaching with, lost his composure completely. It was so unexpected both times.



The story was about the angel visiting Mary and their booklet had a picture of Mary and Joseph in a kitchen and the kids were supposed to circle 6 things they didn't have in Bible times - electric appliances, etc. and there was a basket with some vegetables sitting on the floor. At one point earlier Mr. Todd had joked about the message being "Don't eat the peas" so I pointed out that there were peas or maybe green beans in the basket, and Charlie says, "No, actually those are Edamame!!!"

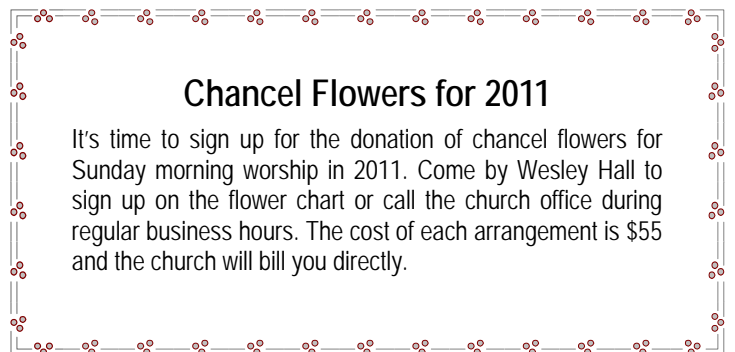
Mr. Todd was asking how Mary knew she was going to have a baby, and Charlie immediately and matter-of-factly, says, "the blood test!!!!"

Submitted by Cathy S.

**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.

Chancel Flowers for 2011

It's time to sign up for the donation of chancel flowers for Sunday morning worship in 2011. Come by Wesley Hall to sign up on the flower chart or call the church office during regular business hours. The cost of each arrangement is \$55 and the church will bill you directly.





Calendar for December 22nd - January 11th

Wednesday, December 22

Thursday, December 23

4:30 pm-5:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Friday, December 24

4:30 pm-5:30 pm Family Worship Service
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Candlelight and Communion Worship Schedule
9:00 pm-10:00 pm Candlelight and Communion Worship Schedule with Heartfire Band
10:00 pm-11:00 pm Modern Worship Experience
11:00 pm-12:00 am Candlelight and Communion Worship Schedule

Saturday, December 25

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre



Sunday, December 26

NO 8:30 Worship Service
9:45 am-10:45 am Heartfire Service
9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am-12:00 pm Traditional Service
11:10 am-12:00 pm eleven¹⁰ Student Service



Monday, December 27

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
Church Office / Building Closed

Tuesday, December 28

Church Office / Building Closed

Wednesday, December 29

Church Office / Building Closed

Thursday, December 30

Church Office / Building Closed

Friday, December 31

9:00 am-12:00 pm Finance Office Open
Church Office / Building Closed

Saturday, January 1

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre



Sunday, January 2

NO 8:30 Worship Service
9:45 am-10:45 am Heartfire Service
9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am-12:00 pm Traditional Service
11:10 am-12:00 pm eleven¹⁰ Student Service
12:30 pm-3:00 pm Girl Scout Rally
5:00 pm-7:00 pm High School Girls Small Grp
8:00 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Study Grp



Monday, January 3

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
Church Office Closed
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Development Network
7:00 pm-9:00 pm UMW Lydia Circle

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 4
10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Worship Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
10:00 am-12:00 pm Christian Believer
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 Choirs
5:30 pm-6:15 pm Mid-Week Reflections
6:00 pm-6:45 pm Good to Go Café
6:15 pm-7:00 pm Celebration Ringers
6:30 pm-7:00 pm Youth Gathering
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Christian Believer
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp
7:00 pm-8:00 pm 9th Grade Guys Small Grp
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Disciple Bible Study
7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 pm-10:00 pm 11th Grade Small Grp

Thursday, January 6

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
9:30 am-12:00 pm Stringfellow Board Mtg
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer

Friday, January 7

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
5:15 pm-7:30 pm Confirmation Field Trip
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, January 8

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
9:30 am-12:00 pm Confirmation Field Trip
3:00 pm-4:00 pm Wedding

Sunday, January 9

8:30 am-9:30 am Traditional Service
9:45 am-10:45 am Heartfire Service
9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am-12:00 pm Traditional Service
11:10 am-12:00 pm eleven¹⁰ Student Service
2:00 pm-3:00 pm First Church Orchestra
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp
3:00 pm-4:00 pm Youth Handbells
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Choir
4:30 pm-5:30 pm Church Council Mtg
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
8:00 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Study Grp



Monday, January 10

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
9:00 am-12:00 pm Stringfellow In-Service
9:30 am-11:30 am UMW Hannah Circle
10:00 am-12:00 pm Coppell Moms Grp
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Development Network
7:00 pm-9:00 pm eleven¹⁰ Band Rehearsal
8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Small Grp

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 4
10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Worship Rehearsal
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Trustees Mtg
7:00 pm-8:30 pm UMW Rachel Circle

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

Year to Date at December 17th

	2010	2009	2008
General Offerings	\$ 1,737,454	\$ 1,754,240	\$ 1,805,933
Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts	\$ 270,738	\$ 200,182	\$ 268,294

Thank you for your generous support!

