



## Prayer Lists

### Newly Added:

Ruby Vander Velde  
Mary Lou Heatherly

### Continued Prayers for Church Family

Helen Dickson	Mary Dagenhart
Elizabeth Ragsdale	Buddy Gregg
Sally Grove	Ahtrell Dalton
Pete Robinson	Chance Thornton
Clay Yeager	Gary Kibler
Jan Vowell	Jean Ward
Robert Seay	

### Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Victims of the tornados  
People of Japan  
William Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's father)  
Dorothy Ingram  
Carolyn Howard  
Martha Wolcott (Matt Wolcott's mother)  
Lou McIntyre  
Judy Greenwood  
Cleon Flanagan, Sr.  
Fred Ohsick  
Oma Thomas (Ron Thomas' mother)  
Janet Skauge  
Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's friend)  
Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)  
Kay Webber  
George O'Kelley  
Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)  
Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)  
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)  
David Crenshaw

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.

HM1 Robert Starkey (Afghanistan)-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
Sgt. Jason Schmidlen (Iraq)-Jim and Debby Heitholt's son  
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  
David Wheat-Edna O'Quinn's nephew  
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith  
Lt. 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-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed  
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson  
Garrett Johnson



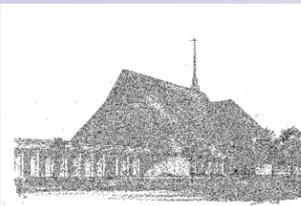
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### Confirmation Sundays May 8 & 15, 2011



What a wonderful celebration  
of the way  
God is at work here at  
First United Methodist Church, Commerce!

We celebrated 3 baptisms, 7 confirmations (on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and one more on the 15<sup>th</sup>), and welcomed in all 15 new members into our congregation!!

Our 2010 – 2011 Confirmands: Claire Dobbs, Caitie Wells, Kassady Todhunter, Elizabeth Wolcott, Cameron Oats, Luke Hooten, and Teddy Walker.

Baptized: Cameron Oats, Cason Oats, and Kassady Todhunter.

Joining the church along with the Confirmands: Scott, Anna, and Sam Wells; Jody and Cindy Todhunter; Chad and Shelly Oats (and their children Cason and Carrigan); and Greg Hooten.

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### "God Is Doing A New Thing"

North Texas  
Annual  
Conference  
June 5 – 8, 2011

Opening worship and Holy  
Communion  
Sunday, June 5, 7:00pm  
First UMC, Dallas  
1928 Ross Avenue  
Bishop John Innis, preaching



Business sessions held at  
Plano Centre  
Monday, June 6,  
8:30am – 4:00pm  
and Tuesday, June 7,  
8:30am – 5:30pm



Celebration of Ordination  
Monday, June 6, 7:00pm  
Christ UMC, Plano  
3101 Coit Road  
Rev. Morris Matthis, preaching



Day of Mission and Service  
Wednesday, June 8  
8:30am – 1:00pm  
St. Andrew UMC, Plano

Dear FUMC Friends:

This time last May, my family and I were in our last weeks of service at FUMC Rockwall. Our house in Dallas was a crazy mess – boxes everywhere, piles here and there of various and sundry items, the garage filling up as packed items were being staged for our move to Commerce. Needless to say, it has been an eventful, exhilarating year for the Englerts!



It has been a year of change for FUMC Commerce as well. Let us consider the changes: a change in senior pastoral leadership; welcoming Gabe and Alicia Wittkopf as youth directors; the expansion of our twice-a-week parents' day out program into Noah's Nursery, a full-time, quality daycare ministry for our community; saying farewell to Rev. Aleze Fulbright as associate pastor/WCM campus minister; greeting Rev. Marc Corazao as new associate pastor/WCM campus minister; the launch of a new communion service at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings; closing off our Sunday evening contemporary service, The Bridge.

Whew! Can I stop now?

Indeed, we have one more significant change in the offing. Our "Interim Choir Director" (as he has dubbed himself), Gene Lockhart, is stepping down on June 30 as FUMC's music leader. I have mixed feelings about this: Gene has been wonderful to work with. He has been supportive, creative, engaging, and energetic. He has led our choir beautifully and in so doing, has enriched our worship experience.

