

First United Methodist Church Commerce

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Come hear about



What: Zip Code Connection Talk with
Melinda Watters & Dinner
Hosted by the Serve team

When: Sunday, August 2, at 5 p.m.
*Grilled hot dogs & sides served at 5 p.m. followed
by presentation and discussion*

Where: Family Ministry Center

Why: Get connected and inspired!
Fellowship with area Methodist
churches!
Learn how your July mission giving
will be used!



*Melinda Watters is the Connections
Director for Red River County. She
will share how this North Texas
Conference ministry with the poor is
working to eradicate poverty in two
zip codes: 75215 (South Dallas) and
75426 (Red River County).*

www.zipcodeconnection.org



MINISTRYSAFE

Training
Sunday, August 16
@ 12:00-2:00pm
Light lunch will be served

When the North Texas Conference (NTC) of the United Methodist Church changed insurance companies to MHBT (of the Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC) on April 1, 2012, Ministry Safe became mandated for every local church — meaning **every** local church in the NTC **must** comply with the Ministry Safe screening process, policies, and procedures. Therefore, everyone who is currently volunteering or is interested in volunteering with FUMC-C's children and youth ministries is required to attend our Ministry Safe training session on Sunday, August 16.

By completing this training session, you will fulfill (upon review) your Ministry Safe requirements which include:

- Sexual Abuse Awareness Training
- Screening Process & Paperwork
 - Application
 - Interview
 - References
- Review of Policies and Procedures
- Background Check Form

The purpose of this training is to ensure the safety of our children and youth by requiring the presence of two Ministry safe trained adults at all times.

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Where Do Pets Come From?

By: Dr. Gregory S. Neal

A while ago the following showed up in my email box from a friend who teaches Textual Criticism (the science/art of the preservation and interpretation of Old and New Testament Biblical Manuscripts). I found the content intriguing. What do you think?

It is reported that the following part of the Biblical *Book of Genesis* was discovered in the Dead Sea Scrolls. If authentic, it would shed light on the question, "Where do pets come from?"

And Adam said, "Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me everyday. Now I do not see you anymore. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me."

And God said, "No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will know that I love you, even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish and childish and unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, even in spite of yourself."

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and he wagged his tail. And Adam said, "But Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and all the good names are taken and I cannot think of a name for this new animal."

And God said, "No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG."

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to God and said, "Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but no one has yet taught him humility."

And the Lord said, "No problem! I will create for Adam a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. This companion will remind Adam of his limitations, so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration."

And God created CAT to be another companion to Adam; she would not obey Adam, but would sit and twitch her tail and look with disdain upon Dog and upon Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cats eyes, he was reminded that he was not the supreme being; from this Adam learned humility, and it was good.

And God was pleased. And Adam was greatly improved, though Dog was greatly frustrated.

And Cat, for her own part, just sat there, licking her paws, washing her face, and not caring one way or the other.

Hmmmmmm ... I don't know about you, but having owned dogs, and having been owned by cats, this story sounds like it might just be original!



Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, August 9 @ noon
Welcoming Pastor Brian
and Lauren
to FUMC-Commerce



WCM WORK DAY

**Saturday,
August 15
8am-12pm**

The WCM building needs a good over-all cleaning as well as some maintenance items such as replacing ceiling tiles and yard work. We will also be hauling off junk. Official hours are 8:00am to 12 noon but folks are free to start earlier and stay later if they want. We need to get it in good shape for Brian and the new students. The AC is fixed so it will be cool.

Worship

- Sunday, August 2*
- Sunday, August 9*
- Sunday, August 16*
- Sunday, August 23*
Back to School Sunday
- Sunday, August 30*

8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary

Midweek Eucharist

Wednesdays
@ 5:30pm ~ Chapel

Committee Chairs

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Save the Date

New Church Directory

Coming Soon

Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member or visitor and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way!

We are producing an updated church directory.



WE NEED YOU

to make our new family directory complete

Life Touch Directories will be here

**Thursday, September 10th
through**

Saturday, September 12th

Visit us at www.fumccommerce.org to schedule your appointment online.

The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the beginning of the month. 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. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

****The next deadline is Monday, August 17 by 9:00am****

Last Saturday Breakfast Free Meal for the Community



Kitchen Linens Needed!

We need your help replenishing the towels and washcloths in our kitchen. Please bring any kitchen towels and/or washcloths you may not be using to the church office or kitchen.



