



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Harry Icenhower Larry Chaloupka
 Marie Inman Danny Lunsford
 Joan Littlejohn (Judy Rudoff's friend)
 Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)

Continued Prayers for Members

Clifton Julian Donna Cottle
 Kelsey Hall Janet Skauge
 Lucille Pemberton Nita Clark
 Fred Tarpley Mildred Davis
 Gavin Rodden Gene McKenzie
 Helen Dickson Peggy Fox
 Jean Ward Robert Seay
 Gary Kibler

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Dee Faires James Culp (Terry Brater's father)
 Bob Oltman Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
 Billy Orum Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
 Betty Bryant Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
 Mary Helen Sloan Tucker Levi Hamilton (infant)
 Chance Thornton L. A. Sims (Ruth Ann White's friend)
 Haiti Earthquake victims UMCOR Disaster Relief
 Wayne Billups (Hayley Jobe's father)
 Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)
 Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)
 Steve Jones (Rockdale Baptist Church Pastor)
 Kenneth Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's uncle)
 Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)
 Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)
 Grace Swindell (Caitie, Scott, Sam and Anna Wells' grandmother)
 Mary Woodley (Ruth Ann White's mother-in-law & Anna Knutson's Grandmother)

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
 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. Richard Bailey
 Lt. Col. Peter 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
 Derik Johnson
 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

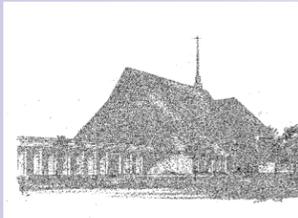


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Give to Help People Affected by the Earthquake in Haiti

Supporting emergency relief for the 2 million people who need aid since the catastrophic earthquake shook the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince, on January 12.

How to Give

1



Write a check to FUMC-Commerce and write "Haiti" in the memo line. Put it in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it by the church office. 100 percent of your donation will go to help the people of Haiti.



2

Make an UMCOR Health Kit.

Throughout the month of February, FUMC-Commerce is collecting supplies and monetary donations to purchase supplies for health kits. The health kits collected here will be combined with kits gathered throughout the North Texas Conference for transport to the UMCOR Sager Brown warehouse in Baldwin, LA. The kits will then be distributed in Haiti.

Through February 28, drop your kits in the collection bin located in the gathering area outside the Family Ministry Center. You are also welcome to drop off kit items. Missions and More (M&M) children will assemble kits on February 24.

Kit Contents

- Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. A health kit contains:
- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
 - 1 washcloth
 - 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
 - 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
 - 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
 - 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper; no child-size brushes)
 - 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Value: \$12 per kit

Important Kit Assembly Information

Please follow the directions exactly. Include all items; do not add items that are not on the list. Extra gifts, though given with the best of intentions, render a kit unusable and must be removed. **Note: All items sent must be NEW!**

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church.

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Dear Church Family,

On Wednesday, February 17, we will observe Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent comprises the forty days leading to Easter, not including Sundays (which are considered days of celebration, "Little Easters," even during Lent).



The number 40 in the Bible represents periods of testing, reflection, and preparation, as we recall Jesus' temptations in the wilderness for 40 days, Noah in the Ark, and the Israelites in the desert forty years before they entered the Promised Land. And so we enter the forty days of Lent—our own period of reflection, repentance, and preparation marked by disciplines such as prayer, fasting, abstinence, reading of Scriptures, and other forms of reflection.

It is a journey in which we follow Jesus to the cross... a journey in which we reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, a follower of Christ. What we know is that **Life is a Journey**. No news here! Life brings turns and curves we never saw coming, ups and downs that keep things interesting, abundant joy, overwhelming heartache... Life is a Journey!

As we journey with Jesus to the cross, we will be reflecting on our own lives... on the desperate moments as well as the glimpses of hope and new life. Jesus, fully human, encountered a whole range of human emotions and struggles. Let's journey with Him and let His wisdom be our guide for our lives.

I hope you'll be here during the Sundays in Lent. I also hope that you'll identify someone in your life that you can invite (even bring with you) to church. May it be one of your Lenten goals to bring someone with you at least one of these Sundays. Also, Easter Sunday (April 4th) is a wonderful time to invite someone to worship with us.

