



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

James Rogers Charles Suggs
Clay Yeager Mildred Davis

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan FUMC-Commerce
Gavin Rodden Nadine Yeager
Lewis Jackson Jim Patton
Helen Dickson Jan Vowell
Janet Skauge Jack Roberts
Jessie McKenzie Jo Parker
Edwina Threlkeld Donna Cottle
Bill Terrell Jean Ward
Robert Seay Gary Kibler

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

People of Haiti
Dick Jackel
Kay Webber
Helen Cole (Judy Anderson's mother)
Grayson Turner- 6-year-old M&M child with broken arms
Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)
Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)
Deidre Hildebrand
Gary Little
Cindy Long
David Crenshaw
Kathryn Scott
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)
George O'Kelley
Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
Chance Thornton
Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)

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.

Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Matt Skelton-Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
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
Brian Richards-nephew of Judy Rudoff
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

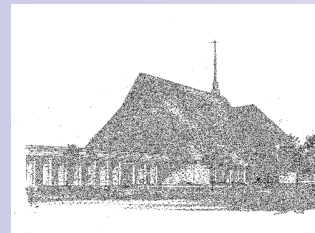


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SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

ANGEL TREE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 21ST

Look for the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree in the narthex. In an effort to touch the lives of an incarcerated parent and their children, volunteers are asked to purchase gifts for a chosen angel on behalf of the incarcerated parent. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the church no later than Dec. 12th.



PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS – SIGNUP BEGINS IN FOYER NOV 28TH

Alternative Gift Market – Honor a friend or loved one by choosing to make a donation to a local or international cause. Whether you choose standardized dress item for a CISD student, a bible sent to



Cameroon or a water buffalo for Heifer international, you are assured your gift provided not only joy to the recipient but urgently needed resources to people and communities most in need.

Christmas Cookies – Dec 19th – Bake your favorite cookies and return to church by Dec 19th. These cookies will be delivered to families on the Angel Tree.

Angel Tree Delivery – Dec 19th - Deliver presents, cookies and hope to Angel Tree Families on Dec 19th.

Christmas Dinner Deliver – Dec 25th – Share the Christmas joy with those who are alone or may not be able to make to cook for themselves. Make and deliver an extra plate of your Christmas dinner on Christmas day.

For more information contact church office or serve@fumccommerce.org

Your Church at Work: Drop-a-Dollar October Offering

Drop-a-Dollar brought in \$382 during October to help support local food assistance programs. This amount plus the \$925 raised by the FUMC's Usher Stew on October 24 resulted in \$1,307 given to the Commerce Alliance of Ministry to help feed hungry people today.

Your financial support is critical now more than ever to the Alliance and the people it serves in our community for two reasons. First, North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) agencies such as Word of Life Family Church in Commerce are faced with a price increase on many items it buys from 18 cents a pound to 28 cents a pound. Quite simply, demand is up and donations are down at the NTFB, which is why it has had to share that cost with its agencies.

Secondly, Alliance-member Healing Waters Assembly God Church is in the process of becoming the second NTFB agency in Commerce. This church plans to distribute food to families twice a month beginning in 2011, which means there soon be a food distribution weekly in Commerce.

Going forward, \$100 per month from the Drop-a-Dollar will go to the Alliance of Ministry. Thank you for your compassion to help support growing food assistance programs in Commerce.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you. . . Philippians 1.3-4



Last week, as we were preparing for the Open House here at the parsonage, Rick remarked, "Hmmm. . . smells like Thanksgiving!" So it did, as the aromas of roasting pecans and pumpkin bread spread throughout the house.

And here we are, in the season of Thanksgiving. Many of us are making preparations for the holiday: where and with whom we'll be; what the menu will contain (anything new? or the tried-and-trues?); who will cook what. Some intrepid souls will be waist-deep in planning for our annual Community Thanksgiving meal, ensuring that everyone will have a place at the table on Thanksgiving Day.

