



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Family of Jean Purvis (Danna Myers' mother)
 Dylan Basden
 Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's caregiver)
 Projecto Abrigo and Jose Luis needs prayers, monetary support, & supplies

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Bart Green	Gary Kibler
Clay Yeager	Gavin Rodden
Helen Dickson	Jan Vowell
Jack Roberts	Bill Terrell
Jean Ward	Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Billie Patterson (Chris Patterson's mother)
 Shirley Erb
 Klyne Martin
 John Kenney Smith
 David Kidd (Judy Rudoff's brother)
 Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)
 James Rogers
 Dick Jackel
 Kay Webber
 Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)
 Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)
 Deidre Hildebrand
 David Crenshaw
 Kathryn Scott
 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

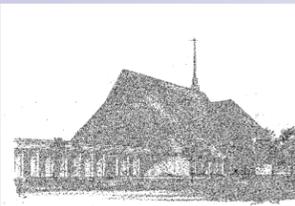


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Leadership Day

this Saturday, January 22
9:30am - noon

All chairs and members of our committees and leadership teams are encouraged to attend. Breakfast and coffee will be served. Come join us as we set goals for 2011 and discern where God's spirit is leading us in the near future.

Your Church at Work: Apportionments and Mission Dollars Given in 2010

Apportionments: \$52,820

Conference Specials and Missions: \$ 3,682

United Methodist Causes (Heifer, Projecto Abrigo, Malaria, UMCOR): \$ 2,704

Local Ministries (Alliance for Ministries, Communities In School, Manaia Movers, Food Pantry, Helping Hands, Thanksgiving Dinner, Hunt County Shared Ministries): \$12,825

Total Dollars Given:
\$72,031

Happy 96th Birthday to Pete Robinson!
 Pete has generously given of her prayers, her presence, her gifts, her service, and her witness since 1933 making her the longest serving member in our congregation.
 We love you Pete!

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Dear FUMC Friends:

I am a huge fan of the newspaper comics. If I read nothing else in the morning paper, I'll try to squeeze in a few minutes to scan the headlines and glance at the comics. This week, the strip *Baby Blues* showed Wanda, the mom, sitting in front of the computer, working on a document, highlighting and deleting repeatedly. Her husband stood behind her and asked, "New Year's resolutions?" And she nodded, "this is easier than feeling guilty."



It's mid-January as I write this, and the pundits are telling us that most Americans have already broken most of our New Year's resolutions. To be quite honest, I'm still trying to decide what some of mine are!

Perhaps some of us have resolved to study the bible more, or to undertake more holy reading, or to join a bible study group. Those are all worthy and good goals (and strongly encouraged by your pastors!). While we haven't collectively made a New Year's resolution as a family of faith, we are taking a few Sundays in worship this month to consider "Daily Habits."

Each week in our worship bulletin, our capable and wonderful communications specialist, Bonnie Smith, prepares an insert which contains our prayer list. On the flip side of this prayer list is a daily devotional guide for the week. Some of you may be using this guide in your daily walk already. For the next few weeks, we will be taking up this devotional guide as a guide to our worship. We will be looking at one of the daily passages, and will consider the study questions in light of the chosen passage. My hope in undertaking this is to encourage each and every one of us to take advantage of a discipleship tool that is readily available.

Our purpose here is not to add one more resolution to our lists; rather, it is to encourage new behavior or reinforce existing behaviors so that encountering scripture becomes a habit. When faith habits form, we become more of a reflection of the One we follow, Jesus Christ. In a sense, our hope is that we take on a habit much as a nun wears a habit – scripture can then become something we wear, rather than just read from time to time. Scripture can become the habit in which we dwell.

As this new year gets underway, my prayer is that we will all develop daily faith habits that will strengthen us each as disciples, and as a congregation living out Jesus' Way and Word in the world.

See you in worship this Sunday!
Valarie



Worship

January 23, 2011

Rev. Valarie Englert will continue the sermon series on Daily Habits

Please join us this Sunday!

