



First United Methodist Church Commerce

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Hello church,

God has blessed us with the opportunity to be in ministry together! I'm Rev. Brian Dierolf (pronounced 'Deer off'), and I'm thankful to be your new Associate Pastor and Campus Minister.

Campus ministry is near and dear to my heart! I met my wife Lauren at the University of North Texas, and the Denton Wesley Foundation was our home away from home. I became the Pastor's Assistant, which led me to answer my call to ministry. I am living proof of the potential fruits of campus ministry! I cannot express in words how much it means to me to now have the humbling vocation of helping shape college students' relationship with Jesus Christ!



I'm from San Antonio and hold a B. A. in Psychology and a Masters of Divinity from Brite Divinity at TCU. I have several years' experience in youth ministry and also many serving as an Associate Pastor. Most recently, I served FUMC Grand Prairie for three years and before that at FUMC DeSoto for four and a half years. I have a passion for mission/outreach ministries! I also thoroughly enjoy, and grow spiritually from: preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. I tend to be organized and analytical. In June, I was 'Ordained in Full Connection.'

I'm a life-long Jazz and Blues fanatic! I love cheering on the Texas Rangers, being in Nature, watching funny TV, reading Science Fiction, learning about other religions, and eating all types of food! Both Lauren and I spoil our Shih Tzu Poodle, Ella.

Lauren and I have been married for over 9 years, but she gets credit for over 14 since we've been together since college! She has a journalism background and has been a Middle School English teacher for 8 years. She will be teaching Writing and ESL in Community ISD. Both of us are excited about returning to our roots by being involved in campus ministry!

God Bless,
Brian



Meet, Learn, and Eat!

Connect with Melinda Watters, Zip Code Connection director for Red River County. She will update us on this North Texas Conference ministry with the poor to eradicate poverty in two zip codes: 75215 (South Dallas) and 75426 (Red River County).

Interactive Presentation & Grilled Hotdog Dinner
Sunday, August 2, at 5 p.m.
Family Ministry Center
Area United Methodist Churches Are Invited
www.zipcodeconnection.org

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Colors and Seasons By: Dr. Gregory S. Neal



Throughout the history of the Church various colors have been associated with the different “Seasons” of the Church Year. Unlike the secular Calendar, the Church Year runs from Advent, starting either the last Sunday in November or the first Sunday in December, and running through Christ The King Sunday near the end of November. This Year the first Sunday of Advent is November 29.

The colors for the season of Advent are Purple and Blue; it is a special time of preparation in which Christians begin by anticipating the second coming of Christ, and then turn to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Season of Advent ends on Christmas Eve, with the beginning of the Christmas Season. The colors for Christmas are White and Gold; it is a time of celebration, praise, and thanksgiving for the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ.

Epiphany ends the Christmas Season, and the Sundays after Epiphany are designated by the color green. The first Sunday focuses on the Baptism of Christ and the last Sunday focuses on his Transfiguration and on those days white is used.

The color for the season of Lent is purple; this season begins on Ash Wednesday, usually in mid-February, and lasts for 40 days, *not counting the Sundays*. The word “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten,” which means “spring.” The season is a time of profound preparation for the celebrating of Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts to the faith, and then over time became a period of confession and penance practiced by all Christians. The First Sunday in Lent describes Jesus’ temptation by Satan and the Sixth Sunday (Passion or Palm Sunday) deals with Christ’s victorious entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always considered “little Easters,” the penitential spirit of Lent should always be held in check with the reminder of the coming resurrection. Lent comes to a close in Holy Week first with Maundy Thursday—a time to remember the evens of the Last Supper—and Good Friday, when we remember our Lord’s death on the cross. The color for Good Friday is either black or red.

The Season of Easter is set apart with the colors of white and gold, and begins with the setting of the Sun on Holy Saturday evening and continues to the Day of Pentecost. This season supposed to be the most joyous time of the Christian year. It focuses, of course, upon Christ’s resurrection and ascension. The ancient Christian name for this season is “Pasch,” derived from Hebrew and meaning “deliverance” or “Passover.” The resurrection is, therefore, closely linked with the Exodus. The origin of the English word “Easter” is hotly disputed, but some scholars think that it may come from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eastre and her annual festival of fertility.

Easter Season closes with Pentecost Sunday. The color for Pentecost is red, which symbolizes the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, who birthed and empowers the Church as the Body of Christ. Contrary to common misconception, there is *no* “Pentecost Season.” Rather, we designate this period as “the Sundays After Pentecost.” The Season is technically known as “Ordinary Time,” and the color for it is usually green, although there are alternatives to only using green for this, the longest season of the Church year. In Roman Catholicism special Saints Days are commemorated with Red, as are ordinations and funerals. Similarly, in the old Methodist Church it was common practice to use red from Pentecost Sunday through the third Sunday of August, only switching to Green for the last months of the season. Beginning with the liturgical renewal of the 1980s, many United Methodist Churches went to green beginning almost immediately after Pentecost; green symbolizes the life of Christ in the church, and hence it is an appropriate color for the Sundays After Pentecost. However, many others (myself included) prefer to maintain red through the first half of Ordinary Time in order to serve as a reminder that it is only through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit that we, as the Body of Christ, live and move and have our being. This year we will stick with red through the third Sunday of August, switching to Green on August 30th. The change makes for a refreshing difference in what is, otherwise, the longest – and hottest – season of the Church year. And, frankly, I like how I look in red vestments and would like to wear them on more than just one Sunday a year.

To our Commerce Church and Wesleyan Family,

Thank you for a beautiful send-off, filled with prayers, food, hugs, tears, and laughter. Thank you also for the amazing memory book (especially Angela Roberts and Kay Jensen). We will treasure it forever.

