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TACKLE



HUNGER

## POTLUCK LUNCHEON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> AT NOON

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SOUP, STEW,  
SALAD, BREAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

DROP YOUR DONATION IN THE SOUP POT  
TO TACKLE HUNGER. PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
THE FOLLOWING FOOD ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAMS:

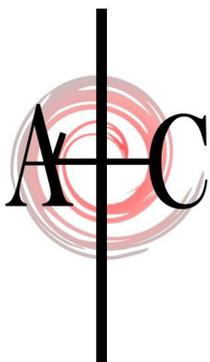
- NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK
- HUNT COUNTY SHARED MINISTRIES – FISH
- COMMERCE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY
- BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

DRESS CASUAL OR SHOW  
YOUR TEAM SPIRIT!



Children's and Youth Music  
(grades K- 8) started back  
Monday, January 27th.

To join or for more information,  
contact Michelle Corazao at  
[michelle@fumccommerce.org](mailto:michelle@fumccommerce.org) or  
(903) 886- 2684.



It's Art for Christ time again!

The kids will be learning about 3D design while working with kiln fire clay this semester and hopefully having a really good time.

Art for Christ is an after school program for grades 3rd-6th. For more info, contact Joanna Thrift at [joanna@fumccommerce.org](mailto:joanna@fumccommerce.org) or 903-886-3220.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

The last weekend of January, I found myself face to face with a young woman who is engaged in organizing teenagers – many of whom are marginalized in their communities – for peace and justice work in the Metro Boston area. She is very passionate about her work, and this passion spilled over into our conversation. Her life experience led her to her work; her parents had been mostly absent in her childhood, and she was the primary caregiver for her younger siblings. She shared with me that she did not want other teenagers to have to struggle the way she did growing up.



I was inspired by her story, and by the passion and engagement of others who were engaged in this training event. Many of the other participants were young adults who were just as passionate as she – young college grads who have chosen to make a difference in the Church and in their communities. The event was a truly “Wow!” moment for me.

This congregation has a unique vantage point from which to engage in the excitement, growth, and work of young adults through our Wesleyan Campus Ministry. By claiming and supporting this ministry, we have the amazing opportunity of building relationships with and supporting college students who live and study right across the street from our building. The benefits are tremendous: we get to witness the energy and hope of our WCM students with the potential outcome of feeling hope for the future grow in ourselves. It is a win-win ministry.

As a congregation, FUMC-C is blessed by location and geography. My prayer is that we make the most of where we are in this time and place.

May you be blessed so that you may be a blessing –  
Valarie

### Your Church At Work

Sunday, January 19, 2014

After the early service Ruth Ann White notices that the outside door to the Mechanical Room is open.

Luann Huffman receives the call from Ruth Ann at 10:00 a.m. and alerts Gene Lockhart who checks out the Mechanical Room. While in the room Gene spots a stream of water spewing from the furnace and as usual engages the Tenacious Trio (Dennis Anderson, Bob Mills, Jim Patton).

The appropriate shut down was achieved and the diagnosis of a leaking pump resulted in Jim making a trip to Dallas to secure a replacement. Jim was back and replaced the pump by 3:00 on Monday.

Now you might frown about having to buy a pump for \$1,175 but I am thankful that this church family is blessed with many talented, knowledgeable, and dedicated people who give their all to our church's successful mission in this community.

Come Sunday and enjoy the warmth!

