



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Family of Preston Speight
 Family of Dee Faires
 Lamont Cunningham
 Ariel Smith (Doris Kerbow's great granddaughter)
 Chile earthquake victims and damage

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan	Bill Terrell
Lindy Hammons	Sue Porter
Donna Cottle	Kelsey Hall
Janet Skauge	Fred Tarpley
Gene McKenzie	Helen Dickson
Peggy Fox	Jean Ward
Robert Seay	Gary Kibler

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Diane Bowers
 Larry Chaloupka
 Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
 Donald Anderson (Dennis Anderson's father)
 Sarah Shein (Lamont & Sarah Cunningham's granddaughter)
 Ruth Robinson (UMW Conference President)
 Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
 Joan Littlejohn (Judy Rudoff's friend)
 Steve Jones (Rockdale Baptist Church Pastor)
 James Culp (Terry Brater's father)
 Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
 Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)
 Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
 Wayne Billups (Hayley Jobe's father)
 Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)
 Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)
 Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)
 Kenneth Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's uncle)

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
 Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)
 Travis Miller (in Afghanistan)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
 Aaron K. Brister-son of Eddie and Roberta Brister
 Alex Dech (in Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
 Chris Hall-Kelsey Hall's brother
 1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson
 Nathan Grove
 David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
 Lt. Col. Peter 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
 Derik Johnson
 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

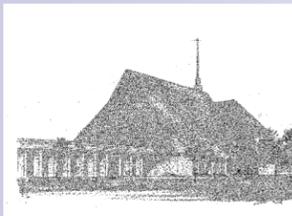


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New Senior Pastor Appointed



The Personnel Committee would like to announce the appointment of Rev. Valarie Englert as our Senior Pastor beginning July 1st. Rev. Englert is a gifted pastor and has provided excellent leadership in her previous appointments. She was born in Shreveport, LA, and has deep family roots in East Texas. She earned a B.A. from the University of Texas at Dallas in Literary Studies and an M.Div. from Perkins School of Theology, SMU. She was ordained elder in the North Texas Conference in 2004, and has served as associate pastor at FUMC Rockwall since June 2003. She provides pastoral leadership for the Open Door worship service, small group study programming, and in congregational care. Previously, she served on the staffs of FUMC Dallas and White Rock UMC in Dallas.

Valarie's husband of almost 22 years, Rick, is a graduate of Syracuse University and the University of Texas at Dallas, and owns a landscape design and maintenance business. They are proud parents of Eva, who is a sophomore at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, where she is majoring in Environmental Studies.

With the appointment of Rev. Englert, we are confident that FUMC-Commerce will continue to be fruitful in making disciples of Jesus Christ. The source of our assurance is found through prayer that provides the peace of Jesus Christ.

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LIFE IS A JOURNEY



Join us every Sunday in March as we understand how to journey through life's obstacles!
 Free Dinner @ 6:30p Worship @ 7p
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Dear Church Family,

Life is a Journey. During this season of Lent, we are traveling with Jesus on this journey of life and on the way to the cross. Jesus calls us to follow him, so of course, we travel with Jesus. What's new about that?!



Worship
March 7, 2010
Rev. Lisa Greenwood will continue the Lenten Series: Life is a Journey
 Please join us during this Lenten Season!

What I am discovering is that as much as we talk about abiding in Jesus and striving to BE like Jesus, rarely do we intentionally walk in Jesus' shoes. It is much easier to identify with the other characters in the stories of the New Testament. I am like Zacheaus, a sinner very much in need of Jesus' company; I am like Peter, wanting to follow by denying him anyway; I am like the woman at the well, questioning the provision of living water; I am like the Pharisees, thinking and acting like I have it all together when in truth I have missed the presence of God; I can go on.

This season, we are deliberately identifying with Jesus—his very human moments. In my Lenten devotions book by Henri Nouwen (*Show Me the Way*), he talks about the very human person of Jesus who is susceptible to human circumstances, emotions and even death. Nouwen reminds us that Jesus is actually the essence of God revealed to us, not a stray moment in time for God—the character of God is revealed in who Jesus is. Jesus' humanity and his love for all and the ways he reaches the unlovable in society are not a blip on the screen of who God is—an outlier to a God whose norm is to be distant and powerful. Rather Jesus is, in fact, the fullest, truest picture of who God is.

All that's to say, that it matters to me that he is human, that he feels and hurts and fears and prays. It shows me who God is. It matters to me that I get in touch with who he is, because I am called to be like him. I am called to be the humble servant and the preserver of justice and the lover of the unlovable. When I do those things, I'm actually more able to abide in him and let him abide in me. I know God more fully.

The end goal is not to dwell in the places of human emotions: temptation, rejection, loneliness, anger & despair. The goal is to know Jesus more fully that we might be more fully known. We strive to live like Jesus in order that we might open ourselves to let him dwell in us, make his home in us as he promises to do. I pray that it might be so!

See you in church Sunday!

Lisa



Help us solve this problem! Doors are being left unlocked. If you unlock the door, lock it back. The security of the church is very important.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour!



The Children's Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 28. Bring your Easter basket and get ready for the hunt!



The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published on alternate Fridays. 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. All inputs are due on the Monday of the publication week. Questions may be addressed to the Church office or Communications Committee Chair, John Mark Dempsey.

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"Before"	"After"
	<p>Imagine... then help make it a reality! Helping Hands at The Chamberlain's Mar. 27: Yard work & prep Apr. 17: Paint exterior</p> <p>To sign up, contact Angela Roberts at 903.886.2142 / AQRoberts@hotmail.com</p>

Helping Hands is an interdenominational effort to assist FUMC members and Commerce residents who are physically and/or financially unable to make home repairs or do yard work.

Looking ahead to Holy Week & Easter
 Good Friday 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30am, Breakfast at 7:00am, Combined Worship at 10:50am
 No Sunday School
 The Bridge at 6:30pm

Spring Break!
 (The Noon Lenten Bible Study will still meet.)

Our office hours during the week of spring break (Mar. 15-19) will be shortened. The office will be open Monday – Thursday from 9-12 and will be closed Friday.

If for any reason you need to get in touch with the office after these hours, please call and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Have a fun and safe break!

United Methodist Women, with the help of others in the congregation, has donated school clothing to Commerce school children in the amount of:

- 13 pairs of pants
- 25 shirts
- 6 belts

Thanks to all who contributed to the worthy cause. UMW can still accept contributions.

The next UMW meeting is March 16th at 10:00am. Priscilla McFarland will bring the program on "Prayer and Self Denial." Our mission project is the food pantry. Bring one pound bags of rice and/or beans or your choice from your food pantry.

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, Mar 7	Psalm 63:1-8
Monday, Mar 8	Joshua 5:9-12
Tuesday, Mar 9	Psalm 32:1-2
Wednesday, Mar 10	Psalm 32:3-11
Thursday, Mar 11	2 Corinthians 5:16-19
Friday, Mar 12	2 Corinthians 5:20-21
Saturday, Mar 13	Luke 15:1-3
Sunday, Mar 14	Luke 15:11b-32
Monday, Mar 15	John 11:45-55; 12:1-13
Tuesday, Mar 16	John 12:4-6
Wednesday, Mar 17	John 12:8
Thursday, Mar 18	Isaiah 43:16-21
Friday, Mar 19	Philippians 3:4b-11
Saturday, Mar 20	Philippians 3:12-14