



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

- Clay Yeager
- Oma Thomas (Ron Thomas' mother)
- Jerry & Stephanie Davies

Continued Prayers for Church Family

- Janet Skauge Mary Dagenhart
- Bart Green Gary Kibler
- Gavin Rodden Helen Dickson
- Jan Vowell Jack Roberts
- Bill Terrell Jean Ward
- Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

- People in Brazil & Australia dealing with flooding and mud slides
- Evelyn Stoutt (Lonnie Plunkett's mother)
- Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's friend)
- Projecto Abrigo and Jose Luis needs prayers, monetary support & supplies
- Billie Patterson (Chris Patterson's mother)
- Shirley Erb
- Klyne Martin
- David Kidd (Judy Rudoff's brother)
- Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)
- Kay Webber
- Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)
- Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)
- David Crenshaw
- Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
- Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
- George O'Kelley
- Chance Thornton
- Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)

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.

- Sgt. Jason Schmidlen (Iraq)-Jim and Debby Heitholt's son)
- 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
- David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew
- Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
- Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
- Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
- Lt. Col. Keith Williams
- Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
- Terry & Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brothers and Tom Starkey's sons
- 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

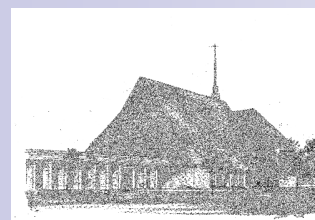


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Get your game on and help tackle hunger February 6!

This Sunday is the Super Bowl XLV (the Green Bay Packers vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers). Before the big game, our church will host our S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl (of Caring).

The **Souper Bowl of Caring** is a national grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger and poverty. Here in Commerce, we will hold a **Potluck Luncheon** following the 10:50 am worship service.

Donations will be collected in the soup pot. At the Usher's Stew last October, we raised over \$900. Let's see what we can collect this time! What is collected stays in Commerce to help fight hunger through the Commerce Alliance of Ministries.

The details:

When: Sunday, February 6, at noon

What to bring: Your favorite soup, stew, salad, bread or dessert

What to wear: Dress casual or show your team spirit!

Who are coming: You and Alliance of Ministries Congregations

To learn more: Visit www.souperbowl.org



Your Church at Work: Volunteer Ladies

FUMC does not have a folding machine. Well, not the mechanical kind. We have faithful ladies who volunteer to fold and stuff the newsletters, bulletins, and brochures. So, when you read the next newsletter or bulletin, think of these ladies and the money they save the church. Thanks Ahtrill Dalton, Edna O'Quinn, Alta Peden, and Ruby Vander Velde!

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact the church office at 903-886-3220. They fold bulletins every Friday at 1:00pm and newsletters every other Wednesday at 12:00pm.

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- FUMC-COMMERCE GOALS FOR 2011**
- ★ The incoming leadership of FUMC met on Saturday, January 22, for a morning of sharing, visioning, and goal-setting. The following goals were set for our congregation for this year:
 - ★ Increase giving as a spiritual discipline
 - ★ Increase average worship attendance by 20 (our current average is 219)
 - ★ More fully implement Connect-Grow-Serve ministry structure
 - ★ Worship + 2
 - ★ The Leadership Team asks that each member work toward achieving these goals. When our individual efforts are combined, our goals can easily be reached. Watch for more information about these goals in the future!

Dear FUMC Friends:

Commerce has been blessed over the decades with a rich and active Christian community of varying denominations. So I was saddened to learn recently that the Episcopal Church in our community had closed. When a Christian community closes, we are all negatively affected. As one Body of Christ, when one part of the party hurts, the entire Body suffers.



But our God is a God of resurrection – always creating, recreating, and making things new. Our God is also a God of surprises! I received one of these delightful surprises when a member of the Episcopal Church approached me about our congregation adding an Anglican-style liturgical service. Would the Methodist Church here be interested in starting something like this? she asked, and I replied that we could certainly talk more about it.

At our “Coffee Talk” on January 16, in which the congregation was invited to spent some time in conversation about what we love about our church and what we’d like to see happen in the future, I floated this possibility to the group gathered there. I was reminded once again of the graciousness of this congregation – the possibility of launching a fourth worship service that is liturgical in style (much the way worship would have been during John Wesley’s time) – was welcomed and encouraged.

