

# Announcements

September 5, 2010

## This Week!

**Fall Grace Groups Start This Week** - Brochures available in church office, information desk and website [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org) (Connect/Adult/Grace Groups Registration).

**Financial Peace Preview** today in Wesley Fellowship Hall. Come to learn more from leader Bill Smothermon about this great study starting Thursday nights on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Gluten-Free Communion** is available on the far east/piano side of the sanctuary during the contemporary and 11:00 traditional services (it is not available at worship services in the Rotunda).

**Good to Go Café** - Join us for our Kickoff Surprise on September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 can pay on Sunday morning in Wesley Hall or NEW this year, ON LINE REGISTRATION. You may make your reservations online and even pay in advance if desired. Go to the church website ([www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org)) and click on "connect", then "Good to Go Reservations" or click [here](#).

**eleven<sup>10</sup>: A Student Worship Experience** - Starts Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:10 am in the Rotunda. It is a student worship for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and college age students, but all are welcome. It will be a very relaxed atmosphere where students can connect with God through their own style of music, message, and fellowship dealing with youth/college age topics for sermons. This service will be led Rev. Ashleigh Joyner (associate pastor), Drew Sher and TJ Zimmerman (youth ministers), youth band, other great youth musicians, and youth in general.

## Upcoming Opportunities, Events and Notes

**New School Year Is Here** - Please remember to submit all calendar requests for your meetings, classes, etc. to Susan Walsh, [swalsh@fumccoppell.org](mailto:swalsh@fumccoppell.org).

**Did You Know we Have a Notary on Staff?** - Susan Walsh in the church office is a Notary. Susan will be happy to assist you with your notary needs during normal business hours. Remember....documents that need a Notary signature are to be signed in the presence of a Notary.



## Care & Support

**People Staying Alive Together** - A support group for persons living in acute hopelessness or despair meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Sit down in the discreet setting of a private home with other people struggling with overwhelming life challenges. Discover that you're not alone. Hear again that you are a beloved child of God. Encourage each other to stay alive together for the next week. If coming, please RSVP to [dwilkinson@fumccoppell.org](mailto:dwilkinson@fumccoppell.org).

**Heroes is support group** for caregivers, where people can find a sympathetic ear from others who are going through their own caregiving time in life. Information is shared and experience is passed on. Heroes meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month. For more information contact Marilyn Horton (972-393-1304, [marhorton@gmail.com](mailto:marhorton@gmail.com)).

**Touched by Suicide (TBS) Support Group** meets at Vista Ridge UMC in Lewisville at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Jerry or Bianca Coker at 972-393-2887.

**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](mailto:hdpowers@tx.rr.com)).

**Helping Hold the Mat for Others** - Some members of our church family are going through difficult times, and are in need of help from the help from these professions: Attorneys, Financial Advisors, Counselors/Therapists, etc. If you are willing to give of your time to help consult with members of our church in your area of expertise, please contact Rev. Susan Bryan ([sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org), 972-462-0471).



## Adult Notes

**Adult Sunday School** - We have 11 different adult Sunday School classes/small groups. These meet from 10:00-10:45 am Sunday mornings. Information is on our website and at the welcome desk and table in Wesley Fellowship Hall.

**United Methodist Women** - Circles provide an opportunity to meet women, learn and grow in our faith journey together, and reach out through many mission opportunities. Contact Rebecca Davis (972-462-7777, [rebecca.davis7777@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.davis7777@gmail.com)) for more information.

- Hannah Circle - First meeting will be held on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Please join us for brunch and fellowship at the home of Brenda Olson (477 Wales Court, Coppell). We're also very excited to have Lisa Hancock with us speaking on the topic, "Transition and Change," which is always especially relevant this time of year. We hope to see all of you there and feel free to bring a friend or two.
- Mary Martha Circle - The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm, at the home of Shirley Pezzillo.
- Lydia Circle - The first meeting will be held at the church on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.
- Kairos Circle - The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at the home of Patty Disen (838 Mallard, Coppell).
- Rachel Circle - The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Location TBD.



