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TheH2O Project: *Drink Water to Give Water*

You've probably noticed the *Did You Know* water crisis statistics in recent church bulletins, newsletters, and other communications. It's staggering to know that roughly 1 in 8 people around the world lack access to clean water, which leads to a myriad of health, education, and economic problems. During the month of June, you'll hear more about the water crisis through worship and communications. It is also the mission focus during this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS).

VBS 2012

To build upon the ocean theme of this year's VBS, the kids will learn about the importance of clean water. While there will be plenty of VBS fun, the children will also be challenged to make tap water their only beverage from June 18 to 24 and to set aside the money otherwise spent on other beverages during this week to help those who don't have regular access to clean water. All VBS proceeds collected will go to Living Water International.



Will you participate in this challenge too by donating the money saved from drinking only tap water during the week of VBS to Living Water? Jesus said that to give a drink to the least of our thirsty brothers is to give a drink to him. Just think of the size of the benefit if both VBS kids and church members participated in this challenge!



Living Water International – Providing a Cup of Water in Jesus' Name

Living Water is a faith-based, non-profit organization located in Houston. It began drilling wells in 1990 to tangibly demonstrate the love of God as well as share it. Working in 25 countries around the world and motivated by Christian faith, Living Water strives to implement the most effective and sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions because water is foundational to all development, physical and spiritual. For more information, visit www.water.cc.

**DID YOU
KNOW** 

884 million people lack access to clean water. That's almost 3 times the United States population.

Join Us
For VBS Sunday Worship
&
Grilled Hotdogs & Brats

Noon • June 24

Please bring a favorite side
or dessert to share



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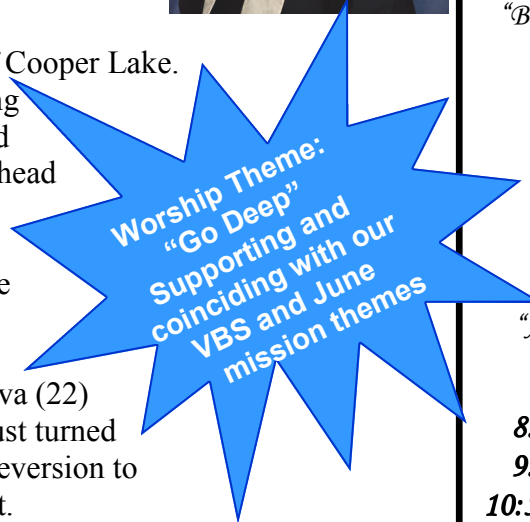
Dear FUMC Friends:

This past Memorial Day weekend, my sister-in-law, Mary Kaye, and her family came to visit. They live in Colorado, and it is always a real treat to enjoy a long weekend with them. My daughter and nephews grew up together, even though they live in different states. Whenever they come together, goofiness and fun are the order of the day – it’s like they’ve never been apart.



While they were here, we took a hike on the south side of Cooper Lake. It was a bit hot, but there was a nice breeze, and everything was green from our spring rains. We saw a couple of wild hogs, which they’d never seen before, as well as a copperhead snake, making our walk a true Texas experience.

We arrived home after the hike sweaty and ready for some cool refreshment. Eva suggested a romp in the sprinkler, which caused me to do a double-take and ask her, “Now, how old are you *really*?” The sprinkler was set up, and Eva (22) and Chris (19) began to romp (my other nephew, Eric – just turned 17 – wasn’t sure about this). It was pure, wacky fun – a reversion to childhood that we all enjoyed – whether or not we got wet.



I share this story because things in general have seemed a bit heavy lately. The news about the wounds of many of our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, global economic woes, looming federal budget skirmishes and other difficulties fill the radio, TV, and internet waves and crowd our attention. The news about the United Methodist Church doesn’t seem much better. General Conference 2012 offered very little inspiration or help for the changes we are facing, and the universal Church overall seems to be a leaky vessel.

But all is not lost. God’s Spirit is moving among us, pulling us away from our little zones of security and comfort. God’s Spirit is in the business of giving life, creating all things new, and resurrection. In the midst of all this are God-given moments of delight and pure fun. Without fun, we would all burn out.

