

First United Methodist Church Commerce

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STUFF THE BUS School Supply Drive



Benefitting Commerce ISD students, the community of Commerce is hosting its 4th annual "Stuff The Bus" campaign for the 2012-2013 school year. Donations may be made at any CISD school location and items will be distributed in August.

Needed items:

- Pencils
- Black, Blue, and Red Pens
- Notebook Paper (Wide and College Ruled)
- Rulers
- Glue (Bottles and Sticks)
- Erasers
- Markers (Washable, Dry-Erase, and Permanent)
- Colored Pencils
- Spirals
- Scissors
- Folders (w/ brads)
- Highlighters
- Notebooks
- Backpacks

Please call Nancy Laws at 903-886-3795 x1372 if you have any questions.

Blessing for a New School Year on Sunday, August 26

During the three morning services on Sunday, August 26, all are encouraged to come and receive a blessing for the new school year. This blessing will send each student, teacher, and administrator into the 2012-2013 academic year with our prayers and support for a successful year.

In addition, a **Special Fellowship Meal will follow.** August 26th promises to be a joyous occasion and all are encouraged to take part...and invite others!

Potluck August 26

Please join us
Sunday for the potluck
after the 10:50 service to
welcome students back to
school and back to church.

Please bring a vegetable dish,
a salad, or a dessert.
The meat will be provided.

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FROM AROUND THE CHURCH

In May 2010 the Property Team came before the congregation to ask for volunteers to help with landscape maintenance of our property. At the time we were paying \$8700 a year for a local contractor to mow and trim. The Property Team was looking for ways to save money on maintenance costs and we thought we might find several people with access to large mowers who would be willing to share in this task.

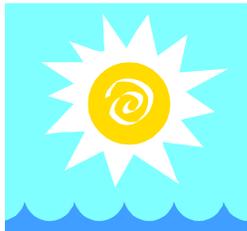
I made the appeal during the opening announcements one Sunday morning and hoped for the best. At the end of the service, I got the best...in the form of Clarence Jensen who took me aside and said he would take care of it himself.

Since then he has faithfully mowed all the open areas around the church. He can't get his big Kubota mower into the children's playgrounds, but others have pitched in to deal with that area. Clarence's willingness to step up when the Church identified a need is just one example of the spirit of service embodied by members of our FUMC family. We are indeed blessed to have Clarence and many others who daily demonstrate the love of Christ through their service.

As the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans 12:6-8:

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Jim Patton, Leadership Team Chair



As you travel and take vacations this summer, don't take a break from your giving. We are grateful for your faithfulness.

Help us solve this problem!

Doors are being left unlocked.
If you unlock the door, lock it back.

The security of the church is very important.

Upcoming Worship

August 5

Ephesians 4:1-16
"There Can Be Only One"

August 12

Ephesians 4:22-32
"What's New"

August 19

Ephesians 6:10-20
"Helmet, Shield, and Sword"

Theme: "Three Big Questions"

August 26

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
"Believing: What Do I/We Think?"

September 2

1 Corinthians 8:1-13
"Believing: How Should I/We Act?"

September 9

1 Corinthians 12:12-26
"Believing: Who Am I/Are We?"

8:45am ~ Chapel

9:45am ~ Chapel

10:50am ~ Sanctuary

Committee Chairs

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Jim Patton 886-2206

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****The next deadline is Monday, August 20 by 9:00am****



UMW will meet **Tuesday, August 21** at 10:00am. The program will be brought by Sandra Patrick, District Social Action Coordinator about the The Lost Girls of Sudan. Our August project is school supplies. **All women are invited to join us!**

In memory of...

