



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Joy for Jeff Helton's health results!
 Nadine Yeager
 Gavin Rodden
 Lewis Jackson
 Family of Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)

Continued Prayers for Church Family

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

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Dick Jackel
 Kay Webber
 Gary Little
 Cindy Long
 David Crenshaw
 Kathryn Scott
 George O'Kelley
 Chance Thornton
 Deidre Hildebrand
 Helen Cole (Judy Anderson's mother)
 Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)
 Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)
 Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
 Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
 Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)
 Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
 Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
 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

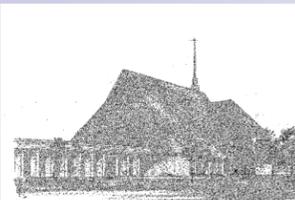


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Salt & Light

This Sunday, October 31, is our lay-led Consecration service at 10:50 am. We will offer and consecrate our 2011 commitments during worship. Please prayerfully consider your support of our congregation in 2011. If you have not yet received a pledge packet in the mail, please contact the church office.



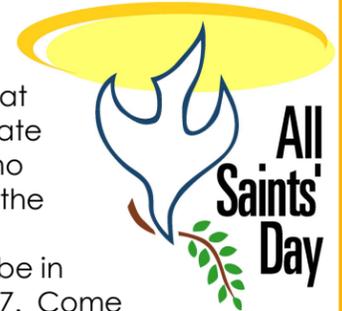
ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 7, 2010, 3:00 PM @ FUMC-COMMERCE

Our North Texas Annual Conference is organizing our annual charge conferences in a new way. We are being clustered with Wolfe City, Cooper, and Charleston UMCs to share stories of ministry, mission, and praise about what God is doing in our midst.

At 3:00 pm on November 7, all four congregations will gather here at FUMC-Commerce for a shared worship service. We will then break out into our individual congregational groups to conduct the annual business of electing lay leadership and approving the annual budget for 2011. Since this is a church conference, all professing members of FUMC-C will have voice and vote.

All Saints' Day

November 1 is All Saints' Day on the church calendar. On that day, we remember and celebrate the lives of those loved ones who have died and gone on to join the communion of saints. FUMC's remembrance of our saints will be in worship on Sunday, November 7. Come worship with us as we celebrate their lives, and offer support and prayers to their family members.



Our All Saints are:

Jesse Hawthorne	Hattie Patton Dearing
Glenn Ward	Kelsey Hall
Martha Truax	Peggy Fox
Oneida Clifton	Gene McKenzie
Clifton Julian	Roberta Brazda

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 young adults, for young adults, rethink church.

First United Methodist Church-Commerce
 Dinner @ 6:30p
 Worship @ 7:00p
 (Next to Sonic/ Down the Street from Smith Hall)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

UNITY

A Night of UNITY and PRAISE!

All are WELCOME

NEW BEGINNINGS MULTICULTURAL GOSPEL CHOIR
 UNIQUELY BYNDED PRAISE DANCE AND MIME MINISTRY
 THE BRIDGE BAND

Join our FACEBOOK Page: The Bridge • FUMC-Commerce

All are welcome to experience The Bridge's Night of Praise on Sunday, November 7 at 7pm. The combined voices of Uniquely Bynded Praise & Mime Ministry, New Beginnings Multi-Cultural Gospel Choir and The Bridge Band will unite for the night to celebrate the goodness of God.

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Dear FUMC Friends:



Some years ago, I sat at my table during a break at the yearly meeting of the North Texas Annual Conference and watched as the worship team prepared for the Memorial Service. A large, metal candle stand in the shape of the cross and flame was placed on the altar, alight with flickering votives. An empty vase – ready to receive the white roses that would be placed therein during the service – was placed nearby. Every year at Annual Conference, the business session halts for about an hour so that conference members – both lay and clergy – can remember and celebrate the lives of clergy and their spouses who have died since the last meeting.

At this particular conference, I was keenly feeling the loss of my own dad, who had died the previous October. As the service began, and we stood to sing the opening hymn, “For All the Saints,” I felt a pang of regret and a lot of sorrow. My father had served for many years as a Minister of Music and Education in another denomination. But the denomination in which he served did not hold as part of its worship traditions the holy remembrance of those who have passed on (“too Catholic” was a phrase I heard from time to time in my childhood). As we sang I thought (rightly or wrongly), “No church body has sung this for my dad.” And so I sang that day as best I could, mentally adding dad’s name to the remembrance list printed in the bulletin.

