

First United Methodist Church Commerce

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2014 Stewardship Campaign
Pledge cards have been mailed.
Be sure to return your
completed card by
Sunday, Oct. 29.

Save the Date!

Christmas Mission Market & Lunch
Eat, Shop and Support Good Causes

Saturday, December 7, 2013
10am to 1pm
Family Ministry Center



**WE HAVE WiFi IN
THE SANCTUARY!**

To log in...
ID: FUMC3S (all upper case)
Passphrase: fumc2013
(all lower case)



**LAY SERVANT
MINISTRIES
FALL TRAINING**
North Central District,
North Texas Conference

October 5th & 12th, 2013

Custer Road United Methodist Church
6601 Custer Road, Plano, Tx. 75023
phone 972-618-3450

- Registration/Check-In 8:30 check in, Class begins at 9:00am
- All classes carry a \$5.00 registration fee payable on the first Saturday
- FEE includes (where applicable): text, pins, certificate, and postage.
- Service of Commitment: October 12th, 3:45pm
Please invite family, friends and your pastor!

**Lunch can be ordered for \$10.00 each Saturday
or you may bring your own.**

(Late registrants accepted, but will be responsible for purchasing their own course texts from Cokesbury Publishing or Upper Room Ministries and being prepared for class.)

Courses Available:

- ADULT BASIC: Lay Speaking Ministries/Basic course participant's Book
- WORSHIP: "Worshiping with United Methodists" by Hoyt L. Hickman
- PREACHING: "Go Preach" by John P. Gilbert

E-Mail registration form /or mail to:
Leslie_maynard@sbcglobal.net
Leslie Maynard, 1209 Yacht Club,
Oak Point, TX 75068
Phone: 214-415-6497

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Dear FUMC Friends:

Just as we are collectively beginning to breathe a tad easier over the situation in Syria comes more horrible news about deadly shootings at the Navy Yard in our nation's capital. The story is inexplicably sad and wrenching: people just beginning their normal work week have their day in, day out reality abruptly altered. Families receive news that the loved one they sent off to work will not come home. And the alleged shooter seemingly carried torment and secrets within his being.



As I write this, it's been five days since the shootings. The front page headlines have already changed, moving us on to other stories. We shake our heads, say a prayer for those who have lost a loved one, and move on.

But I'm not convinced that we really move on. Stress and trauma are absorbed into our beings somehow – even if that trauma doesn't affect us directly. It wouldn't surprise me if we learned that our brains somehow register loss and trauma physically, much as a tree exhibits growth rings that show seasons of plenty or drought.

We fool ourselves, thinking we are isolated individuals affected only by who and what immediately surround us. From a faith standpoint, individualism is a heresy – we are all connected into a body that finds its home within the divine Body. Paul's metaphor in his first letter to the church at Corinth insists on this: no part of the Body can exist in isolation. Each part needs all the other parts to function well, and when one part hurts, the entire body hurts.

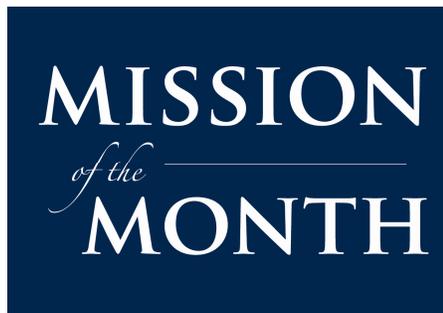
And so we hurt – for those who have suffered loss, for those who live with inner torment every day of their lives, and for those who are left behind, trying to make sense of such senselessness.

We hurt – and God hurts with us. May our prayers rise and connect us ever more deeply together.