Lucille Pemberton

By: Jean Funderburk
David & Luann Huffman
Gayle Shumate
Alta Fay Peden
Edna O'Quinn
Ahtrell Dalton

Gerry Huffman

By: Mary Casey
Dough Rollins SS Class
Lena Faulkner
Jay & Johanna Hicks
Jean Funderburk
Elizabeth Bennett
Gayle Shumate
Danny & Janet Duncan
Roger & Jean Arnold



Alma Thompson

By: Lena Faulkner

Otha Spencer

By: Dick & Brenda Latson
Alta Fay Peden
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Barnard
Mary Casey
Pete Robinson
Lena Faulkner
Roger & Jean Arnold

Kenneth Sheppard

By: Roger & Jean Arnold

Attendance

	<u>Ju1</u>	<u>Jul 8</u>	<u>Jul 15</u>	<u>Jul 22</u>
Early	23	25	22	26
9:45	11	10	9	15
Late	96	69	89	85
SS	57	49	47	63



Financial Update: General Operating Fund

General Operating Fund

	<u>as of June 30, 2012</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$ 32,094	\$183,901
Expenses:	\$ 30,738	\$199,087
	\$ 1,356	-\$ 15,186



Reading the Bible Daily



As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are:

What does this text say about who God is?" "What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Wednesday, Aug 1	Psalm 51:1-12
Thursday, Aug 2	Psalm 51:1-12
Friday, Aug 3	Ephesians 4:1-7
Saturday, Aug 4	Ephesians 4:8-16
Sunday, Aug 5	John 6:24-35
Monday, Aug 6	2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33
Tuesday, Aug 7	Psalm 130
Wednesday, Aug 8	Ephesians 4:25-23
Thursday, Aug 9	Ephesians 5:1-5
Friday, Aug 10	Psalm 130
Saturday, Aug 11	John 6:35, 47-51
Sunday, Aug 12	John 6:41-46
Monday, Aug 13	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Tuesday, Aug 14	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Wednesday, Aug 15	Psalm 111
Thursday, Aug 16	Ephesians 5:15-20
Friday, Aug 17	Ephesians 5:15-20
Saturday, Aug 18	John 6:51-58
Sunday, Aug 19	John 6:51-58
Monday, Aug 20	1 Kings 8:27-30
Tuesday, Aug 21	Psalm 84:5-12
Wednesday, Aug 22	Ephesians 6:10-20
Thursday, Aug 23	1 Kings 8:41-43
Friday, Aug 24	John 6:56-69
Saturday, Aug 25	1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30
Sunday, Aug 26	Psalm 84:1-4
Monday, Aug 27	James 1:17-25
Tuesday, Aug 28	Mark 7:14-15
Wednesday, Aug 29	Mark 7:21-23
Thursday, Aug 30	James 1:26-27
Friday, Aug 31	Song of Solomon 2:8-13



Prayer Lists

Newly Added

- Family of Lucille Pemberton
- Family of Jean Moore
- Family of Bill Crabtree
- Ray Sandifer (Sarah Latham White's grandfather)
- Ron Thomas

Continued Prayers for Church Family

- Gary Kibler
- Kathy Benton
- Gene Casselberry
- Tricia Dempsey
- Lois Cranford
- Betty Morton
- Nancy Doughty
- Jan Vowell
- Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

- Mable Little (Mary Lou Heatherly's sister-in-law)
- Sarah Langford (Hal Langford's mother)
- William Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's father)
- Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
- Jim and Diane Price
- Billy Guinn
- Chris Sterzik (Shelley Jackson's son-in-law)
- Sondra Feduccia
- Frederick Lucas
- Dorothy Ingram
- Pam Allgood
- Eli (Virdie Montgomery's grandson)
- Jan Chapman (District Office)
- Kay Webber
- Judy Greenwood
- George O'Kelley

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.

- Tyler Craig(Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law
- Jason Timmons-seriously injured
2nd Marine Division
- Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
- Ensign Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
- Christopher Kendrick-Navy (Helen Rowe's friend)
- Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
- Travis Miller-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
- Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
- Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson
- Nathan Grove
- Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
- Col. Peter Bailey
- Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
- Lt. Col. Keith Williams
- Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
- Lt. Dan Barton
- Kris Yoder- John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law
- Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe- Ladonna & Chris Patterson's cousins
- Garrett Johnson



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 NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
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