



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Mark Sullivan-bone marrow transplant
Jon Parker-health concerns (Baylor ICU)
Mary Nell Roberts-surgery recovery

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Suzanne Dickinson	Lois Cranford
Jonathan Sneed	Donna Cottle
Nancy Doughty	Jeff Helton
Janet Skauge	Jean Funderburk
Otha Spencer	Bill Terrell
Gene McKenzie	Fred Tarpley
Helen Dickson	Jean Ward
Robert Seay	Gary Kibler

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)
Hazel Schwartz (Donna Spinato's mother)
Cindy Long
Bob Foelkl (Judy Rudoff's brother-in-law)
Vince Agee (friend of the Heatherly Family)
David Crenshaw
Kathryn Scott
Fred Klaus
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
George O'Kelley- hospice care
Scott Sands (Carolyn Miller's brother)
Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)
Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)
Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
Chance Thornton
Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)

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
Alex Dech (in Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and 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

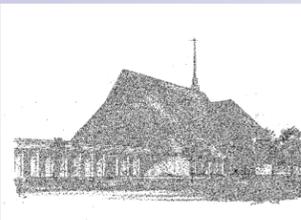


Phone: 903-886-3220
Fax: 903-886-3240
www.fumcccommerce.org
office@fumcccommerce.org

Place Label Here

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 43
Commerce, TX 75428

First United Methodist Church
1709 Highway 50
Commerce, TX 75428
Senior Pastor - Rev. Valarie Englert



First United Methodist Church Commerce

Volume 8, Issue 14

August 5, 2010



Noah's Nursery Childcare Center



Looking for child care in Commerce?

Noah's Nursery, a new full-time child-care program at FUMC, is NOW ENROLLING!

Operational hours 7:30 - 5:15, M - F.

First class day will be Monday, Aug 16th.

Open-house and registration
Tuesday, August 10th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Come meet our teachers, visit our classrooms, and pick up registration packets.

Questions? Call or e-mail Alison Walker at 903-366-1745 / alison@fumcccommerce.org
or Shelly Oats 903-862-2963 / shelly@fumcccommerce.org



"Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive"

Drop off backpacks and basic school supplies in the box in the Gathering Area to benefit local students.

Monetary donations welcome.

Every donation stays in Commerce.

All items will be distributed **August 14th.**

Donations can also be dropped off throughout the year at any Commerce ISD School.

For more information, call Lois Stevens at 903-886-3795.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

On Sunday, August 22 during the 10:50 service, all (young and older) are encouraged to bring their backpacks, knapsacks, school bags, etc to our Blessing of the Backpacks. This blessing will send each student, teacher, administrator and backpack into the 2010-2011 academic year with our prayers and support for successful. Each blessed backpack will be tagged with a special FUMC-Commerce tag. In addition, there will be a Special Fellowship Meal to follow, with The Bridge Band providing the worship sounds! August 22nd promises to be a joyous occasion and all are encouraged to take part....and even invite others!

Inside this issue:

Pastor's Page	pg. 2	Daily Scriptures & Memorials	pg. 3
Announcements	pg. 3	Prayer List	pg. 4

Dear FUMC Friends:

One doesn't need finely-honed faculties of observation to see that the Dog Days of summer are upon us. At this writing, the parsonage thermometer reads 102 degrees – and that's in the shade!

Texas summers often prompt us to do what folks in colder climates do in the winter – hibernate. Only we do it in reverse: we curl up with a good book in our air-conditioned houses, iced tea or lemonade nearby, and wait for the weather to improve.

We've been doing a version of that in worship the past few weeks. The stories of the Bible offer lots of good reading in these dog days, and we've been considering the stories of Elijah and Elisha with their fantastic, legend-like flavor. I hope you have enjoyed these stories as much as I have. The richness of these stories also has given rise to some important points that pertain to living the life of faith:

- We "take up the mantle" of ministry and service together; no one serves or walks the road of faith alone. (2 Kings 2.1-14)
- God calls us to develop the vision for the life of Kingdom-abundance, even when the world around us screams "scarcity!" (I Kings 17.1-16)
- When we are surrounded by forces that threaten to overwhelm, God calls us to stay the course and stand firm – our God is the only God, and is a great God! (I Kings 18.1-2,17-24,36-39)
- God's people do reach the end of their ropes from time to time. But God still provides for God's people in these wilderness times, and then sends us forth to continue the work of the Kingdom. (I Kings 19.1-16)
- God's table provides a place at which we can be reconciled with God and with each other. The table at which we share the Lord's Supper becomes a place of peace for all who share it. (2 Kings 6.8-23)

We will hear two more stories from I and II Kings, and then we will launch into our "Welcome Season" on August 22 with the Blessing of the Backpacks in worship, a fellowship potluck following the 10:50 service, and the re-launching of The Bridge at 6:30!