### Upcoming Worship

**February 2**

*Acts 10:236-48*

*“Who We Are: Connect II”*

**February 9**

*Luke 10:38-42*

*“Who We Are: Grow I”*

**February 16**

*1 Corinthians 2:1-16”*

*“Who We Are: Grow II”*

**February 23**

*James 2:14-17*

*“Who We Are: Serve I”*

**8:45am ~ Chapel**

**11:00am ~ Sanctuary**

**Midweek Eucharist**

*Wednesdays*

*@ 5:30pm ~ Chapel*

**Committee Chairs**

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Dear Church Family,

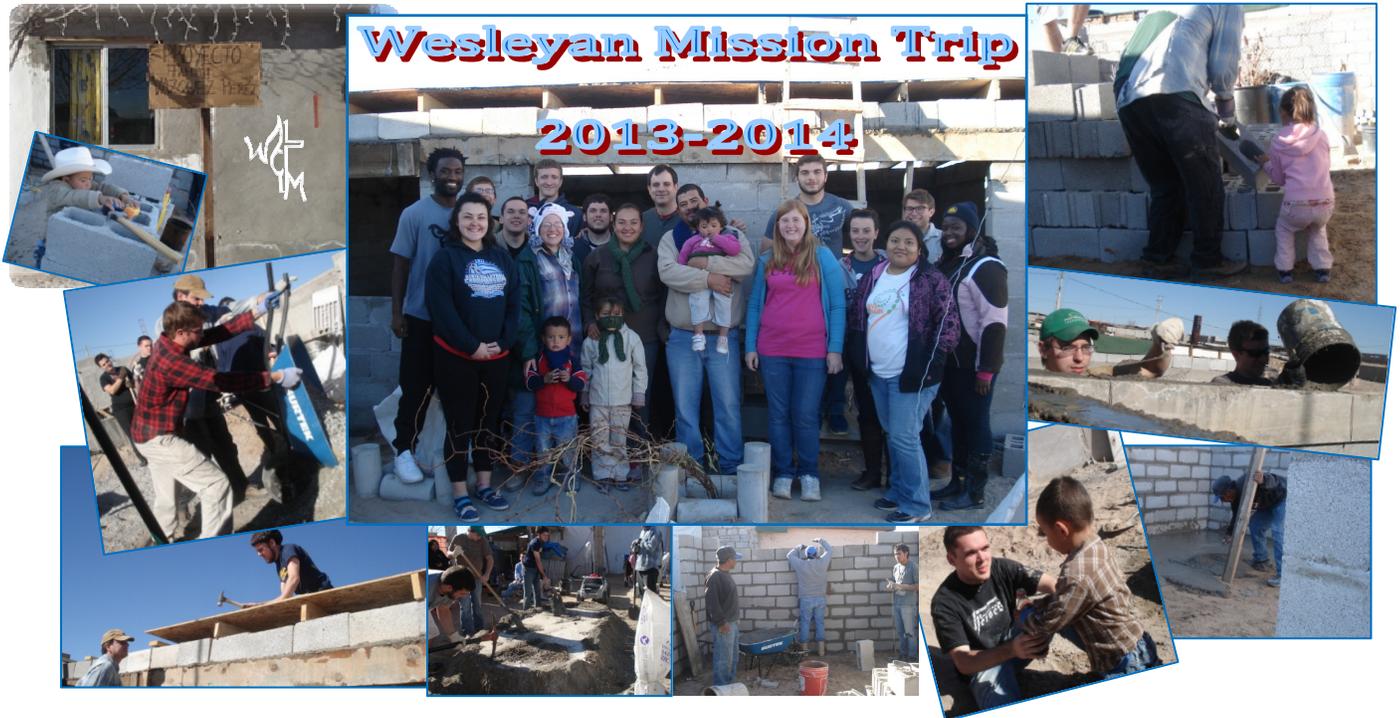
On behalf of the 17 families and 28 Angel Tree kids that you sponsored, we would like to thank you:

- for purchasing the “just right” gift that the children wanted and/or needed
- for wrapping the presents
- for baking cookies for the party and to be sent to those families who couldn’t attend the party
- Pastor Valarie for creatively telling the Christmas story
- Wesley Jensen and the youth (Mike and Jenny Dempsey, Mike and Sam Elwell, Campbell and Rockney Reid, Maggie Robinson, and Maygar Wymore) doing the heavy lifting at the party — welcoming and connecting with families, helping with crafts, cheering as kids played games, reading The Crippled Lamb and playing Santa Claus
- The Reids and Shepherds delivering gifts



Our goal for Angel Tree is to be a conduit of God’s love for the children, the caregivers, and the inmates. We pray and believe that we met the goal, thanks to your generous support of this mission.

Sincerely,  
Tricia Dempsey and Judy Rudoff



Eleven team members went to Juarez, Mexico to build a house over the Winter Break with Proyecto Abrigo. We had a wonderful time, and we felt safe the whole time! Team members are: Marc Corazao, Michelle Corazao, Jeff Hinkle, Josephine Just, Austin King, Tyler King, Ryan Klinck, Vanessa Paulin, John Pollock, Hayden Thomas, and Dwayla Thompson. We met three new friends from El Paso who joined our team: Sara, Becky, and Quincy. Our maestros were Martin and Jesus, who were both amazing to watch and to work with. We all loved getting to know the Vazquez family: Manuel, Lisette, Valeria, Manuelito, and Eileen!

Michelle Corazao set as a goal for her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday to raise the \$3,200.00 to pay for the cost of the house, including supplies and pay for the highly-skilled maestros who led us on the project.

**That goal has been reached thanks to many generous donors!**

## 2013 Mission Dollars in Review

Putting our faith into action is at the very heart of our Christian calling. In addition to giving our time to serve our community and world during 2013, we gave our \$1 bills and designated gifts to financially assist the missions supported by our church. Our direct giving rather than a line item in the general operations budget funds these missions.



During 2013, \$14,525 was received for missions and \$13,200 was disbursed. The total received includes \$6,000 in proceeds from the Merry Marketplace and Lunch for Missions and a \$500 donation from People and Services United – Commerce Meals on Wheels. Here is a summary of where these funds went to work.