Gene has assured me that this is not "goodbye." He and Carolyn will be among us, lending their voices to the choir. My heart is full of gratitude when I consider his service and generosity of spirit. We will have a celebration of his work here with us – *stay tuned for details.*

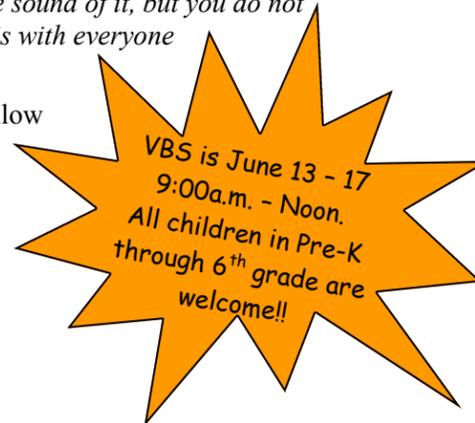
Each of these changes holds within them personal changes for a wide circle of individuals. Some changes are personally challenging or stressful; others offer new possibilities. But we're all human, and humans generally prefer comfort and routine rather than rapid change. In my first year of service here in Commerce, however, I have been amazed at the adaptability of this congregation. FUMC is blessed with the ability to keep a Spirit-trained ear turned Godward, listening for the divine call to act and serve.

And so we adapt, respond, and bend to God's will, following where God calls, trusting that God has already given us all we need to do the work of the Kingdom.

*The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.*

As Spirit-people of Jesus Christ the Way, let us follow where God leads!

May the peace that passes all understanding be with you –  
*Valarie*



## Worship

May 29, 2011

*"When the Rules Have Changed"*

Please join us this Sunday when Rev. Valarie Englert preaches on John 14:15-21 *"Living the Way"*

8:45am ~ Chapel  
9:45am ~ Chapel  
10:50am ~ Sanctuary

### Committee Chairs

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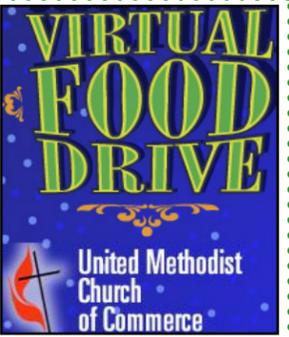
## Final Week!

We're wrapping up the *Full on Faith* Virtual Food Drive to help the **North Texas Food Bank** close the gap on hunger. This drive will supplement the May drop-a-dollar, which will also go to the NTFB. As of May 22, \$846.62 has been raised through the online tool, checks received, and drop-a-dollar.

Access the Virtual Food Drive from Facebook or the Welcome Page of the church's website: [www.fumccommerce.org](http://www.fumccommerce.org). Need a reason to get online? Here are few...

- No shopping. No line. No lifting.
- Buying power of NTFB -- compare retail prices to NTFB prices.
- It's a green alternative to a traditional canned food drive, which costs NTFB ~\$100 in transportation and processing expenses.
- All credit cards accepted -- earn those airline miles!
- It's flexible -- after you fill your cart, you may adjust your donation amount to the desired level.
- Jazzy music & cool sound effects...see if you hear the squeak of the grocery cart!

Alternatively, you may place your gift in the offering plate or return to the church office by May 31. And remember, \$1 = 3 meals! Contact Angela Roberts for more information.



## Save the Date!

FUMC-Commerce is serving as a host church for the **U.M. Army**, i.e., the United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth. From **July 10 to 16**, a mission team of youth and adult volunteers will use our facility as base camp. They will be sleeping, eating, worshiping, and calling our church "home" while they are serving people in our community. Their projects will include home repairs and maintenance for low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners. Watch for future opportunities to extend your hospitality to our guests!



## Show You're Full on Faith with the Gift of Time

On Saturday morning, June 11, we're giving the gift of time to help close the gap on hunger at the North Texas Food Bank. At their warehouse in south Dallas, we'll box and sort food for distribution to the 307 NTFB member agencies. Volunteers 10 and up are welcome. We'll meet at the church by 7am in order to travel in the church van and caravan. Our volunteer time is 9am to noon. To sign up or for more info, contact Angela Roberts at 903-886-2142.



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## MEMORIAL DAY



The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day holiday!

Thank you to all who came and worked hard at our Church Work Day on Saturday, May 21! Everything looks great!

### Attendance

	May 15	May 22
Early	31	36
9:45	11	13
Late	148	147
SS	77	94

### Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, May 29	John 14:21
Monday, May 30	Psalm 68:1-10
Tuesday, May 31	1 Peter 4:12-14
Wednesday, Jun 1	1 Peter 5:6-11
Thursday, Jun 2	Acts 1:6-14
Friday, Jun 3	Psalm 68:32-35
Saturday, Jun 4	John 17:1-5
Sunday, Jun 5	John 17:6-11
Monday, Jun 6	Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Tuesday, Jun 7	John 7:37-39
Wednesday, Jun 8	Acts 2:1-6
Thursday, Jun 9	Acts 2:7-13
Friday, Jun 10	Acts 2:14-21
Saturday, Jun 11	1 Corinthians 12:3b-11

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**\*\*The next deadline is Monday, June 6 by 9:00am\*\***