You might say, "Isn't it always Welcome Season at church?" Indeed it is! But we will celebrate this time of Back to School/Back to Church with a season of feasting and hospitality. Scripture gives us wonderful examples and instruction in welcoming and hospitality, and we will spend a few Sundays looking at these narratives and see what they have to tell us about the Household of God.

Grace and peace to you –
Valarie



Worship

August 8, 2010

Rev. Aleze Fulbright
will preach on
II Kings 5:1-14
Please join us this
Sunday!

8:45 in the Chapel
10:50 in the Sanctuary

Committee Chairs

Leadership Team Chair/
Lay Leader:

Harriet Williams
(903) 886-2206

Personnel Chair:
John Heatherly
(903) 886-7070

Property Chair:
Jim Patton
(903) 886-4612

Stewardship Team Chair:
Anne Mills
(903) 886-6792

Foundation Chair:
Tammy Naizer
(903) 886-1961

Communications:
John Mark Dempsey
(903) 886-7708

Connect Team Chairs:
Ricky Dobbs
(903) 886-8795 &
Hal Langford
(903) 886-8334

Grow Team Chair:
Teresa Heatherly
(903) 886-7070

Serve Team Chair:
Melinda Reid
(903) 886-7623

Support CIS through Drop-a-Dollar

Every \$1 bill placed in offering plates during August will be used by Communities in Schools (CIS) to provide school supplies and uniforms for Commerce children.



The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published on alternate Thursdays. Inputs may be submitted to the Church office to Bonnie Smith, Communications Specialist at communications@fumccommerce.org, or call the office at 903-886-3220. All inputs are due on the Monday of the publication week. Questions may be addressed to the Church office or Communications Committee Chair, John Mark Dempsey.



Drivers Needed to Deliver Food to the Homebound in Commerce

To volunteer as a Manna Mover, contact Julie Gentle:
* juliegentle62@yahoo.com
* 903-886-6893 (home)
* 817-975-3990 (cell)

To volunteer with Meals on Wheels, contact Ann Champion at the Linda Muller Community Center (weekday mornings):
* 903-886-4353



In memory of...

Peggy Fox

By: Mariann & Mack Andrews
George & Priscilla McFarland
Pat & Janet Skauge
Edna O'Quinn (bldg)

Mona Brown

By: Glenna Julian
Mariann & Mack Andrews

Kelsey Hall

By: Jeanne Latson



Clean gutters

Work in yard



Change light bulbs

Move furniture

Fill the Job Jar & Lend a Hand!

Helping Hands work day is August 21, 9:00am to noon.

Serve FUMC members & Commerce residents who need assistance with odd jobs around the home.

To submit job requests or to volunteer, contact church office or Angela Roberts at 903.886.2142
AQRoberts@hotmail.com

To the Personnel and Leadership Teams, and the congregation of FUMC-Commerce:

My family and I so appreciate the welcoming potluck you held in our honor on July 25, and thank you for the basket of wonderful gifts. Each gift is representative of this congregation and community, and we will enjoy each and every one! Above all, we thank you for the fellowship and love you all so freely share – we are blessed to be here serving with you!

God's rich blessings on each of you –
The Englerts



Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Aug 8	Luke 12:32-40
Monday, Aug 9	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Tuesday, Aug 10	Psalm 80:14-19
Wednesday, Aug 11	Isaiah 5:1-7
Thursday, Aug 12	Luke 12:49-56
Friday, Aug 13	Luke 12:54-56
Saturday, Aug 14	Hebrews 11:29-38
Sunday, Aug 15	Hebrews 11:39-12:2
Monday, Aug 16	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Tuesday, Aug 17	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Wednesday, Aug 18	Psalm 71:1-6
Thursday, Aug 19	Psalm 71:1-6
Friday, Aug 20	Hebrews 12:18-29
Saturday, Aug 21	Luke 13:10-17

...its
CHURCH
RETHOUGHT!!

the BRIDGE experience
a non-traditional worship service

RE- LAUNCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

no more excuses!!

First United Methodist Church-Commerce
fumccommerce.org