But I think Thanksgiving is more than just one day – I like to think of it as a *season*. The attitude and act of thankfulness deserves much more of our attention than one day! Our culture doesn't help with this very much. In late October, Halloween and Christmas decorations often occupy different sides of the same aisle. Thanksgiving is often lumped in with Christmas and New Year's – a span of time labeled "the Holidays."

For people of faith, giving thanks goes beyond a day, or a season for that matter. Giving thanks is a stance toward life itself, and toward the Creator who gave us life. The act of giving thanks requires memory, too. The apostle Paul couples the words "thanks" and "remember." It is often in the recalling of what has happened in the past that gives us the opportunity to pause and give thanks for what exists now.

Our memory can call up the simple: the way afternoon sunlight falls across the land in autumn, or the wonderful smells of cinnamon and nutmeg wafting through a warm kitchen. Often, the simple is connected to the more profound: the company and laughter of loved ones on a sunny autumn afternoon; the presence of long-passed family who taught us to cook with spices, passing on wisdom and stories at the same time. Just the act of remembering can cause thanks to bubble up from within: how wondrous to be given the gifts of beauty, the company of those we love, and of being called into familial relationship in the divine household.

I do indeed give thanks for each and every one of you, and for the witness of faith lived out by this congregation in the past, and being lived in the present. Let us remember together, and be thankful.

May your Thanksgiving season be rich and blessed –
Valarie

Worship

November 14, 2010

Rev. Valarie Englert will preach on Psalm 98

Please join us this Sunday!

**8:45 in the Chapel
10:50 in the Sanctuary**

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Medicine for Mexico

FUMC-Commerce's Glenn Pabody has responded to the medical and nutritional needs of people in Mexico for several years by personally taking supplies to Juarez or shipping them. Many members have supported this ministry by donating medicine bottles.

- New ways to be supportive include donating:
- staples such as beans, rice, flour, and sugar
 - band aids and triple antibiotic ointment
 - infant acetaminophen and ibuprofen
 - children's acetaminophen and ibuprofen
 - anti-inflammatory creams like Cortaid
 - anti-fungal creams like Lamisil



Look for a bin in the Gathering Area to place donated items.

In memory of...

Hattie Patton Dearing

By: Nancy Pearce

Frances Grayson

By: Edna O'Quinn

Fred Klaus

By: Edna O'Quinn



Financial Update as of October 31, 2010

Income: \$294,450
Expenses: \$346,499
Difference: \$-52,049

Attendance	Oct 31	Nov 7
Early	—	45
Late	102	170
Bridge	—	75
SS	85	100

The United Methodist Women



**will meet
November 16th
at 10:00am.
Our mission project
will be the
Nursing Home.**

**All women are welcome—
COME JOIN US!**

**North Texas Annual Conference
Needs your Input...**

The Communications Team of the North Texas Annual Conference is in the process of redesigning the conference edition of the United Methodist Reporter, the conference website, and the video news cast. In seeking to complete this task, they put together a 5 minute survey that will gauge your thoughts about what types of articles, issues and topics you are interested in.

You can take the survey one of two ways:

- If you have an iPhone – type in ntcumc.org, click the survey icon, and complete the survey.
- If you have a computer – type in ntcumc.org, click the survey icon, and complete the survey.

Thanks for your input in helping us to communicate better!

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, Nov 14	Isaiah 65:17-25
Monday, Nov 15	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Tuesday, Nov 16	Luke 1:67-79
Wednesday, Nov 17	Luke 1:72-79
Thursday, Nov 18	Colossians 1:11-14
Friday, Nov 19	Colossians 1:15-20
Saturday, Nov 20	Luke 23:33-38
Sunday, Nov 21	Luke 23:34,39-43
Monday, Nov 22	Isaiah 2:1-5
Tuesday, Nov 23	Romans 13:11-14
Wednesday, Nov 24	Psalms 122:1
Thursday, Nov 25	Romans 13:11
Friday, Nov 26	Matthew 24:42
Saturday, Nov 27	Psalms 122