



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Joy for the births of Ella White and Cole Boylan! (Ruth Ann White's great grandkids)
 Kent Holbert
 Scott Sands (Carolyn Miller's brother)
 Family of Martha Pringle
 TAMU-C students and family and friends of Commerce accident victims

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan	Bill Terrell
Donna Cottle	Kelsey Hall
Janet Skauge	Sally Grove
Fred Tarpley	Gene McKenzie
Helen Dickson	Peggy Fox
Jean Ward	Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Fred Klaus	Kathryn Scott
Jim Reynolds	George O'Kelley
Chance Thornton	Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)	
Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)	
Ariel Smith (Doris Kerbow's great granddaughter)	
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)	
Donald Anderson (Dennis Anderson's father)	
Sarah Shein (Lamont & Sarah Cunningham's granddaughter)	
Ruth Robinson (UMW Conference President)	
Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)	
Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)	
Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)	
Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)	
Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)	
Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)	

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

Our Troops and their families
 Jim Hunsicker (in Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
 Matt Skelton (in Iraq) Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
 Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)
 Travis Miller (in Afghanistan)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
 Aaron K. Brister-son of Eddie and Roberta Brister
 Alex Dech (in Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
 Chris Hall-Kelsey Hall's brother
 1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson
 Nathan Grove
 David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
 Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
 Lt. Col. Keith Williams
 Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Brian Richards- nephew of Judy Rudoff
 Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
 Terry & Robert Starkey - brothers of Wanda Beane
 Lt. Dan Barton
 Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed
 Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson
 Garrett Johnson

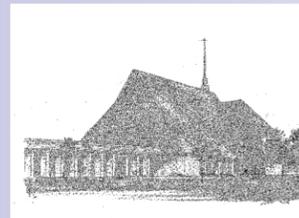


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The act of giving our time, talents, and money changes the way we are...

Last Sunday, Pastor Aleze delivered a poignant sermon tagged Breaking Bread with Others. That is, by living in the moment and giving of ourselves to others – not just the folks we know but the folks we don't – Christ is revealed.

The SERVE team would like to update you on the results of two projects that encourage us to reflect on our own lives and how we may help others not just during the holy season but everyday.

- Lenten Offerings:** We gave **\$2,018** through the **special Lenten offering**, which will **provide 14,400 lbs. of food** to help make Commerce residents food secure. Word of Life Family Church purchases food at 14 cents per lb. from the North Texas Food Bank and distributes it to hungry families through the Commerce Food Distribution and Manna Movers.
 We placed **548 dollar bills** in the offering plates during Lent. Bob Mills and other volunteers will use this money to purchase **food for backpacks** through the end of the school year to supplement the diets of hungry CES children.
- Helping Hands:** **Pete and Holly Anne Chamberlain** were happy and touched by the results and fellowship of our Helping Hands project. **30+ volunteers** painted their home sweet buttercup yellow and cared for their yard last Saturday, the day of the Big Event. The goal of Helping Hands is to collaborate with other churches to assist those who are financially and/or physically unable to do home repairs or yard work.

FUMC teamed up with Trinity Lutheran Church of Commerce to help the Chamberlain's over two work days. Extra hands from the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Ridgecrest Baptist helped us complete the project.



Clockwise (from upper left):
 * Painting underway morning of Big Event
 * Holly Anne and Pete Chamberlain
 * Sweet buttercup yellow house on Hunt Street
 * Gamma Phi Beta sisters, Do Heitholt, and young Ridgecrest Baptist members rock-n-roll

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WHEN: JUNE 14 - 18, 2010
WHO: AGES 3 Years Old - 6th Grade
 Get ready folks.....'Cause GALACTIC BLAST VBS is just around the corner! Yes, that time of year is upon us again. That time of year when your Children's Director

BOMBARDS your newsletters and Sunday Bulletins with endless pleas for supplies, volunteers and donations! What say we make it easy this year.....eh? Everybody sign up now and I promise I'll leave you alone!