This summer, let us give ourselves a break from the heaviness. Take a hike (literally!) and keep your eyes peeled for wonder in this amazing Creation. Tell a joke, or laugh at one. Enjoy lazy time spent with the people you love most. You might hook up that sprinkler, and play in it for a bit.

May God’s peace and divine laughter enfold you –
Valarie

Upcoming Worship

June 3

John 3:1-17
“Life’s Necessities”

June 10

II Kings 5:1-19a
“Beyond Difference”

June 17

Father’s Day
Mark 1:1-11
“Soaked”

June 24

John 4:1-29
“An Encounter to Remember”

8:45am ~ Chapel

9:45am ~ Chapel

10:50am ~ Sanctuary

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****The next deadline is Monday, June 18 by 9:00am****

Make a Difference in the Lives of Commerce Kids This Summer!



Boys & Girls Club, Communities In Schools (CIS), Commerce ISD, and our community are working together to host **Summer Day Camp 2012** for children aged 6 to 12. The camp runs from June 11 to August 17 at A.C. Williams Elementary School with daily hours from 8am to 6pm. Its success hinges on the service and generosity of caring, loving adults like YOU!



**BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB**

Ways to Serve

You can assist with learning activities, share expertise on topics of interest, or chaperone field trips. You choose the topic, format, and timing. For example, you may opt for a one-time discussion on nature and insects, or perhaps you decide to prepare budding stars for the end-of-camp talent show.

Each week has a different theme. Here's the lineup: Survivor, From Farm to Fork, Fact or Fiction?, History's Mysteries, UP, UP and Away, Creepy Crawlies, iKids – Technology and Robotics, Summer Olympics, Around the World, and BGC's Got Talent.

Ways to Give

You can sponsor 1 child for one week (\$20), 1 child for the entire summer (\$200), or multiple children. \$20 covers the cost for one child for one entire week of Summer Day Camp, which includes breakfast, lunch and snacks, enrichment activities, and a field trip.

Make checks payable to Boys & Girls Club of Commerce and return to the church office or mail to:

A.C. Williams Elementary School
c/o Hillary Evans, Commerce Branch Manager
615 Culver Street
Commerce, TX 75428



**Communities
In Schools**
Dallas Region, Inc.

To Volunteer or for More Information

Contact Matt Wolcott, Area Team Manager for Communities In Schools, at 903.886.3758, x1424, or matt.wolcott@commerceisd.org.

Your Generosity Will Send 8 Kids to Summer Day Camp!

Our church will contribute \$1,650 to the Summer Day Camp hosted by the Boys and Girls Club at A.C. Williams Elementary School. Hillary Evans, the Commerce Club Director, anticipates enrollment to be 70+ children with nearly three-fourths demonstrating financial need. Our donation will help underwrite the cost for eight children to attend the 10-week camp. The \$1,650 donation is comprised of the May drop-a-dollar offering totaling \$296, additional drop-a-dollar funds designated by the Connect-Serve-Grow team in the amount of \$419, and special gifts made by church members totaling \$935.

Summer Choir is Coming! June 2012



For anyone who enjoys singing...

Can't read music?

Great! You should come!

Can read music?

Great! You should come!



The Four Sundays of June (3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th) Rehearsals will be at 8:45 on Sunday mornings. The Summer Choir will sing and help lead worship in the 9:45 am service in the Chapel. Come one week – come all four weeks. All youth and adults welcome. Come be a part of this singing experience! For more info, contact Michelle Corazao at michelle@fumccommerce.org or (903) 886-2684.



CASA for Hunt County
Speak Up For An Abused Child



Join us for a Community Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 31st from

6:30-7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church—
Hwy 24 & 50—Commerce, TX



Please plan to attend this informational meeting to see what you can do to help the most vulnerable citizens in Hunt County, our children.

For more information contact the

CASA office at 903-450-4410 or 903-450-5579



A CASA volunteer gets to know the child and speaks to everyone involved in the child's life, including family members, teachers, doctors, lawyers, social workers and others.

A CASA volunteer gathers information and makes recommendations to help the court make informed decisions. A CASA volunteer commits to a child until the case is closed and the child is in a safe permanent home

Visiting Choral Performance

The Youth Choir from Floral Heights UMC in Wichita Falls will join us this Thursday evening (5/31) at 7:00pm.