### Serving Our World Totaled \$3,662

- Proyecto Abrigo: \$1,542 (does not include Michelle Corazao's homebuilding fundraiser) 
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief): \$1,235 
- Heifer International: \$885

### Serving Our Region Totaled \$1,710

- U.M. ARMY (Deposit for FUMC-C Campers): \$975
- U.M. ARMY North by Northwest Texas Chapter: \$685
- Life Together Community (Eva Englert's Fellowship Program): \$50

### Serving Our Community Totaled \$7,828

- Food Assistance Programs: \$2,579
  - North Texas Food Bank: \$967 
  - Hunt County Shared Ministries (FISH): \$723 
  - Commerce Alliance of Ministry: \$641
  - Bread of Life Food Pantry: \$124
  - Commerce Emergency Food Pantry: \$124
- Commerce Boys and Girls Club: \$1,699 
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: \$1,038 
- Communities In Schools, Inc.: \$1,045 
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner: \$704
- Commerce Clothe-A-Child: \$500 
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$200
- Helping Hands Supplies: \$63 

The Serve team has responsibility for administering our church's mission dollars. If you have questions about the church's giving or the Serve team, please contact Angela Roberts, Serve team chair for 2014, at 903.886.2142.

**"Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering**

*In memory of...*

**Earline Farrell**

By: Loretta Kibler

**Mary Jo Leslie**

By: Lydia & Danny Toon

MEMORIALS



**Sound Techs Needed**

Our Sound Tech Team has recently lost a few members. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the church office at 903-886-3220 or Dennis Anderson at 903-886-7432 or 903-886-3312.



**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, Feb 1            Matthew 5:1-10
- Sunday, Feb 2            Matthew 5:11-12
- Monday, Feb 3            Isaiah 58:1-5
- Tuesday, Feb 4            Isaiah 58:1-12
- Wednesday, Feb 5        Psalm 112:1-10
- Thursday, Feb 6          1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- Friday, Feb 7             1 Corinthians 2:6-16
- Saturday, Feb 8          Matthew 5:13-16
- Sunday, Feb 9            Matthew 5:17-20
- Monday, Feb 10          Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Tuesday, Feb 11          Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Wednesday, Feb 12      Matthew 5:21-37
- Thursday, Feb 13        Matthew 5:21-26
- Friday, Feb 14            Matthew 5:27-37
- Saturday, Feb 15         1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- Sunday, Feb 16            Psalm 119:1-8
- Monday, Feb 17            Leviticus 19:1-2
- Tuesday, Feb 18          Leviticus 19:9-10
- Wednesday, Feb 19      Leviticus 19:11-18
- Thursday, Feb 20         Psalm 119:33-40
- Friday, Feb 21            1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23
- Saturday, Feb 22         Matthew 5:38-42
- Sunday, Feb 23            Matthew 5:43-48
- Monday, Feb 24            Exodus 24:12-18
- Tuesday, Feb 25          Exodus 24:12-18
- Wednesday, Feb 26      Psalm 99
- Thursday, Feb 27         Matthew 17:1-9
- Friday, Feb 28            2 Peter 1:16-21



UMW will meet **Tuesday, February 18** at 10:00am. Our February project items for the Food Pantry. **All women are invited to join us!**

**Attendance**

	Early	5:30	Late	SS
<b>Dec 22</b>	23	—	114	78
<b>Dec 24</b> —Christmas Eve	212			
<b>Dec 29</b>	—	—	87	—
<b>Jan 5</b>	32	—	97	75
<b>Jan 8</b>	5			
<b>Jan 12</b>	24	—	145	88
<b>Jan 15</b>	8			
<b>Jan 19</b>	28	—	105	91
<b>Jan 22</b>	8			
<b>Jan 26</b>	35	—	118	69

**Financial Update  
General Operating Fund**

as of December 31, 2013    2013 Final

Income:	\$ 44,222	\$386,296
Expenses:	\$ 28,828	\$385,439
	\$ 15,394	\$ 857



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



# Prayer Lists

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

Glenna Anderson, Bob Mills, Janice Currens, Rebecca Leos (Ruth Warren's mother), Clyde Robnett, Cindy Klingbeil, Audrey Self (Eileen Faulkenberry's cousin), Harry Icenhower, Clay Yeager, Al Jackson, Willie Morgan, Doris Kerbow, Anika Shah (infant with severe immune deficiency), Lewis and Faye Jackson, Lynn Stone, Jaron and Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's son and daughter-in-law), Gene Casselberry, Pat Skauge, Sue Taylor, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Moena and RJ Burnett, Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Amy Sallstrom Smith (Bill Heitholt's cousin), Jessie Short

## Others to Remember in Prayer...

**Draughn's/Country Home Estate:** Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Dorothy Ingram, Edna O'Quinn, Lucy Potts, Pete Robinson, Ruby Vander Velde, and Euple Walker

**Briarcliff:** Glenna Siebenhausen

**Legends:** Norma McNew

*"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...

2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division                      Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith  
Col. Peter Bailey                          Garrett Johnson  
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey                  Nathan Grove  
Lt. Col. Keith Williams                  Lt. Dan Barton  
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  
Ensign 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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