Recently, I met with a group from the Episcopal Church to discuss this further, I am happy to report that we will be launching our new service on Sunday, March 13, the first Sunday in Lent. The service will meet each Sunday in the Chapel at 9:45 am. We have a strong, committed core group who will form the nucleus, and who will lead the way in building up this new worship opportunity within our congregation. We will use the service in our hymnal that is called “A Service of Word and Table I” (on page 6, if you’d like to take a look). This order of worship is almost identical to the order that is referred to as Rite II in the *Book of Common Prayer*. Communion will be celebrated every Sunday, and the style of worship will feel a bit more formal (but never stiff!) than in our other worship services.

I am excited about this opportunity for several reasons. FUMC Commerce is once again living out of its commitment to welcome all into our church doors – a value that defines this congregation. Additionally, there are others in our community and in the surrounding environs who may partake of a liturgical service that offers the Eucharist every Sunday. But most striking to me is this: one of the strengths of our denomination is that we can offer different worship styles, stretching from guitars and praise & worship to hymns accompanied by a glorious pipe organ to chanted liturgy and the Eucharist. It is an exciting time to be at FUMC Commerce!

Please tell your friends about this new worship opportunity – and about all of our worship offerings! Most people initially come to church because they were invited by someone they know. Also, please consider coming to worship in the Chapel at 9:45 am on March 13 or soon thereafter to show your support for this new group and service. And as always, please hold this new worship service and all of our ministries in your prayers.

See you in worship this Sunday!
Valarie

Worship

February 6, 2011

Rev. Valarie Englert will begin a sermon series on “Students of Christ”

Please join us this Sunday!

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

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“Gertrude, the Parsonage Snow Lady”
When snow, ice, or other bad weather comes to Commerce, the church office will follow the lead of Commerce schools as to closings or delayed openings.



“Roof Repairs”

Current Lay Leader Jim Patton and Property Chair Bob Mills head up in a lift to check out the chapel steeple following a major hail storm last October. FUMC has filed a claim with our insurance company, but since we have a slate roof, the process for resolving the claim is taking a bit longer than usual. Stay tuned for more information!

Worship During February at FUMC: “Students of Christ”

The walk of discipleship is life-long – as Christians, we never quit learning!
Come worship with us in February as we explore what it means to sit at Jesus’ feet and be life-long disciples.

Youth February Calendar:

- 2/5 – Super Bowl Party at The Robinson’s home everyone bring a snack. Starts at 5:00pm
- 2/13 – UMYF 4:00-6:00pm
- 2/20 – Games, bubble gum sculptures and baby food madness; 4:00-6:00pm
- Saturday, 2/26 – Whirlyball in Plano (time tbd)
- 2/27 – No youth

In memory of...

Jeanne Latson

By: Russell & Lee Armstrong

Fred Klaus

By: Mary Beth Tuck

Hattie Patton Dearing

By: Mary Beth Tuck



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:

Sunday, Feb 6	Matthew 5:13-20
Monday, Feb 7	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Tuesday, Feb 8	Psalms 119:1-3
Wednesday, Feb 9	Psalms 119:4-8
Thursday, Feb 10	1 Corinthians 3:1-6
Friday, Feb 11	1 Corinthians 3:7-9
Saturday, Feb 12	Matthew 5:21-26
Sunday, Feb 13	Matthew 5:27-37
Monday, Feb 14	Leviticus 19:9-10
Tuesday, Feb 15	Leviticus 19:11-15
Wednesday, Feb 16	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Thursday, Feb 17	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Friday, Feb 18	Matthew 5:38-48
Saturday, Feb 19	Psalms 119:33-40

Financial Update

General Operating Fund as of January 2011	
Income:	\$33,258
Expenses:	\$29,614
Difference:	\$-18,387

Attendance

	Jan 23	Jan 30
Early	42	40
Late	121	129
Bridge	26	20
SS	81	88

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****The next deadline is Monday, February 14 by 9:00am****