As we approach this season, I hope you also will consider how you will grow in your own relationship with Christ and be led into the presence of God through prayer, reading of Scriptures and worship. There are several opportunities for you to be part of a small group that studies and grows together. Sisters Bible Studies meet on Mondays at noon & 6:30p.m.; the men are meeting Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m.; Aleze and I will be leading a noon Bible Study on Tuesdays at the church (brown bag lunch!). We'll be delving deeper into the scriptures we use on Sunday mornings... discussing Jesus' struggles and ours... temptation, anger, despair, loneliness, and more. Hope you'll be a part of one of these studies!

Together let's seek to be fully devoted followers of Christ on this journey called life!

See you in church on Sunday!

Griffith Chapel CME Church
 2nd Annual
 "Love Thy Neighbor"
Valentine's Banquet and Dance
Saturday, February 13
6:00pm to 9:00pm
Family Ministries Center
 Formal/semi-formal attire
 \$15 admission or donation

Worship

February 7, 2010

Rev. Aleze Fulbright will give the message on this Student Sunday

Please join us for a student led service and Fellowship Luncheon following the 10:50am service.

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Lenten Opportunities

Annual Shrove Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 16th
5:30pm-6:30pm
Family Ministries Center



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17
at 6:30pm



Special Lenten Offering

Let us prayerfully reflect on the tradition of Lent to make small sacrifices in our lives as we remember the greatest sacrifice. We ask you to consider the amount of money saved by what you have "given up" and designate this as a special Lenten offering.

Tuesday Lunch Bible Study

Pastors Lisa and Aleze will be leading a brown bag Bible Study on Tuesdays at noon at the church.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Feb 7	Luke 5:1-11
Monday, Feb 8	Exodus 35:29-35
Tuesday, Feb 9	Luke 9:28-36
Wednesday, Feb 10	Luke 9:32-36
Thursday, Feb 11	Psalm 99
Friday, Feb 12	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Saturday, Feb 13	Luke 9:35-36
Sunday, Feb 14	Luke 9:28-36
Monday, Feb 15	Joel 2:1-2,12-17
Tuesday, Feb 16	Psalm 51:1-17
Wednesday, Feb 17	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
Thursday, Feb 18	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Friday, Feb 19	Luke 4:1-13
Saturday, Feb 20	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Connect—Grow—SERVE By Judy Rudoff

As a new year gets underway, your Serve Team would like to review our 2009 mission efforts and make you aware of our plans for 2010.

In 2009 we completed two Helping Hands projects assisting our fellow church members. Along with the Connect Team we helped clean up yards and fed work crews and people without power after a storm swept through Commerce. We coordinated harvesting purple hull peas from our Community Garden. Through our "Drop a Dollar" funds our congregation provided tuition for two children in Juarez and funds to build a home for a family in Juarez. We worked with Christians Make a Difference to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the Commerce community. Our church members were deeply involved in the Salvation Army Bell ringing, Angel Tree and the Alternative Gift market. We offer ongoing sales of Olivewood that benefits Palestinian Christians. We shared our Christmas dinners with Meals on Wheels recipients. Our church members worked faithfully with Manna Movers and making Shelly's Casseroles for Christ. It was a full year!

2010 finds your Serve Team reorganizing so that following Christ's model we can meet the needs of people locally, nationally and internationally. Melinda Reid will continue to head the Serve Team. Angela Roberts will spearhead local missions, Jamie Moore will coordinate seasonal missions and Judy Rudoff will oversee international missions.



While continuing to support the missions mentioned earlier in this article, each coordinator has selected two projects on which to focus our time, energy and resources. Local missions will concentrate on completing a Helping Hands project each quarter and working toward food security for Commerce families. Internationally, we will maintain our historic relationship with Jose Luis Portillo in Juarez, Mexico and we plan to build a closer relationship with the United Methodist Church in Colombia. We will find ways to enhance our seasonal missions as well.

Watch for updates on Serve opportunities on our new FUMC website and Facebook as well as in this newsletter and in your Sunday Bulletins.

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