We are approaching our own All Saints’ Day remembrance on November 7. As a worshipping body, we will hear the names of those loved ones who have departed this life, and celebrate their lives through prayer, liturgy, word, and song. To my mind, this is one of the most meaningful, beautiful and poignant days in our church calendar.

So it seems to be somewhat anti-climatic that on that same day, we will gather together to do our annual church business. At 3:00 pm on November 7, we will join with three other United Methodist congregations – Cooper, Charleston, and Wolfe City UMCs – to worship together and celebrate the ministry that has taken place in the last year. We will then divide into our individual congregations to conduct the business portion of Church Conference. All professing members will have voice and vote.

Meetings and business sessions are not often stimulating or inspiring. But our denomination’s founder, John Wesley, insisted that “holy conferencing” is a means of grace. By using the term “means of grace”, Mr. Wesley maintained that God’s Spirit would be present (“where two or more are gathered. . .”), offering grace to each attendee and to the entire gathering. Understood as a means of grace, our conferencing together on November 7 holds within it the potential to be blessing and challenge, call and response.

Just as I experienced the uplifting support of my fellow conference members years ago in the sharing of worship, so may we experience the same support and grace on November 7. I look forward to seeing you there!

God’s grace and presence be with you –
Valarie

Worship

October 31, 2010

*Please join us this
Laity Sunday
for our
Consecration service !*

*One Service at
10:50 in the Sanctuary*

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Usher Stew Brought in \$900 to Fight Hunger

FUMC’s Usher Stew raised \$900 to support local food assistance programs of the Alliance of Ministry! Everyone enjoyed a great meal while taking a step towards making Commerce a hunger-free community. Members of Alliance churches joined us in fellowship as well, so it was truly a community event. Everyone helped contribute to the cause of ensuring there is food on the table for a neighbor in need.

The Alliance of Ministry will administer the money to organizations serving the food insecure. One such organization is Word of Life Family Church, a member agency of the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB). Just last Wednesday, Word of Life assisted 153 families through its Commerce Food Distribution in addition to the 45 Manna Mover clients who received food box deliveries. Word of Life is able to serve so many through its buying power at the NTFB where \$1 buys 7 pounds of food.

As a reminder, all \$1 bills placed in the offering plate during October will also go to the Alliance of Ministry. A donation in any amount goes a long way to provide food for the hungry in Commerce.



Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed

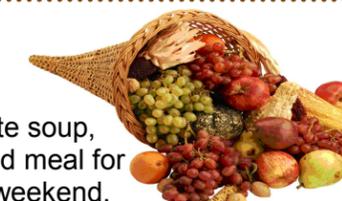
In 2009, FUMC (working with Christians Make a Difference) served approximately 200 Thanks giving meals to our community. This year we are planning in excess of 300 meals.



A heartfelt THANKS to Bob Mills, Jim Latham, Joe Milligan, Rick Englert, and ALL who helped put on this terrific luncheon!

Ways you can help:

- **Soup Making** - Make a pot of your family's favorite soup, stew, or chili to provide an additional home cooked meal for Meals on Wheels participants during the holiday weekend.
- **Pie Making** - Bring a pie or two to be served during the Thanksgiving meal.
- **Thanksgiving Eve** - Volunteers are needed the night before to setup for the Thanksgiving meal.
- **Thanksgiving Day** - Volunteers are needed the day of the meal to assist with preparation, serving, and clean-up.
- **Home Deliveries** - Deliver a meal and a Thanksgiving blessing to individuals who would like to participate but are unable to get out on Thanksgiving Day.



Attendance		
	Oct 17	Oct 24
Early	28	27
Late	129	157
Bridge	24	25
SS	92	78



Signup tables will be available during the Sunday School hour and prior to worship beginning October 31st.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Oct 31	Luke 19:7-10
Monday, Nov 1	Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Tuesday, Nov 2	Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Wednesday, Nov 3	Psalms 145
Thursday, Nov 4	Luke 20:27-38
Friday, Nov 5	Luke 6:20-31
Saturday, Nov 6	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17
Sunday, Nov 7	Ephesians 1:11-23
Monday, Nov 8	Psalms 118:1-9
Tuesday, Nov 9	Isaiah 65:17-25
Wednesday, Nov 10	Psalms 118:25-29
Thursday, Nov 11	Luke 21:5-19
Friday, Nov 12	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Saturday, Nov 13	Luke 21:5-19

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