



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Family of Jack Northcutt (3-year old who drowned)
 Jean Funderburk
 Cindy Long

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan	Donna Cottle
Janet Skauge	Otha Spencer
Helen Dickson	Bill Terrell
Gene McKenzie	Fred Tarpley
Jean Ward	Robert Seay
Gary Kibler	

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)
 Bob Foelkl (Judy Rudoff's brother-in-law)
 Vince Agee (friend of the Heatherly Family)
 David Crenshaw
 Lonnie Visage (The Heltons' friend)
 Kathryn Scott
 Fred Klaus
 Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
 Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
 George O'Kelley
 Scott Sands (Carolyn Miller's brother)
 Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)
 Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)
 Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
 Chance Thornton
 Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
 Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
 Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)
 Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)
 Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)

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
 Jim Hunsicker (in Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
 Matt Skelton (in Iraq) Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
 Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)
 Travis Miller (in Afghanistan)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
 Alex Dech (in Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
 1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-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
 Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Brian Richards-nephew of Judy Rudoff
 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

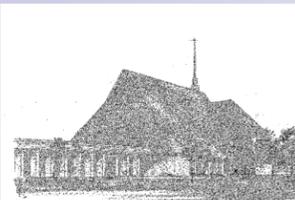


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Helping the Hungry



Kids participating in the Vacation Bible School "Galactic Blast" and program attendees gave \$300, which will provide over 2 tons of food to assist hungry families in the Commerce area. The children also brought in enough shelf-stable foodstuffs to fill up the back of a pick up truck. The funds will be used to buy food at 14 cents per lb. from the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB). All food items will be distributed through the Commerce Food Distribution and Manna Movers operated by the Word of Life Family Church.

A startling reminder is that Texas has the highest rate of childhood hunger and the second-highest rate of hunger overall in the nation, according to NTFB.

Let's continue pursuing a hunger-free community by dropping dollar bills into the offering plate or writing a check with Commerce Food Distribution in the memo line. Remember, one dollar buys 7 lbs. of food from NTFB. You can also volunteer with the Commerce Food Distribution or Manna Movers by calling Julie Gentle at 903-886-6893/817-975-3990 (cell).



Save the Date!

What: Job Jar Jam
Helping Hands will coordinate a series of **mini-projects** to assist FUMC members and Commerce residents who are physically and/or financially unable to make simple home repairs or do yard work.

Who: You and Your Friends Who Are Ready to SERVE

When: Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 9 am to noon

Where: TBD

We need your help to fill the jar with jobs. Please contact Angela Roberts at 903.886.2142 or AQRoberts@hotmail.com to put in a request for yourself or on the behalf of someone else. Job ideas include yard work, changing light bulbs, moving furniture/boxes, etc.



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Dear FUMC Friends:

Since arriving here in Commerce on June 28, my family and I have been the grateful recipients of the incredible hospitality of this congregation and community – the welcome, the food, the preparation of the parsonage, and the encouragement of the staff have just been amazing! Thank you all for being so gracious and welcoming.



Not only do we feel blessed, I also feel a sense of call in coming to FUMC Commerce. The Holy Spirit has been wonderfully active in this congregation up to the present, and continues to beckon us to do God's work. I am grateful for your acceptance of new leadership, and look forward to serving with you in this community. I am confident that God has wonderful plans for our future!

For the next few weeks in worship, we will be concentrating on the stories of Elijah and Elisha that are told in the books of I and II Kings. I loved hearing these stories as a child, and have become even more fascinated with them as I have studied scripture over the years. Elijah is an exceptionally important figure in the Jewish faith, and the New Testament writers were influenced heavily by these stories as they related the work of Jesus of Nazareth. Both Elijah and Elisha found themselves in a context in which much of the surrounding community of faith was shrinking, and they were called by God to speak a bold Word in a challenging time. I find what is contained in these stories to be instructive for our own time: the denomination is shrinking, and many of us wonder: Where is the God of Israel in times such as this? What is God up to? And what does God want us to be up to?

Come join us in worship so that we may listen for the Word of God for times such as ours.

God's grace and peace to you –
Valarie

Worship

July 18, 2010

Rev. Valarie Englert
will preach on
I Kings 18:1-2,
17-24, 36-39

Please join us this
Sunday!

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

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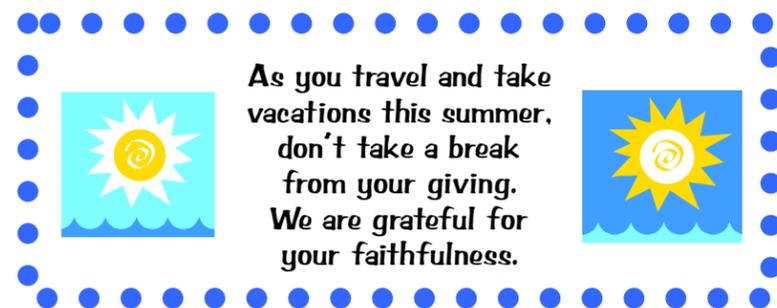
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In memory of...

Peggy Fox

By: Lena Faulkner
Mary Beth Tuck
Jim & Susan Patton
Mary Casey
Donna & Jim Tavener
Lucy Potts
Ted & Ellen Oats



Hattie Patton Dearing

By: John & Nancy Henson

Kelsey Hall

By: Jim & Susan Patton
Donna & Jim Tavener
John & Linnea Smith

UMW



The next UMW meeting is July 20th at 10:00am. The program will be brought by Mary Lou Heatherly. Our mission project for the month is to collect small size underwear for boys and girls and white tube socks. All Methodist Women are invited to join us for this informative meeting.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOU!

Meals on Wheels is in need of drivers for Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Due to the lack of drivers, people have been turned away. They also need cakes to deliver with the meals.



If you can be of any assistance, please contact Ann Champion at the Linda Muller Center at 903-886-4353 (on one of those mornings) or at home at 903-886-3387.



Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive

Drop off backpacks and basic school supplies in the box in the Gathering Area to benefit local students. Monetary donations welcome. Every donation stays in Commerce. Donations can also be dropped off throughout the year at any Commerce ISD School. For more information, call Lois Stevens at 903-886-3795.



July 25 Potluck
You are invited to the church-wide potluck to officially welcome Rev. Valarie Englert on Sunday, July 25 after the 10:50 service.

(Please notice the date change.)
Please bring a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert.
The meat will be provided.

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, Jul 18	Luke 10:38-42
Monday, Jul 19	Hosea 1:2-10
Tuesday, Jul 20	Psalms 85:1-7
Wednesday, Jul 21	Psalms 85:8-13
Thursday, Jul 22	Colossians 2:6-8
Friday, Jul 23	Luke 11:1-13
Saturday, Jul 24	Hosea 1:2-10
Sunday, Jul 25	Colossians 2:6-19
Monday, Jul 26	Hosea 11:1-11
Tuesday, Jul 27	Hosea 11:1-11
Wednesday, Jul 28	Psalms 107:1-9,43
Thursday, Jul 29	Psalms 107:1-9,43
Friday, Jul 30	Colossians 3:1-11
Saturday, Jul 31	Luke 12:13-21