

Announcements

January 29, 2012

A church family making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world as we Gather for Worship, Grow in Grace and Go to Serve.

This Week

Luncheon and Church Conference - Today at 12 noon. We will approve the Vision Plan, set 2012 budget and present the church officers. Child care available.

Chancel Flowers - There are still dates available to sign up for the donation of chancel flowers for Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary. Call the church office if you are interested. The church will bill you \$55 directly for each arrangement.

Good to Go Café - Join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 pm. Reservations are required by 5:00 pm on Monday. You may make your reservations online (www.fumccoppell.org) and pay in advance. Price is adults \$6 and children \$5 with a maximum of \$20 per family. Menu for this week is meatball stew, cornbread, salad, dessert.

Stringfellow Community Open House for prospective families will be held today from 2:00-4:00 pm. The Open House is for families who have never attended Stringfellow previously. Please tell your friends!

FUMC Valentines Mission - Stop by and make or sign cards at the tables between services today and February 5th in Wesley Hall. You can sign Valentines for specific people or for any recipient. Lots of people drop off their own pre-signed valentines (first and last names needed for specific recipients) and donations of wrapped (non-chocolate) candy will also be accepted. Anyone who wants to help is very welcome. Stop by the tables--you can help on Sundays, or when we assemble the Valentines on February 5th from 1:30-3:30 pm in Wesley Hall.

Submitting Photos for Church Directory - If you would like to be included in the church directory and want to submit a photo, please email to Kay Thomas (kthomas@fumccoppell.org) or bring to the church office in an envelope with Kay's name on it with the following information by **January 30th**.

- Family Name, Names of family members (children - eldest to youngest; note different last names)
- Home Address and Phone
- If you want included in the directory, adult his and her cell phones and emails

Parents of College-Aged Youth - Please stop by the tables in Wesley Hall to give us your college-aged student's mailing address. Please note: We will not be working off previous lists this year, as following up on names and correcting addresses complicate the process. A \$5 donation to cover expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Opportunities, Events and Notes

Recruiting New Communion Servers - Please sign up to serve communion the first Sunday of any month. Every member is welcome! If you are not receiving the request each month (the week before Communion Sunday), please let Margie Marek (davemarek1@verizon.net or 972-745-7275), know you want to serve. We need servers at the 8:30 Traditional, 11:00 Traditional, and 9:45 Contemporary services.

Donuts with Dennis - Recent new members and visitors are invited to join Dennis in his office on February 5th from 9:45-10:30 am for donuts and coffee. This is an informal opportunity to meet our Senior Pastor, as well as other new members and visitors, and to learn more about this FUMC congregation.

On Super Bowl Sunday, the students are having a Super Bowl Party with a chili bar to give them a tasty treat while they are cheering for their favorite team. If you would like to help by donating some chili fixins', cookies or drinks...please contact Judy White (thewhites12@verizon.net). As always, if you would like to help but prefer to give a cash donation...we would be very appreciative.

Say What?! - Join Coppell residents John and LaNelia Ramette on February 27th at 7:00 pm in Wesley Hall for a discussion and Q&A of their new book *Say What?! Blurts that Hurt*. Like the book, the talk will offer practical and relationship preserving advice with a touch of humor for conducting today's milestone conversations.



Adult Notes

Women's Retreat: March 23rd-25th: Let Your Light Shine! - Information and registration forms are available at the Retreat Table in Wesley Hall or on our website.

Deadline to register is February 20th. Contact Rev. Susan Bryan for more information.

Piecemakers Sewing Group is made up of beginning and intermediate quilters/sewers that meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00 pm in Rooms 301 and 302. We welcome anyone who likes to sew or quilt to join us. Donations of 100% cotton fabrics are greatly appreciated. Place them in box found in Wesley Hall. Please email Dorothy Skeels (dotqlts4u@verizon.net or 214-636-8793) if you have questions or want to join this group.

Foundations Father's Group is a community of encouragement and support for men looking to grow as husbands and fathers that meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 3:00-4:00 pm in the Church Library. Contact Shaun Jex (shaunjex@gmail.com) for more information.

Have you read "Heaven is for Real"? Many people have and have been very moved by it. Here's a powerful statement by the author, Rev. Todd Burpo: "...Jesus viewed children as precious - and...if he loved kids enough to say that adults should be more like them, we should spend more time loving them too." Wow. That has nothing to do specifically with heaven being for real. But it has everything to do with "...thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." **Do you love them enough to take a turn teaching Sunday School this summer? If you are willing to teach contact Susan Coleman (susantcoleman@verizon.net).**



Missions Notes

Home Support Team for Costa Rica Needed - Help with send-off dinner, be a prayer partner, etc. Contact Rev. Susan Bryan (sbryan@fumccoppell.org).