You are all so special to us. We have felt so loved over the last 4 ½ years; you have taken such good care of us.



We pray that you will show that same love to Brian and Lauren as they join your fold. In this transition, they have quickly become friends of ours, and we are excited about what they bring to the FUMC Commerce and Wesleyan family.

We pray for your continued strength and calling as you serve the people of Commerce and beyond, and we are so grateful for our time with you.

In Christ's love,
Marc, Michelle, and Ian

Worship

Sunday, July 5

Sunday, July 12

Sunday, July 19

Sunday, July 26

*8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary*

Midweek Eucharist

*Wednesdays
@ 5:30pm ~ Chapel*

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Save the Date

New Church Directory

Coming Soon

Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member or visitor and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way!

We are producing an updated church directory.



WE NEED YOU

to make our new family directory complete

Life Touch Directories will be here
Thursday, September 10th
through
Saturday, September 12th
Look for upcoming details and appointment scheduling information.

The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the beginning of the month. Inputs may be submitted to the Church office to Bonnie Smith, Communications Specialist, at communications@fumccommerce.org, or call the office at 903-886-3220. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

****The next deadline is Monday, July 20 by 9:00am****

Last Saturday Breakfast Free Meal for the Community

Saturday, June 27, 2015
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Location Change for Summer!
First United Methodist Church
1709 Hwy 24, Commerce

Sponsored by
First United Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Campus Ministry

Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." John 21:12 (MSG)



Special thanks to our Youth, Serve, and Wesleyan Campus Ministry (WCM) volunteers for cooking, serving and cleaning up at the May Last Saturday Breakfast! Pictured left to right in front row: Judy Rudoff, Melinda Reid, Connor Green, Bailey Guinessey, Maggie Robinson, Luke Scarcelli. Pictured left to right in back row: Marc Corazao, Mike Elwell, Tyler King, Rockney Reid, Mark Reid, Ray Green, and Austin King.

MAY'S LAST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Mikey Elwell
from Youth
and Tyler
King from
WCM team
up for
pancake
duty





UMW will meet **Tuesday, July 21** at 10:00am. The program will be brought by Belinda Miller about Children and Our Public Schools Today. 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.



In memory of...

Jo Parker

By: Walt Parker

MEMORIALS



Attendance

	<u>Early</u>	<u>5:30</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>SS</u>
May 27		9		
May 31	36	—	75	83
Jun 3		7		
Jun 7	32	—	87	72
Jun 10		8		
Jun 14	31	—	93	60
Jun 17		8		
Jun 21	—	—	108	74



**Financial Information
General Operating Fund**

	<u>as of May 31, 2015</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$ 27,976	\$154,356
Expenses:	\$ 27,574	\$155,257
	\$ 402	-\$ 901



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:

Wednesday, Jul 1	Mark 6:1-13
Thursday, Jul 2	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Friday, Jul 3	Mark 6:1-13
Saturday, Jul 4	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Sunday, Jul 5	2 Samuel 5:9-10
Monday, Jul 6	Ephesians 1:3-8
Tuesday, Jul 7	Ephesians 1:9-14
Wednesday, Jul 8	Psalms 24
Thursday, Jul 9	Mark 6:14-29
Friday, Jul 10	Mark 6:14-16
Saturday, Jul 11	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Sunday, Jul 12	2 Samuel 6:12b-15
Monday, Jul 13	2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Tuesday, Jul 14	2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Wednesday, Jul 15	Psalms 89:20-37
Thursday, Jul 16	Ephesians 2:11-22
Friday, Jul 17	Ephesians 2:11-22
Saturday, Jul 18	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sunday, Jul 19	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Monday, Jul 20	2 Samuel 11:1-5
Tuesday, Jul 21	2 Samuel 11:6-15
Wednesday, Jul 22	Psalms 14
Thursday, Jul 23	Ephesians 3:14-19
Friday, Jul 24	Ephesians 3:20-21
Saturday, Jul 25	John 6:1-15
Sunday, Jul 26	John 6:16-21
Monday, Jul 27	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Tuesday, Jul 28	Psalms 51:1-12
Wednesday, Jul 29	Psalms 51:1-12
Thursday, Jul 30	John 6:24-35
Friday, Jul 31	John 6:24-35



Prayer Lists

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

Tommy Jones (Nell Brown's brother), Donald Anderson (Dennis Anderson's father), David Miller (Bob Grove's friend), William Lee Terrell, George McFarland, Doris Kerbow, Linda Crabb, Sally Grove, Adele Reeves (Susan Reeves's mother), Clay Yeager, Ruth Pope, Derek Humphries, Audrey Ham (Clay and Nadine Yeager's great granddaughter), Lucy Potts, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Louella McIntyre, Carol Davis, Kenny Davis, Debra Burton, Garrett Cramer, Deby Leos, Harold McFarland (Julia Robinson's father), Buck Johnson, Andrea Watson, Delores Smith, Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Charles Ranley (at Webb Hill), Michelle Bone, Hugh Hanby, Wendel Underwood (Wes Underwood's father), Robert Seay

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Emanuel AME Church Congregation

Victims and Families of the area floods and weather Christians in the Middle East

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Barbara Gish, Joe and Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn, Pete Robinson, Ruby Vander Velde, Euple Walker, and Jean Ward

Briarcliff: Dorothy Ingram and Glenna Siebenhausen

Laurell's Retirement Home: Lewis and Faye Jackson

*"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...

2nd Marine Division Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Col. Peter Bailey Garrett Johnson
Nathan Grove Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Lt. Dan Barton
Josh Ham-Nadine and Clay Yeager's grandson-in-law
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
Lt. JG. 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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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
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