Boy Scout Troup 27 cordially invites you and your family to attend an Eagle Court of Honor for

John Naizer

Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 3:00pm in the Chapel

Reception immediately following

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients

At the CISD awards ceremony, scholarships were awarded to two well deserving students.

Haley Benson received the Leland and Mary Casey Scholarship, and Laurel Dees received the Weldon and Annie Reese Kibler Scholarship.

Congratulations to these two young women!

As you travel and take vacations this summer, don't take a break from your giving. We are grateful for your faithfulness.





UMW will meet **Tuesday, June 19** at 12:00pm for a covered dish luncheon. The program will be brought by Harriet Williams about Children and Our Public Schools Today. Our June project is the Food Pantry, so we will collect food pantry items **All women are invited to join us!**



In memory of...

Lillian Hemingway

By: Edna O'Quinn
Mary Lou Heatherly

Kenneth Sheppard

By: Clyde & Wanda Robnett
Edna O'Quinn

Edna Good

By: Fred & Anna Blohm



Attendance

	<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 27</u>
Early	29	35	24	27
9:45	15	15	13	9
Late	109	111	79	92
SS	70	59	47	49



Financial Update: General Operating Fund

General Operating Fund

<u>as of April 30, 2012</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Income:	\$ 41,294	\$126,775
Expenses:	\$ 39,695	\$135,177
	\$ 1,599	-\$ 8,402



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:

Friday, Jun 1	Romans 8:14-17
Saturday, Jun 2	John 3:1-17
Sunday, Jun 3	John 3:16-17
Monday, Jun 4	1 Samuel 8:4-20
Tuesday, Jun 5	Psalms 138:1-6
Wednesday, Jun 6	Psalms 138:7-8
Thursday, Jun 7	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Friday, Jun 8	Mark 3:20-27
Saturday, Jun 9	Mark 3:28-30
Sunday, Jun 10	Mark 3:31-35
Monday, Jun 11	1 Samuel 15:34-16:1
Tuesday, Jun 12	Psalms 20:1-6
Wednesday, Jun 13	Psalms 20:7-9
Thursday, Jun 14	Mark 4:26-29
Friday, Jun 15	Mark 4:30-34
Saturday, Jun 16	2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Sunday, Jun 17	1 Samuel 16:2-13
Monday, Jun 18	Psalms 9:9-14
Tuesday, Jun 19	1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11
Wednesday, Jun 20	1 Samuel 17:19-23,32-49
Thursday, Jun 21	1 Samuel 17:32-49
Friday, Jun 22	Mark 4:35-41
Saturday, Jun 23	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Sunday, Jun 24	Psalms 9:9-20
Monday, Jun 25	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Tuesday, Jun 26	Psalms 130
Wednesday, Jun 27	Mark 5:21-43
Thursday, Jun 28	1 Samuel 8:7-15
Friday, Jun 29	Mark 5:21-43
Saturday, Jun 30	2 Corinthians 8:(1-6),7-15



Prayer Lists

Continued Prayers for Church Family

- Otha Spencer
- Gary Kibler
- Nancy Doughty
- Judy Rudoff
- Gene Casselberry
- Julie Wadlow
- Jan Vowell
- Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends


- Sondra Feduccia
- Frederick Lucas
- George Moore (Brad Moore's father)
- Dorothy Ingram
- Jean Moore
- Pam Allgood
- Eli (Virdie Montgomery's grandson)
- Alma Thompson (Dennis Wilkinson's mother)
- Jan Chapman (District Office)
- Kay Webber
- Judy Greenwood
- George O'Kelley
- Nell Hughes (Zelda Fisher's niece)
- Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)

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.

- Tyler Craig(Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law
- Matt Skelton-Mack and Mariann Andrews' nephew
- Jason Timmons-seriously injured
2nd Marine Division
- Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
- Ensign Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
- Christopher Kendrick-Navy (Helen Rowe's friend)
- 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
- Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
- Col. Peter Bailey
- Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
- Lt. Col. Keith Williams
- Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
- Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
- Lt. Dan Barton
- Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law
- Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-Ladonna & Chris Patterson's cousins
Garrett Johnson



Please pray for guidance for Pastor Valarie, Pastor Marc, other clergy, and lay leaders as they work to strengthen the United Methodist Church at the North Texas Annual Conference June 3-6.



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