Saturday, August 29th
Served from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Wesleyan Campus Ministry Building
1504 Lee Street next to Los Mochis

Want to volunteer? Arrive at 8 a.m.

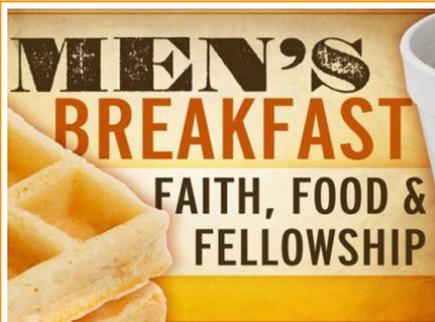
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Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." John 21:12 (MSG)

Save the Date!



Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015
Family Ministry Center



Attention **Men** of the Church!

FIRST Men's Breakfast

*Come and have breakfast with Pastors Greg and Brian,
talk about "stuff" and enjoy fellowship and good food together!*

Monday August 24th @ 7am

McKay's Restaurant!

Wesleyan Update:

Our AC is installed and operational!!! Thank you church family for all your support!

The Advisory Board has met in May, June and July, and will meet monthly. We are committed to on-going fundraising in order to build up a reserve fund and allocate future budgeted monies towards building upkeep/repair. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Vic Casad, attended the last meeting and is extremely supportive of the ministry.

FUMC's Wesleyan Campus Ministry is an official student organization of TAMUC. As such, we will be able to participate in back-to-school events, where we will invite new students to the awesome campus ministry of FUMC! Staff and CORE leaders are planning for a fantastic Fall semester full of faith-formation, fellowship and fun!

Q: How Can I Help?

A: By your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness!

Prayers:

- for the leadership of the Board, Staff and CORE students,
- for the hospitality of the building,
- for all of the TAMUC students who have yet to participate, and
- for the future of the ministry in making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of GOD!

Presences:

- The Wesleyan is the Serve Team's August Mission of the Month.
- *Clean-Up Day Saturday 8/15, 8am-12pm with a light lunch provided.*
- Tour the Wesleyan to see its' ministries and needs.
- Please know that our church family is always welcome to stop by, contact Pastor Brian for the best times.



Gifts:

- Wish List: fun stuff to do (e.g., Ping-Pong Table, Pool Table, Foosball Table, outdoor Volleyball net, and arts/crafts supplies)
- Please contact Pastor Brian before donating
- Of course, cash donations are also always greatly appreciated!

Service:

- Ask your Sunday School class or small group to provide food for one or more free lunches.
- Help serve Last Saturday Breakfast.
- Talk to Pastor Brian and/or Student Staff for future partnership ministry opportunities.

Witness:

- Invite all the college students and faculty you know to participate with WCM.
- Help us network on campus, in Commerce and in the East District of the UMC.
- Email Brian@fumccommerce.org to receive updates.

Thank you for continuing to support FUMC's Wesleyan Campus Ministry;
"Making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world; by offering students an inclusive and welcoming faith community where all God's diverse children; BELong, BEcome, BELive...BE @ the Wesleyan!



Help Stuff the Bus



Communities In Schools (CIS) is holding its annual "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive. They are collecting school supplies to give to CISD students in need.

Requested items include

- pencils
- erasers
- glue sticks
- pens (black, blue, and red)
- spiral notebooks
- composition notebooks
- ring binder notebooks (1.5" to 2.5")
- kid-safe scissors
- notebook paper (wide and college rule)
- crayons
- magic markers
- colored pencils



Communities
In Schools
Dallas Region, Inc.

Please drop off school supplies in the bus at Brookshire's or take to A.C. Williams Elementary School.

Applications for students who need assistance with school supplies will be available at Commerce district-wide registration on August 6 and 7. **Eligible** families will be able to pick up school supplies at respective campuses on Meet-the-Teacher-Night

In addition to helping CIS prepare Commerce kids for the school year, consider becoming a CIS mentor or tutor.

For questions about Stuff the Bus or for more information about volunteering, contact CIS campus manager Nancy Laws at nancy.laws@commerceisd.org or [903.456.2981](tel:903.456.2981).



UMW will meet **Tuesday, August 18** at 10:00am. The Response program will be brought by Mary Lou Heatherly. Our August project is collecting school supplies.