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

Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for October is the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be hosted Thanksgiving Day, November 28, in the Family Ministry Center. All \$1 bills placed in the offering plate and designated gifts during October will be used to cover the cost of the dinner, which averages \$1,000. There will be many ways to get involved with this annual tradition. Please contact Sabrina Green at 903.366.6533 for more informa-



Upcoming

Worship October Theme:

Story-time with Jesus

October 6

Pastor Marc

Luke 12:13-21

"Safe and Secure"

October 13

Luke 16:19-31

"Role Reversal"

October 20

Luke 18:1-8

"Persistence"

October 27

Pastor Marc

Luke 18:9-14

8:45am ~ Chapel

9:45am ~ Chapel

11:00am ~ FMC

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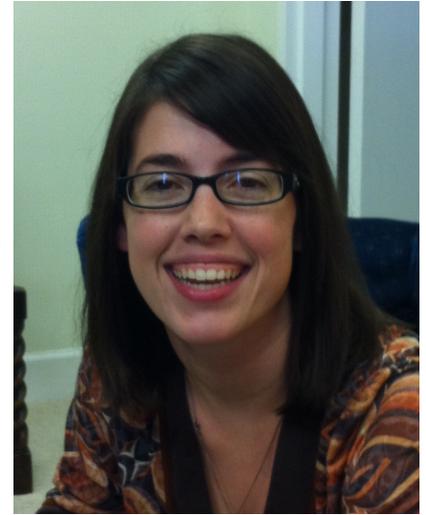
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****The next deadline is Monday, October 21 by 9:00am****

Welcome, Joanna Thrift, our new Children's Director!



Children's & Youth Music is back in full swing!

Cecilia



Choir



BBQ

benefiting



HUNT COUNTY SHARED MINISTRIES

Friday, September 27, 2013
Lunch 11:00 - 1:00
Dinner 5:30 - 7:30
National Guard Armory
(FM 1570 in Greenville)
Tickets \$10.00

Presented by



Mission Integration

SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce our next Proyecto Abrigo gathering in North Texas! On Saturday, October 5 we will gather for a luncheon from 12:00-2:00 in Palmer Hall at [Sun Creek United Methodist Church](#). During this time we will have presentations of Testimony and Witness from the ways people all across the area are supporting Proyecto Abrigo both locally and abroad! Hear from teams who have traveled down to Juarez in the past year and from churches who support Proyecto Abrigo in unique ways from home!



Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 and can be reserved online through the box below. Payment can be made either online or at the door (cash, check, or credit/debit accepted). We hope to see you there!

Disciples at work...

Saturday, September 14, was a beautiful morning. Thirty volunteers came together to paint the exterior of the Pentecostal Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Commerce. Members of the Pentecostal church congregation expressed their gratitude for the assistance, many com-

menting that the help was an answer to prayer. However, volunteers from

FUMC-C, the Wesleyan Campus Ministry, the Honors College, and the Boy Scouts couldn't help but feel as the ones blessed.

The painting project was finished by lunchtime, and everyone enjoyed the meal prepared by volunteers from FUMC-C and the Pentecostal church.

The U.M. ARMY started the Pentecostal church project in July when it replaced roughly half of the building's siding and started painting. When time ran short, FUMC-C agreed to ensure that the project would be completed. The

former Norris School shop building, which the Pentecostal church purchased and moved to its current location at 111 M.L. King Drive in 1990. The congregation has been carefully working over the years

to refurbish and maintain its house of worship. This October, the congregation will celebrate its 25th birthday.

Before



After



DID YOU KNOW that 31 members of our congregation who are not able to attend worship regularly receive a weekly newsletter with a devotional and activity page? This is one small way that we let them know their church cares. If you know of someone who does not receive this newsletter and would like to, please call the church office.



Your Drop-a-Dollar at Work!

The Connect-Grow-Serve team designated \$500 of your drop-a-dollar giving to benefit FISH - Hunt County Shared Ministries located in Greenville. This gift will help FISH continue to provide critical emergency financial assistance to struggling families in our community. When people in need call the church office for help with food, utilities, and prescriptions, we refer them to FISH as well as to Commerce-based organizations.





Hubert Pralitz, violinist, will be with us in worship again on Sunday, October 20th, at the 11:00 service.

UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education.



UMW will meet **Tuesday, October 15** at 10:00am. The program will be a book review from the UMW Reading Program. Our October project is: Nursing Home Bingo Prizes, sugar free cookies, 6 oz drinks, peanut butter crackers, lotions, shampoos (small). **All women are invited to join us!**

In memory of...