## Big Fish Notes

**Youth Disciple Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 206 for high school youth. In depth exploration of the Bible - what's there and what it means. For more information contact Chris Mobley ([christopher.mobley@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.mobley@gmail.com), 214-280-103).



## We Are Going GREEN!

We are making changes in an effort to reduce paper and postage costs. This savings will enable us to better fulfill the mission and ministries of our church. Please submit/update your contact information to [swalsh@fumccoppell.org](mailto:swalsh@fumccoppell.org); address, home phone, cell phone and current email address. We will use the contact information to ensure you receive church news in a timely, accurate and efficient manner.



## Children's Notes

**We Need All 5<sup>th</sup> Graders** - We would like for you to assist in worship by serving as an acolyte in our services each week this year. **Acolyte Dedication Sunday** will be **next Sunday** September 12<sup>th</sup> in the 9:00 and 11:00 traditional services. If you missed the trainings but would like to serve, we would love to have you! Please contact Jennifer Scott (972-462-0471 ext. 208, [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org)) or Terah Paolini (972-745-3507, [TLPaolini@yahoo.com](mailto:TLPaolini@yahoo.com)).

**Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats** - A new season of fun and fellowship awaits our 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 pm as the kickoff date for CC's and JJ's. We'll start out the year with another visit from Nana Puddin' Productions! Watch your mailboxes for registration forms and information!

**Important Back to School Notes** (Please contact Rev. Jennifer Scott with any questions, [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org))

- If you did not receive a backpack tag on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have more available on the children's tables in the narthex
- School age kids have moved to their new class in Sunday school.
- We will have Wee Worship (ages 3-7) at the 11:00 am service ONLY. Please sign up in Wesley Hall at 10:50. If you have a need for 9:00 Wee Worship, please email [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org). It will take some time to get this organized, but we will need to work out a rotation of parent volunteers in order for it to happen.
- *Kids in Mission* begins this Wednesday at 4:30 pm for 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grades - We do special mission projects each week to help our kids learn what it means to follow Jesus by loving and serving others.
- Kids of Hope and Kids of Peace (Grief and Divorce groups for kids) - September 26<sup>th</sup>-November 7<sup>th</sup> (no class October 10<sup>th</sup>) from 5:00-6:30 pm.

**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 from September 26<sup>th</sup>-November 7<sup>th</sup> (no class October 10<sup>th</sup>). We ask that the children be able to commit to most of the sessions. Please contact Jennifer Scott ([jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org), 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 ([sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org), 972-462-0471, ext. 215). \*\*Please note that you do not have to be a church member to participate in these ministries. We want to reach out to our community, so please invite your friends to contact us. **Please register by September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### Upcoming Important Dates for Children

- Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - Acolyte Dedication in worship (9:00 and 11:00 am traditional worship services)
- Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - Children's Carnival (play games, eat hot dogs, wear your costume for a parade through *Good to Go Café*)
- Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles in worship (with Bible learning lesson at 12:15 pm)
- Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Party for Jesus



## Confirmation Notes

Several of our **confirmands are seeking mentors** to share in their faith journey. Please contact Kelly Williams ([kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org), 972-393-0069) if you are willing to serve as a mentor to one of our sixth grade confirmands.

**Mentors are asked to attend a brief training meeting** on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm in Wesley Hall followed by the Confirmation Covenant Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Together confirmands, parents, and mentors will share in this special worship experience.



## Music Notes

**No Music Rehearsals Today** - Enjoy the time with your family.

**Hey, kids! It's not too late to come and sing with the children's choirs.** We are looking for a few more singers who want to join us as we praise God and serve our Church by singing in the choir! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15. Follow the signs posted around the church to find out where your choir meets or contact Deanna Goodman (817-416-9439, [dgoodman@fumccoppell.org](mailto:dgoodman@fumccoppell.org)) for more information. We hope to see you in choir this year! Everyone is welcome!

**Fine Arts Academy Now Enrolling for Fall** - Offering private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, flute, and strings. Group lessons offered in piano and guitar. For more information please contact Elizabeth Parker ([eparker@fumccoppell.org](mailto:eparker@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471 x203).

