



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Family of Hazel Schwartz (Donna Spinato's mother)
 Family of Modell Dunham (Roberta Brister's mother)
 Family of Robert Foelkl (Judy Rudoff's brother-in-law)

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan	Jon Parker
Otha Spencer	Edwina Threlkeld
Mary Daggenghart	Mary Nell Roberts
Lois Cranford	Donna Cottle
Jeff Helton	Janet Skauge
Clay Yeager	Bill Terrell
Helen Dickson	Jean Ward
Robert Seay	Gary Kibler

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Renea Shook
 Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)
 Deidre Hildebrand
 Gary Little
 Ron LaFerney (Diane McDowell's brother)
 Cindy Long
 David Crenshaw
 Kathryn Scott
 Fred Klaus
 Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
 Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
 George O'Kelley
 Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)
 Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)
 Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
 Chance Thornton
 Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
 Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
 Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)

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
 Paden Marlin-Mary Means' grandson
 Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
 Matt Skelton (Germany)-Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
 Robert Starkey (Haiti)-Wanda Beane'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
 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

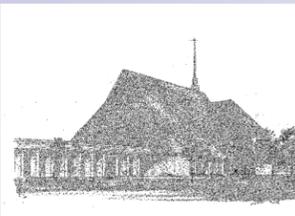


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The Power of Partnership

Annual Laity Celebration for the East District UMC Clergy, Laity, and Youth

September 12, 2010 — 5:30 pm

Wesley UMC in Greenville (5302 Business Hwy 69-S)

Keynote Preacher: Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe

Box Dinner Meal from Dairy Manor
 \$10/adults - \$5/children under 12

RSVP by August 29 to the District Office or
 come by and pick up your tickets

Special Youth Breakout Session!

Dinner music by Cuthand UMC Band and Kolten Hall from Mulberry
 Service Music by District Combined Choir



Did You Know??? Few civilizations, in all of history, have escaped the disease of malaria. King Tut died from malaria. Alexander the Great likely died of it. Washington and Lincoln suffered from malaria, but by 1950, malaria was wiped out in the United States.

In the fall of 2009, the United Nations Foundation made a presentation on the elimination of malaria on the continent of Africa by 2015. Why the urgency? Every thirty (30) seconds, a child in Africa dies from malaria. Only one in five children will live to see their fifth birthday!

Why this...Why now? Malaria is treatable, and like polio in years past, malaria is preventable, if there are enough people in the world who care enough to put our discipleship into action. One of our four focus areas in the United Methodist Church is to help eliminate killer diseases linked to poverty. If we bond together, we will not need to "imagine" anymore!

During the month of September, we will explore Connections Beyond, which will include on Sunday, September 12th an emphasis about *Imagine No Malaria*. We will have the Associate Executive Director of the national campaign give a presentation during Sunday School and also provide materials for us to move from imagination to action.

If you would like to read additional information, please check out the North Texas Conference website www.zapmalaria.com or the national campaign at www.ImagineNoMalaria.org.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

The coolness is there – I can feel it, and I hope you can, too. Autumn really is on its way! I am ready for the moderation of temperatures, and the treat of walking out the door and not entering a blast furnace.

Late August and September feel more like a new beginning than January, don't you think? The school year cranks up, people return from traveling and vacation, and a whole new array of activities beckons. Here at FUMC-C, we have put together our own slate of ministry and mission opportunities (we hope you've taken the opportunity of perusing the enclosed brochure, "Fall Into Ministry"). It is our hope and prayer that at least one of these offerings speaks to your heart and faith journey, and that you will be a part of what is happening here in our congregation and community.

While this ministry brochure was coming together, we were amazed at the number of things that are going on in our congregation! How can a person choose just one offering when so many are worthy and interesting?

Discernment – that tried and true spiritual discipline – always helps.

When faced with many choices or a fork in the road, spending some time in prayer and listening – both for God's prompting and the wisdom of others – can lead us further down the path of growth and spiritual maturity.

This is true of congregations as well. As a community of faith, we are the laborers in the field; the hands at the plow. Sometimes, though, it's necessary to take our hands off the plow and remember that we don't own the plow – or the field, for that matter. The field – and the work in it – belongs to God, and God directs our work.

When we pause from the work for a bit, the break gives us time to consider: What new thing might God be calling us to? Is there a new field or a new plow in the divine scheme and scope of things? How is God calling us to participate in that new place or thing? And how might we best be a blessing to that work?

Sometimes it helps not to DO SOMETHING, and rather sit and listen for a spell. My hope and prayer for us all – both individually and congregationally – is that we will receive the gift of coolness and seasonal change as an opportunity to further discern God's way and work in our midst.

May you feel the cool breezes of the Spirit on your face –

Valarie



Worship

September 5, 2010

Rev. Valarie Englert will preach on Luke 13:18-21

Please join us this communion Sunday!

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

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Communities In Schools Thanks FUMC-C

Dear Pastor Englert,

On behalf of Communities in Schools Dallas Region, Inc. (CISDR) and the children we serve, thanks to First United Methodist Church for your generous donations for the "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive. Your assistance was instrumental in the successful distribution of over 400 backpacks with supplies to Commerce ISD students, assuring that our neediest children will have the basics as we begin the 2010-2011 school year.

Since 1985, CISDR has helped over 500,000 students at risk of failure to stay in school, achieve academically and graduate, to become productive and contributing members of our communities. This kind of success happened because Commerce Community Church and others like you make it possible.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and concern for school children at risk of failure. CISDR is very proud and grateful to include you as an ongoing partner in this important work giving at-risk children a real chance for success- "One Child at a Time."

Best Regards,

Nancy Laws
Commerce Middle School
Campus Manager
Commerce ISD
Communities in Schools.



Come Join the Choir
You are cordially invited to "connect" with the rich heritage of songs of our faith as we provide leadership in Sunday morning worship. Your talent and leadership is a vital to our worship! Come join us.

Little Ark & Noah's Nursery Entrance

The entrance for Little Ark and Noah's Nursery has moved to the doorway in the keyhole parking lot on the North side of the church building (adjacent to William's)

In memory of...

Hazel Schwartz by: Mary Beth Tuck

Gene McKenzie by: Mary Beth Tuck

Joe Cole by: Mary Beth Tuck



Loving Your Aging Parent

Saturday, September 25, 2010
8:30am-4:00pm

\$10/individual or \$25/family
(Continental breakfast and lunch included)

In one day, find answers you need from eldercare professionals representing many aspects of aging.

Register today: www.fumrockwall.com
or (972) 771-5500



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, Sep 5	Luke 14:25-33
Monday, Sep 6	Luke 15:1-2
Tuesday, Sep 7	Luke 15:3-7
Wednesday, Sep 8	Luke 15:8-10
Thursday, Sep 9	Psalms 14
Friday, Sep 10	Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28
Saturday, Sep 11	Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28
Sunday, Sep 12	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Monday, Sep 13	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Tuesday, Sep 14	Psalms 79:1-9
Wednesday, Sep 15	Psalms 4
Thursday, Sep 16	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Friday, Sep 17	Luke 16:1-9
Saturday, Sep 18	Luke 16:10-12