Ray Sandifer

By: Jayne Williams
Ric & Brenda Estes

Mary Casey

By: Tom & Peggy Dwelle

MEMORIALS



Attendance

	<u>Early</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>SS</u>
Sep 1	21	12	93	64
Sep 8	23	—	160	98
Sep 11		17		
Sep 15	27	—	132	120
Sep 18		11		
Sep 22	26	—	127	86



**Financial Update
General Operating Fund**

	<u>as of August 31, 2013</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$ 27,210	\$251,556
Expenses:	\$ 32,195	\$265,332
	-\$ 4,985	-\$ 13,776



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:

Tuesday, Oct 1	Psalm 137
Wednesday, Oct 2	2 Timothy 1:1-4
Thursday, Oct 3	2 Timothy 1:5-7
Friday, Oct 4	2 Timothy 1:8-14
Saturday, Oct 5	Luke 17:5-6
Sunday, Oct 6	Luke 17:7-10
Monday, Oct 7	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Tuesday, Oct 8	Jeremiah 29:4-7
Wednesday, Oct 9	Luke 17:11-19
Thursday, Oct 10	Luke 17:11-19
Friday, Oct 11	Psalm 66:1-12
Saturday, Oct 12	2 Timothy 2:8
Sunday, Oct 13	2 Timothy 2:9-15
Monday, Oct 14	Luke 18:1-8
Tuesday, Oct 15	Psalm 19:1-6
Wednesday, Oct 16	Psalm 19:7-13
Thursday, Oct 17	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Friday, Oct 18	Jeremiah 31:27-34
Saturday, Oct 19	Luke 18:1-8
Sunday, Oct 20	Psalm 19:12-14
Monday, Oct 21	Luke 18:6-8
Tuesday, Oct 22	Psalm 65
Wednesday, Oct 23	Joel 2:23-27
Thursday, Oct 24	Joel 2:28-32
Friday, Oct 25	2 Timothy 4:6-8
Saturday, Oct 26	2 Timothy 4:16-18
Sunday, Oct 27	Luke 18:9-14
Monday, Oct 28	Luke 18:9-14
Tuesday, Oct 29	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Wednesday, Oct 30	Psalm 119:137-144
Thursday, Oct 31	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
	Luke 19:1-10



Prayer Lists

We pray for those who have experienced a loss.

Condolences to...

Family of Klyne Martin

Family of Tom Lynch (Dennis and Judy Anderson's friend)

We pray for those who have experienced an illness...

Ruth Ann White, Judy Rudoff, Jon Parker, David Polk, Josh Jorgenson, Marsha Shepherd, Leon Harrison, Anika Shah (infant with severe immune deficiency), Lewis and Faye Jackson, Sally Grove, Lynn Stone, Bob Grove, Mendy Wilson, Tom Klinck (Ryan Klinck's father), Jaron and Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's son and daughter-in-law), Amy Cryon (Wyman and Harriet Williams' friend), Gene Casselberry, Pat Skauge, Sue Taylor, Wyatt Bourcy (Bob & Sally Grove's friend's grandson), Cindy Klingbeil, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Moena and RJ Burnett, Neal Estes, Jr., Glenda Helton (Jeff Helton's sister-in-law), Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Amy Sallstrom Smith (Bill Heitholt's cousin), Chris Sterzik (Shelley Jackson's son-in-law), Kay Webber, Jessie Short

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Dorothy Ingram, Lucy Potts, and Pete Robinson

Briarcliff: Mary Jo Leslie and Glenna Siebenhausen

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
James 5:16*

Help us hold each other in prayer by contacting the church office with new prayer concerns and updates on existing prayer requests.

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...

2nd Marine Division

Col. Peter Bailey

Lt. Col. Richard Bailey

Lt. Col. Keith Williams

Lt. Dan Barton

Nathan Grove

Garrett Johnson

Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law

Tyler Craig (Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law

Jason Timmons-seriously injured, recovering

Ensign Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother & Tom Starkey's son

Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother & Tom Starkey's son

Christopher Kendrick-Navy (Helen Rowe's friend)

Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother

Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son

Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson

Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor

Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law

Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe- Ladonna & Chris

Patterson's cousins



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
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Monday, October 21 by 9:00am**

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