FUMC February 12th Carter Bloodcare Drive 9:00 am-1:30 pm in Smartt Hall - Norris Perry will be at the Sign-Up Table on both Sundays, February 5th and 12th, to answer any questions and sign up for times. More info contact Norris (972-489-4135 or norris_perry@hotmail.com).

Bucks for Missions - Did you know that all \$1 bills put in the offering plate each Sunday go toward our missions fund to help make a difference in locally and globally? Help make a difference in a hurting world by giving generously.

Paper and Prayers - Be sure and come by the table in Wesley Hall to pick up a card or paper bag today then return the filled bag to Wesley Hall by 12:00 pm on February 5th.



Children's Notes

Kids In Mission will be making Valentines Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 for our students away at college, we hope you can join us! Looking ahead: we will be loving on our Children's Library for Valentine's Day so please collect new or gently used children's books or DVDs to bring on February 15th.

Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats - Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 12th from 3:30-5:00 pm. Please continue collecting your change to benefit the Heifer Project and remember to bring your donations to our meeting! CC's and JJ's are fellowship groups for 2nd through 5th grade children. For more information, please contact kwilliams@fumccoppell.org.

Enrollment forms are available in the church office for Crazy Christians Spring Retreat to Sky Ranch! - Participants will depart at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 3rd and return by 12:30 pm on Sunday, March 4th. Enrollment is limited, and retreat forms and fees are due by February 12th. Participants and parents are reminded to attend a brief meeting on Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 pm in the Rotunda to discuss retreat guidelines and sign release forms.

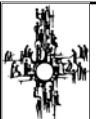
February 23rd-25th: Created by God/A Human Sexuality Seminar - This is a really important (and fun!) seminar for our 5th and 6th graders. Registration forms are due by Monday, February 13th. Additional registration forms are available in the church office. Contact Kelly Williams for more information (kwilliams@fumccoppell.org).

- Thursday, February 23rd, 6:30-8:00 pm - mandatory parent meeting
- Friday, February 24th, 6:30-9:00 pm - students meet
- Saturday, February 25th, 9:00 am-2:00 pm - students meet and are then joined by their parents from 2:00-3:00 pm

Vacation Bible School: Operation Overboard is preparing to take our children on a deep dive with God June 25th-29th! We are looking for underwater themed, dive gear and fish items to help set the stage for our deep sea adventure! We are also looking for a few more dive leaders: registration, hospitality, missions, recreation, nursery, snack, and puppeteer. Look in the last issue of *First News* for a detail description of these positions. If you would like to lead or have items you can lend/donate please contact Julie (juliegossett1@gmail.com) or Calista (calista.hall@yahoo.com).

Stringfellow School Registration for 2012-13 School Year - All dates are on a First Come, First Serve basis. Please Note: You MUST sign in on the list posted on the Stringfellow Entrance Door and MUST remain on the premises.

- Current Enrollee and Sibling Registration: February 7th and 8th, 8:30 am
- Church Member Registration: February 12th, 9:00-10:00 am
- Community Registration: February 16th, 8:30 am



Confirmation Notes

We will not have Confirmation Sunday school today! - The eighty-five confirmands and chaperones return at 12:30 pm from their retreat to Sky Ranch. Come welcome them home.

It's Another Field Trip!- Confirmands are invited to attend the Bishop's Annual Confirmation Celebration on Sunday, February 19th from 2:00-5:00 pm at Trietsch UMC, Flower Mound. Confirmands from across our conference will gather for an afternoon of play, learning and worship. FUMC participants and chaperones should be prepared to gather at our church at 1:15 pm to divide into carpools and return by 5:45 pm. Youth should wear their FUMC confirmation tee shirts. Please contact Kris Smith (kdjacksmith@aol.com) to participate or to chaperone.



Music Notes

Do You Have the Singing Bug? - We have the cure. Join us on Saturday February 4th for a Choir and Voice Workshop in the Choir Room from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Sing alongside the members of the FUMC Chancel Choir as we learn valuable singing techniques for breathing, resonance, diction and musicality. We'll sing through some of the music for upcoming services and we hope that you'll decide to join us. A light lunch will be provided. For more information contact Robert (972-462-0741 ext 216).



Care & Support

Grief Support Group for those who have lost loved ones to death will be starting February 6th. Group will meet 1st Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm. Led by Carol Sheer and Ron Harrison.

Career Development Network - This group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm. This group 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, contact Doug Powers (hdpowers@tx.rr.com).