Finance Notes

- A reminder that in order to qualify for a 2010 charitable income tax deduction, contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2010. The Finance Office will be open on Friday, December 31st from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.
- Please consult your tax advisor to evaluate your individual situation and for 2010 tax year information on itemized deductions and charitable giving.
- We offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. There are two ways to set up electronic donations. You can visit the church website at www.fumccoppell.org, locate the "Giving" link and follow the instructions or, if you wish, you can simply complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Loving Jesus

A large portion of disciples, it seems, are being attracted to Jesus because of what He can do for them and they appear to have little interest in considering what they should do for Him. Many of today's Christians appear to follow Christ for the same reason they frequent their favorite restaurant; they both give them what they want. They love Jesus the same way they love the restaurant.

-- Selwyn Hughes, speaker and author (from *Sound Bites*)



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.

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Return Service Requested

Holiday Office Notes

- ✓ The Church office will be closed from December 27th-January 3rd.
- ✓ We will be performing Server Maintenance December 27th and 28th. Our computers, emails and website will be unavailable those days. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- ✓ If you have a death in the family or family hospitalization, please contact one of our pastors at home.

Dennis Wilkinson, 214-558-6066
Susan Bryan, 972-418-7268
Jennifer Scott, 972-459-3952
Ashleigh Joyner, 972-471-3404

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)
Mark Pope	Director of Music	(216)
Elizabeth Parker	Associate Director of Music	(203)
Deanna Goodman	Director of Children's Music	(228)
Eunha Chang	Organist	
Mark Cozart	Heartfire Band Leader	
Drew Sher	Director of Student Ministries	(217)
TJ Zimmerman	Associate Director of Student 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.

SCRIP ORDER FORM

Revised 10/11/2010

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

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.

We carry an inventory of many of the items listed. Please check the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings or come by the church office during the week.

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

<u>Automotive</u>			
Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
Chevron	\$ 50		
Exxon/Mobil	\$ 50		
Shell	\$ 25		
Shell	\$ 50		

<u>Grocery Stores</u>			
Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
HEB / Central Market	\$ 25		
Kroger	\$ 25		
Kroger	\$ 100		
Market Street	\$ 25		
Market Street	\$ 50		
Market Street	\$ 100		
Tom Thumb	\$ 25		
Tom Thumb	\$ 100		
Wal-Mart	\$ 25		
Wal-Mart	\$ 100		

<u>Restaurants</u>			
Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
Applebee's	\$ 25		
Arby's	\$ 10		
Boston Market	\$ 10		
Cheesecake Factory	\$ 25		
Chili's / On The Border	\$ 25		
Chipotle	\$ 10		
Chuck E Cheese	\$ 10		
Cracker Barrel	\$ 10		
Denny's	\$ 10		
Domino's	\$ 5		
Fat Daddy's	\$ 10		
Jack in the Box	\$ 10		
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$ 5		
Mimis Cafe	\$ 25		
Ole's Tex-Mex	any size		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	\$ 25		
Outback Steakhouse/Carraba's	\$ 25		
Panera Bread	\$ 10		
P.F. Chang/Pei Wei	\$ 25		
Pizza Hut	\$ 10		
Saltgrass/Rainforest Café/Landry's	\$ 25		
Starbucks Coffee	\$ 10		
Starbucks Coffee	\$ 25		
Subway	\$ 10		
TGI Fridays	\$ 25		
Wendy's	\$ 10		

Retail Stores

Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
Ace Hardware	\$ 25		
AMC	\$ 25		
Amazon.com	\$ 25		
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	\$ 10		
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	\$ 25		
Bass Pro	\$ 25		
Bath & Body Works	\$ 10		
Bath & Body Works	\$ 25		
Bed, Bath and Beyond	\$ 25		
Best Buy	\$ 25		
Best Buy	\$ 100		
Blockbuster Video	\$ 4		
Blockbuster Video	\$ 10		
Borders/Waldenbooks	\$ 10		
Borders/Waldenbooks	\$ 25		
Cinemark Theatres	\$ 25		
Claire's	\$ 10		
Container Store	\$ 25		
Crate and Barrel	\$ 25		
CVS Pharmacy	\$ 25		
Dillards	\$ 25		
Dillards	\$ 100		
Family Christian Stores	\$ 25		
GameStop	\$ 25		
Home Depot	\$ 25		
Home Depot	\$ 100		
Home Depot	\$ 500		

Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
iTunes	\$ 15		
J C Penney	\$ 25		
J C Penney	\$ 100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	\$ 20		
Kohl's	\$ 25		
Kohl's	\$ 100		
Limited	\$ 25		
Lowe's	\$ 25		
Lowe's	\$ 100		
Macy's	\$ 25		
Macy's	\$ 100		
Michaels	\$ 25		
Office Depot	\$ 25		
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic	\$ 25		
Payless Shoes	\$ 20		
Pier 1	\$ 25		
Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma	\$ 25		
Sears	\$ 25		
Sears	\$ 100		
Sephora	\$ 20		
TJMaxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods	\$ 25		
Toys "R" Us/Kids "R" Us/ Babies	\$ 20		
Wal-Mart	\$ 25		
Wal-Mart	\$ 100		
Walgreens	\$ 25		