What do we need, you ask? Well here's a good "starter" list:

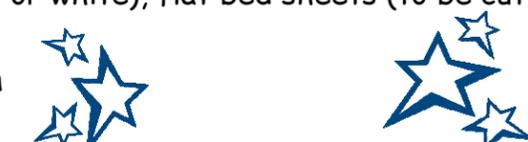
Volunteers:

- ◆ Age group leaders
- ◆ Station leaders for Storytelling and Music Stations
- ◆ Station assistants (all stations)
- ◆ Youth actors
- ◆ Youth (non-acting) volunteers - various jobs
- ◆ Decorating team
- ◆ "Take Down" team



Supplies:

- ◆ Snacks and drinks (individually wrapped snacks/box or pouch drinks) for 130+ kids per day/5 days
- ◆ "Spacy" decorations - anything having to do with planets, stars, rocket ships, NASA....etc.
- ◆ Old, solid colored (light or white), flat bed sheets (to be cut up and used in crafts)
- ◆ Star-shaped hole punch
- ◆ Aluminum pie plates



Monetary Donations - To purchase daily snacks/drinks for attendees and craft supplies. Last year we reached 130 kids (PRAISE GOD!!) And this year we hope for even more!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for the MANY ways you generously support the Children's Ministries of our Church!



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Worship

April 18, 2010 & April 25, 2010

Rev. Lisa Greenwood will preach on Paul's Conversion Acts 9:1-20

Please join us Sunday!

*8:30 in the Chapel
10:50 in the Sanctuary*

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FUMC Kids SPRING into Spring!

The spring semester in the Children's Department has been FULL – to say the least! Here's what we've been up to:

We began March with the LOCK-IN! 75 kids between kindergarten and 6th grade crammed into the Church – OVER NIGHT! We danced, played games, ate, learned new skills, created beautiful crafts and art works, and even had a scavenger hunt! Pastor Aleze stopped by around 11:00 and led us in a devotion and prayer time. The halls (and nearly every room, too!) of this building have never seemed so alive and full of laughter and excitement! The Lock-In was a fundraiser (and awareness-raiser) for the M&M Kids' Relay For Life team, KIDZ4KIDZ....but it was so much fun, we may have to make it an annual event!

Next on the docket was the Kids' Easter Celebration. This event combined our annual Easter Egg Hunt with a wonderful mission project. All of the kids attending created beautiful Easter Gift Baskets for the residents at Country Homes Estates Assisted Living Center. The kids each had a basket to fill, and rotated through stations creating/choosing the contents. They made hand print Easter lilies, personalized stationary and note cards, and wash-cloth bunnies. They were able to add several useful items and toiletries to their baskets as well. All of the kids took such pride in their efforts and the baskets looked BEAUTIFUL.

The following Wednesday, the M&M kids took a field trip to Country Homes Estates to deliver the baskets and visit with the residents. The Children's Handbells Group, under the talented direction of Mimi Dobbs, entertained with their beautiful music and EVERYBODY had a great time! By the time we had to leave – the kids were so spread out visiting up and down the halls it was hard to round them all up!! One lovely resident told me, "This is the most fun I've had in 10 years!"... And to that I say, "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED"!



ONE SERVICE– June 6

To allow for travel to Wichita Falls for Annual Conference, Sunday, June 6 we will have ONE Worship Service beginning at 9:00am with brunch to follow.

Please join us for Pastor Lisa's last worship service as we celebrate her ministry and service to FUMC-C!



UMW

The next UMW meeting is April 20th at 10:00am. The program will be brought by Julie Gentle with Manna Movers. Our mission project for the month is Manna Movers. All Methodist Women are invited to join us for this informative meeting.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Apr 18	John 21:1-19
Monday, Apr 19	Psalm 23
Tuesday, Apr 20	Psalm 23
Wednesday, Apr 21	John 10:22-30
Thursday, Apr 22	Acts 9:36-43
Friday, Apr 23	Revelation 7:9-17
Saturday, Apr 24	Revelation 7:9-17
Sunday, Apr 25	Psalm 23
Monday, Apr 26	Acts 11:1-18
Tuesday, Apr 27	Acts 11:1-18
Wednesday, Apr 28	Psalm 148
Thursday, Apr 29	Revelation 21:1-6
Friday, Apr 30	Revelation 21:1-4
Saturday, May 1	John 13:31-33