Reclaiming Life - This group meets for mutual support for difficult life challenges and depression on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm in the Church Library. For more information, contact pastors Susan (sbryan@fumccoppell.org) or Dennis (dwilkinson@fumccoppell.org).

Heroes is a caregiver support group for those who are looking after the needs of aging parents. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 302. Contact Marilyn Horton (marhorton@gmail.com, 972-393-1304) for more information.



Student Ministries Notes

Weekly Discipleship Groups - Currently we have a number of groups that are growing together through meaningful conversation, studying scripture, praying together, and participating in mission opportunities together. If you are not currently in one of these Discipleship Groups and have an interest in joining one, or even starting a new one, please contact Drew Sher (dsher@fumccoppell.org).

Special Events on February 5th

- **Eleven¹⁰ Service** - We will have a special guest, Jared Hall, who is a Christian Illusionist. He will share not only his talents but also how God has used him. For more information and to check out more about Jared Hall please visit his website (www.jaredhall.com).
- **Super Bowl of Caring** - Students from FUMC Coppell will be standing outside the doors of our services holding pots and pans to help collect money to feed those in need. Please consider bringing in some spare change and cash for this great cause!
- **Super Bowl Party** - Come hang out with us starting at 5:00 pm. We will have food, games, and an open gym through the half-time show. Please let us know you are planning to attend with an event registration form or an email to Drew Sher (dsher@fumccoppell.org) by Monday, January 30th, so we are sure to have enough food.
- **The Youth Choir** from 3:00-5:00 pm will host a Singing Workshop for young singers in Middle School and High School, followed by a Super Bowl Party hosted by the Youth Ministry. For more information contact Robert (972-462-0471 ext 216) or Deanna (dgoodman@fumccoppell.org, 972-462-0741 ext 203).

Weekly Calendar

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Sunday, January 29

12:15 pm-1:15 pm Church Conference-Wesley Hall
12:30 pm Confirmation Retreat Returns
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp-Library
2:00 pm-4:00 pm Stringfellow Community Open House
3:00 pm-4:00 pm 7th/8th Grade Girls Small Grp-Rm 206
3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra-Choir Loft
3:00 pm-5:00 pm Brownie Troop #7233-Rm 306
4:00 pm-4:30 pm High School Student Choir-Choir Rm
4:00 pm-4:30 pm Middle School Handbells-Choir Loft
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Hungry for the Word-Rm 301
4:30 pm-5:00 pm Combined Student Choir-Choir Rm
4:30 pm-6:30 pm Coppell Lacrosse Mtg-Rotunda
5:00 pm-5:30 pm Middle School Student Choir-Choir Rm
5:00 pm-5:40 pm High School Handbells-Choir Loft
5:30 pm-6:30 pm Shalom Ringers-Choir Loft
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Camp Pike Gathering-Rotunda
7:00 pm-8:30 pm High School Small Grp-Student Lounge
8:00 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study-Library

Monday, January 30

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp-Library
9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga-Smartt Hall
10:00 am-11:00 am Women's Reading Grp-Library
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Student Band Rehearsal-Rotunda
7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals-Narthex
7:30 pm-9:00 pm High School Girls Small Grp-Rm 206

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
9:30 am-11:30 am Jesus in the Gospels-Rm 302
9:30 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
6:30 pm-7:00 pm Musical Parent Mtg-Choir Rm
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842-Smart Hall, Rm 202, 205, 206, 207, 209
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Heartfire Worship Rehearsal-Rotunda
7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals-Choir Rm

Wednesday, February 1

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 4-Rm 306
10:00 am-4:00 pm Core Leadership Team Mtg-Library
4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers-Choir Loft
4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission-Rm 303
5:30 pm-6:15 pm Children's Choir-Rm 306, 308, 310
5:30 pm-6:15 pm Mid-Week Reflections-Rm 301
6:00 pm-6:45 pm Good to Go Café-Wesley Hall
6:15 pm-7:00 pm Celebration Ringers-Choir Loft
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Disciple 4-Library
6:45 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Rm
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp-Rm 302
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Student Bible Study-Student Lounge
9:00 pm-10:30 pm Men's Basketball-Smartt Hall

Thursday, February 2

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp-Library
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer-Chapel
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga-Narthex
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Musical Rehearsals-Wesley Hall

Friday, February 3

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School

Saturday, February 4

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Shelter-Offsite
10:00 am-3:00 pm Musical Rehearsals-Wesley Hall
11:00 am-2:00 pm Choir and Voice Workshop-Choir Rm