**Attention all children who are 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and older!** We are looking for some people to play handbells! Our children's handbell groups begin rehearsals this Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Choir Loft. The beginner group, Alpha Ringers, rehearse from 4:30-5:15 pm. The intermediate group, Celebration Ringers, rehearse from 6:15-7:00 p.m. Please contact Deanna Goodman (817-416-9439, [d4goodman@verizon.net](mailto:d4goodman@verizon.net)) for more information. Come and ring handbells with us!

**Chancel Choir (Adults)** rehearses on Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 pm in the Choir Room. All adults are welcome to join us as we serve God and our Church through music! Childcare is available by reservation by calling 972-462-0471, ext. 226. If you are a long-time member, a former member who has not sung for a while, or a new member, please join us as we make new friends, renew old friendships and make a joyful noise together! We hope to see you there!



## Volunteer Notes

**Good to Go Café Needs Your Help** - Think about how long it takes you to prepare a meal for your family and then multiply it by 25. That's what we do each week. Can you spare even one Wednesday a month? Contact Susie Briscoe ([timnsusiebriscoe@verizon.net](mailto:timnsusiebriscoe@verizon.net), 972-745-4610) to discuss how you would like to get involved in this vital, important ministry of our church! Below are ways that you can help:

- Meal preparations and set up on 4:45-6:00 pm.
- Meal service and cleanup 6:00-7:15 pm.

**Altar Design/Set Up** - If you have ever wanted to help with the altars for worship, please join us Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm starting in the Sanctuary to learn the particulars of being part of the altar team. Contact Marcia Mares ([marciamares5@gmail.com](mailto:marciamares5@gmail.com)).

**Worship Team Gearing up for the Fall! We Need You!** - With changes to our worship service times and locations, and addition of the new eleven<sup>10</sup> youth service (starting September 12<sup>th</sup>), we are in need of more people to help with worship support in different areas including:

- Rotunda Set-up
- Ushers
- Scripture Readers
- Advent/Lent Set-up
- Pew Clean-up/Stocking
- Altar Design/Set-up

If you would like to help with any of these areas, please contact Betty Kirton, Worship Team Co-Chair ([bjkirton@verizon.net](mailto:bjkirton@verizon.net), 972-462-8198) or Rev. Susan Bryan ([sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org), 972-462-0471 ext. 215).

# Weekly Calendar

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

## Sunday, September 5

### Monday, September 6

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp-Offsite  
Church Office Closed  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm eleven<sup>10</sup> Band Rehearsal-Rotunda

### Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg-Library  
3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy -Rm 305, 308, 310, 313  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Altar Guild Mtg-Sanctuary, Rm 301  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Lay Leadership Mtg-Library  
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842-Smartt Hall, Rm 202, 205, 206, 207  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm People Staying Alive Together Support Grp-Offsite  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Worship Rehearsal-Sanctuary  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Disciple 1-Rm 302

### Wednesday, September 8

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
10:00 am-12:00 pm Christian Believer-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 304, 306, 308, 310, Choir Rm  
5:30 pm-6:15 pm Knitting-Rm 302

### Wednesday, September 8 (continued)

5:30 pm-6:15 pm Mid-Week Reflections-Rm 315  
6:00 pm-6:45 pm Good to Go Café-Wesley Hall  
6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMW Board Mtg-Rm 301  
6:15 pm-7:00 pm Celebration Ringers-Choir Loft  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Youth Gathering-Youth Lounge  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Christian Believer-Library  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp-Rm 302  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm What It Means to be United Methodist-Rm 302  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Disciple Bible Study-Rm 206  
7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Rm

### Thursday, September 9

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S.-Library  
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp-Library  
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer-Chapel  
3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy -Rm 305, 308, 310, 313  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Finance Peace University-Library

### Friday, September 10

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy -Rm 305, 308, 310, 313

### Saturday, September 11

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Shelter-Offsite  
8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball-Smartt Hall  
8:00 am-10:00 am eleven<sup>10</sup> Band Rehearsal-Rotunda



## Financial Notes

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving** - First United Methodist Church, Coppell wants to remind you that we offer electron giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-need donation consistency for our congregation.

There are two ways to set up electronic donations. You can visit the church website at [www.fumccoppell.org](http://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.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.