All women are invited to join us!

UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education.



In memory of...

Donald Anderson

By: David & Luann Huffman
 Mariann Andrews
 Susan Lampe
 Carole Walker
 Jim & Susan Patton
 Joe & Laura Milligan
 Mr. Walt Parker
 Loretta Kibler

Jean Funderburk

By: Dale & Elaine Stotts
 Ted & Ellen Oats



Attendance

	Early	5:30	Late	SS
Jul 1		8		
Jul 5	29	—	74	61
Jul 8		8		
Jul 12	31	—	88	59
Jul 15		10		
Jul 19	29	—	87	36
Jul 22		11		
Jul 26	36	—	72	47



**Financial Information
 General Operating Fund**

	as of June 30, 2015	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$ 30,211	\$184,566
Expenses:	\$ 33,268	\$188,385
	-\$ 3,057	-\$ 3,819



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:

Saturday, Aug 1	Ephesians 4:1-10
Sunday, Aug 2	Ephesians 4:11-16
Monday, Aug 3	2 Samuel 18:5-9
Tuesday, Aug 4	2 Samuel 18:15, 31-33
Wednesday, Aug 5	Psalms 34:1-8
Thursday, Aug 6	Ephesians 4:25-32
Friday, Aug 7	Ephesians 5:1-2
Saturday, Aug 8	John 6:35
Sunday, Aug 9	John 6:41-51
Monday, Aug 10	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Tuesday, Aug 11	1 Kings 3:5-9
Wednesday, Aug 12	Psalms 111
Thursday, Aug 13	Ephesians 5:15-20
Friday, Aug 14	Ephesians 5:18-20
Saturday, Aug 15	John 6:51-58
Sunday, Aug 16	John 6:51-54
Monday, Aug 17	1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11
Tuesday, Aug 18	Psalms 84:4-5, 11-12
Wednesday, Aug 19	Ephesians 6:18
Thursday, Aug 20	Psalms 84:1-3, 6-12
Friday, Aug 21	John 6:56-69
Saturday, Aug 22	Ephesians 6:10-20
Sunday, Aug 23	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Monday, Aug 24	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Tuesday, Aug 25	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9
Wednesday, Aug 26	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9
Thursday, Aug 27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Friday, Aug 28	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Saturday, Aug 29	James 1:17-27
Sunday, Aug 30	James 1:17-27
Monday, Aug 31	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23



Prayer Lists

We pray for those who have experienced a loss.

Condolences to...

The Family of Stone Whitener (Rob Whitener's son)
The Family of Margo Harbison

We pray for those who have experienced an illness...

George McFarland, Doris Kerbow, Collette Usry (Lauren Dierolf's friend) Kay Harvey, Joelly Murphy (Rev. Susan Leddy's granddaughter), David Miller (Bob Grove's friend), Linda Crabb, Sally Grove, Adele Reeves (Susan Reeves's mother), Clay Yeager, Ruth Pope, Derek Humphries, Audrey Ham (Clay and Nadine Yeager's great granddaughter), Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Louella McIntyre, Carol Davis, Kenny Davis, Debra Burton, Garrett Cramer, Deby Leos, Harold McFarland (Julia Robinson's father), Buck Johnson, Andrea Watson, Delores Smith, Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Charles Ranley (at Webb Hill), Michelle Bone, Hugh Hanby, Wendel Underwood (Wes Underwood's father), Robert Seay

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Albert Madariaga (Mary Means' son-in-law)

Christians in the Middle East

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Barbara Gish, Joe and Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn, Pete Robinson, Ruby Vander Velde, Euple Walker, and Jean Ward

Briarcliff: Dorothy Ingram and Glenna Siebenhausen

Laurell's Retirement Home: Lewis and Faye Jackson

River Point (Kerrville, TX): Lucy Potts

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
James 5:16*

Help us hold each other in prayer by contacting the church office with new prayer concerns and updates on existing prayer requests.

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...

2nd Marine Division Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Col. Peter Bailey Garrett Johnson
Nathan Grove Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Lt. Dan Barton Mike Dempsey (Washington)
Josh Ham-Nadine and Clay Yeager's grandson-in-law
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law
Tyler Craig (Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law
Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Lt. JG. Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson
Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-Ladonna & Chris Patterson's cousins



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
Articles for the next newsletter are due
Monday, August 17 by 9:00am