



# First United Methodist Church Commerce

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## WBS 2013

What a great week we had at Vacation Bible School this year! Our 140 VBS-ers spent the week learning what it means to be a "Neighbor"; not just in the literal, living-next-door sense, but in the way that Jesus calls us to love and care for our neighbors – friends and strangers, both near and far away. Through our Bible stories this week, we learned that Neighbors are friendly, giving, bold, forgiving and welcoming.



The Everywhere Fun Fair also took us around the globe! We visited Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia and Mexico. Through songs, crafts, and other activities, we learned about the lives of our neighbors in these countries.



Thanks to all who contributed to our week. Vacation Bible School 2013 was a huge success this year, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!



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## Projecto Abrigo: Let's Help Build a House



Projecto Abrigo was the mission focus for both Vacation Bible School and the Mission of the Month. On Day 1 of VBS, Pastor Dana Coker and Jan Helton were on hand to share their love for our neighbors who live just across the border in Juarez, Mexico. Our VBS kids learned about Projecto Abrigo's homebuilding ministry and clinic as well as its new goal to build a school for children. Most importantly, our VBS kids learned that the children of Juarez are just like them -- they love to play and have fun and they feel God's love!

Over the course of the week, our VBS kids supported their neighbors in Mexico in various ways. They raised \$588.89 through their cinderblock banks! They collected aluminum beverage cans, empty inkjet cartridges, and old cell phones which will be turned into cash and rounded up empty prescription bottles for the Projecto Abrigo clinic. In addition, the four VBS age groups signed soccer balls for children, which will be mailed to Rev. Jose Luis Portillo, executive director of Projecto Abrigo. Special thanks go to the Dough-Rollins class, which donated the funds to purchase the soccer balls and the supplies to make the collection banks.



Thus far, our Mission of the Month offering amounts to \$332, which combined with our VBS offering totals \$920.89. As a reminder, all \$1 bills and designated gifts received on Sunday, June 30, will be added to this gift to Projecto Abrigo. For more information about this ministry, including mission trip opportunities, visit [www.projectoabrigo.org](http://www.projectoabrigo.org) or like on Facebook.



*Until further notice the  
11:00am Worship Service  
will be held in the  
Family Ministry Center*

*Our A/C in the Sanctuary cannot be repaired.  
We are in the process of taking bids to have it replaced.  
See you Sunday!*

## Upcoming Worship

**July 7**

*Rev. Marc Corazao  
Galatians 5:1,13-15  
"Free Love"*

**July 14**

*Scott Atnip,  
UM Army - guest preacher  
"Authentic Witness"*

**July 21**

*Eva Englert - guest preacher  
Colossians 1:15-28  
"Lofty Words"*

**July 28**

*Colossians 2:6-15*

**8:45am ~ Chapel**

**9:45am ~ Chapel**

**11:00am ~ FMC**

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**\*\*The next deadline is Monday, July 22 by 9:00am\*\***

# Youth Week July 21-26

## U.M. ARMY Returning to Commerce July 14 to 20!



UMW will meet **Tuesday, July 16** at 10:00am. The program will be brought by Pastor Marc about the Wesley Campus Ministries. Our July project is collecting school supplies. **All women are invited to join us!**

UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education.



The Mission of the Month for July is Communities In Schools (CIS). All \$1 bills placed in the offering plate and designated gifts during July will benefit the CIS "Stuff the Bus" campaign. Applications for assistance with school supplies and standardized dress items are available at each Commerce ISD campus and the administration building. Applications must be completed and turned in by July 22nd at A.C. Williams Elementary School or Commerce High School.

## STUFF THE BUS School Supply Drive



### Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday, Jul 1	2 Kings 5:1-14
Tuesday, Jul 2	2 Kings 5:9-14
Wednesday, Jul 3	Psalms 30
Thursday, Jul 4	Galatians 6:1-16
Friday, Jul 5	Galatians 6:14-15
Saturday, Jul 6	Luke 10:1-11
Sunday, Jul 7	Luke 10:16-20
Monday, Jul 8	Amos 7:7-9
Tuesday, Jul 9	Amos 7:10-17
Wednesday, Jul 10	Psalms 82
Thursday, Jul 11	Colossians 1:1-8
Friday, Jul 12	Colossians 1:9-14
Saturday, Jul 13	Luke 10:25-29
Sunday, Jul 14	Luke 10:29-37
Monday, Jul 15	Amos 8:1-10
Tuesday, Jul 16	Amos 8:1-2
Wednesday, Jul 17	Psalms 82
Thursday, Jul 18	Colossians 1:15-28
Friday, Jul 19	Amos 8:11-12
Saturday, Jul 20	Colossians 1:24-28
Sunday, Jul 21	Luke 10:38-42
Monday, Jul 22	Hosea 1:2-10
Tuesday, Jul 23	Psalms 85:1-3
Wednesday, Jul 24	Psalms 85:4-7
Thursday, Jul 25	Psalms 85:8-13
Friday, Jul 26	Colossians 2:6-19
Saturday, Jul 27	Luke 11:1-4
Sunday, Jul 28	Luke 11:5-13
Monday, Jul 29	Hosea 11:1-11
Tuesday, Jul 30	Hosea 11:1-11
Wednesday, Jul 31	Psalms 107:1-9,43

### Attendance

	Early	9:45	Late	SS
<b>June 2</b>	28	13	80	45
<b>June 9</b>	16	16	62	43
<b>June 16</b>	21	14	80	63
<b>June 23</b>	18	12	136	77



### Financial Update General Operating Fund

	as of May 31, 2013	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$ 26,623	\$148,182
Expenses:	\$ 31,807	\$164,229
	-\$ 5,184	-\$ 16,047





# Prayer Lists

## Blessings for those who have a new addition to their family. Congratulations to...

Lloyd, Kelley, Austin, and Katelyn Hemingway  
in the birth of Ellasyn Grace  
(John and Teresa Heatherly's granddaughter)

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

Lynn Stone, Bob Grove, Judy Rudoff, Mendy Wilson, Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother), Tom Klinck (Ryan Klinck's father), Sally Grove, Arthur Joe, Jr. (the Englerts' friend), Jaron and Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's son and daughter-in-law), Amy Cryon (Wyman and Harriet Williams' friend), Gene Casselberry, Elva Resendez, Emerson Adams, Pat Skauge, Sue Taylor, Wyatt Bourcy (Bob & Sally Grove's friend's grandson), Cindy Klingbeil, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Glenda Helton (Jeff Helton's sister-in-law), Becky Bosque (the Englerts' friend), Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Amy Sallstrom Smith (Bill Heitholt's cousin), Chris Sterzik (Shelley Jackson's son-in-law), Kay Webber, Jessie Short

## Others to Remember in Prayer...

**Draughn's/Country Home Estate:** Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Dorothy Ingram, Lucy Potts, and Pete Robinson  
**Briarcliff:** Mary Culberson (Dixie Turman's mother)

*"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	Col. Peter Bailey
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey	Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Lt. Dan Barton	Nathan Grove
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker (Korea)-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law	
Tyler Craig(Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law	
Jason Timmons-seriously injured, recovering	
Ensign Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son	
Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son	
Christopher Kendrick-Navy (Helen Rowe's friend)	
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother	
Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son	
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson	
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith	
Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor	
Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law	
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe- Ladonna & Chris Patterson's cousins	
Garrett Johnson	



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Articles for the next newsletter are due  
**Monday, July 22 by 9:00am**

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