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

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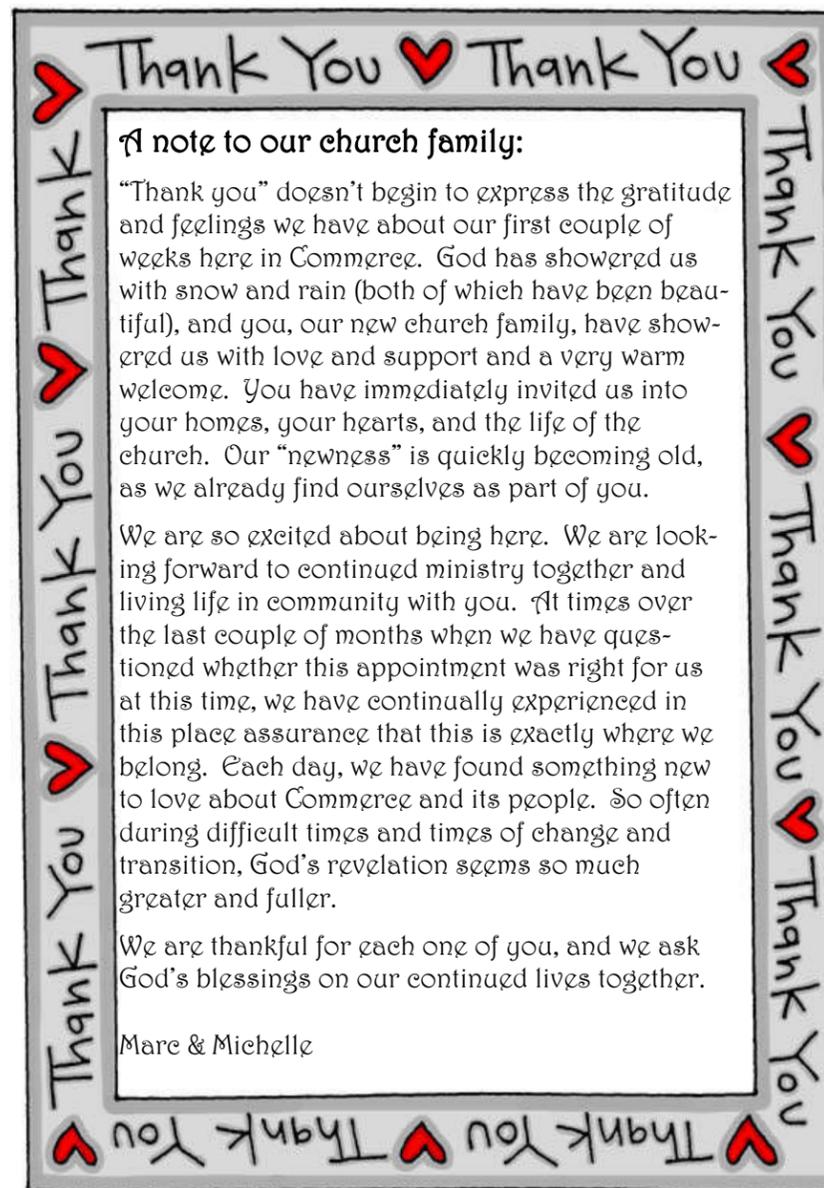
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FUMC Church Family Delivers Love

Throughout Commerce, Texas on Christmas Day hearts were warmed as our church members delivered plates of Christmas dinner to people who receive Meals on Wheels. This year almost 40 plates filled with homemade Christmas dinners were delivered to homes throughout Commerce. One recipient exclaimed, "Your church really puts the "Christ" in Christmas!" Continue to watch for other opportunities throughout 2011 to deliver Christ's love through service in our community.



In memory of...

John Armstrong

By: Bob & Julie McLeroy
Mary Beth Tuck

Mark Sullivan

By: Wyman & Harriet Williams
Bob & Julie McLeroy
Sus S. & Hal Witt
Jim & Jan Ainsworth
Mary Beth Tuck

Jeanne Latson

By: Wyman & Harriet Williams
Ahtrell Dalton
Jean Klaus
Bob & Julie McLeroy
Dorcas SS Class
Jim & Jan Ainsworth
Mary Beth Tuck



WCM Mission Trip

Sunday, March 13-Friday, March 18
We'll be joining together with other students, churches, and families to build homes for families in great need, working with Proyecto Abrigo! Don't miss this one... It will change your life.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Jan 23	Matthew 4:23
Monday, Jan 24	Micah 6:1-5
Tuesday, Jan 25	Micah 6:6-8
Wednesday, Jan 26	Psalms 15
Thursday, Jan 27	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Friday, Jan 28	Matthew 5:1-12
Saturday, Jan 29	Matthew 5:8
Sunday, Jan 30	Matthew 5:1-12
Monday, Jan 31	Isaiah 58:1-12
Tuesday, Feb 1	Isaiah 58:1-12
Wednesday, Feb 2	Psalms 112
Thursday, Feb 3	Psalms 112:5-10
Friday, Feb 4	1 Corinthians 2:1-8
Saturday, Feb 5	1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Financial Update

General Operating 2010 End-of-Year	
Income:	\$382,012
Expenses:	\$404,043
Difference:	\$-22,031

Attendance

	Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16
Early	—	32	28	33
Late	99	127	96	127
Bridge	—	—	—	25
SS	—	89	58	82

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****The next deadline is Monday, January 31 by 9:00am****