



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

FUMC-Commerce
Roger Kizer-health concerns

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan	Janet Skauge
Jessie McKenzie	Jean Funderburk
Jo Parker	Edwina Threlkeld
Donna Cottle	Jeff Helton
Clay Yeager	Bill Terrell
Jean Ward	Robert Seay
Gary Kibler	

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

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)
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

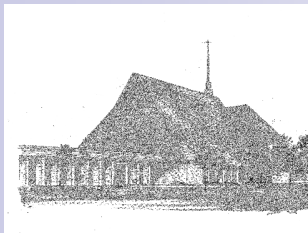


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Yam Gleaning Saturday Oct 2nd

Bring your family and join other First United Methodist Commerce volunteers as we travel to fields near Emory/Alba to glean yams left in the fields after the main harvest. The gleaned produce is distributed to local food pantries and used in the FUMC annual community Thanksgiving dinner.



Yam Gleaning

- Who:** This is a fun, easy, mission activity for all ages
- When:** Saturday Oct 2nd
- What:** Morning of yam gleaning in East Texas.
 - * Meet at the church at 7:30 am.
 - * The group will caravan to the fields for gleaning.
 - * Gleaning will be from 8:30 am to noon.
 - * Bring a sack lunch for a picnic after gleaning.
 - * Arrive back in Commerce by 2:00pm.

Expect to get dirty so dress accordingly including closed toe shoes.

What to Bring: Sack lunch and optional garden gloves & garden spade

To signup or for more information contact the church office
(903)886-3220 or Jamie Moore (903)496-2886 / tbnjdm@sbcglobal.net

Your Church at Work: Choir

If one was to enter our building on a Wednesday evening around 7:15 or so, one would hear voices lifting in song: our chancel choir preparing for the upcoming Sunday's worship service! Your faithfulness in giving makes our choir and music ministry possible. We purchase music, invite special musicians to share their talents with our congregation, and keep our pipe organ and instruments in fine working order – all of which enriches our worship here at FUMC-C immeasurably. Thank you for supporting our music ministry!

Help Keep Meals on Wheels in Motion

Join us for the annual silent auction and country store benefiting Commerce Meals on Wheels – People and Services United.

- Doors open at 6:00 pm on Monday, **October 4**, at the Sam Rayburn Student Center meeting room on the second floor (ballroom).
- Bidding ends at 7:30 pm.
- Admission is \$5, which includes refreshments.

Did you know...



- Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver hot meals 3 times a week to approximately 50 homebound Commerce residents.
- This silent auction is the *primary* fundraiser for Meals on Wheels.
- FUMC members serve on its board, make casseroles through Shelly's Casseroles for Christ, and bake cakes for desserts.
- You can volunteer as a substitute driver or sign up to prepare food by contacting Sharon Smith at 903-886-4733.



Ruby Vander Velde delivers a casserole to Meals on Wheels, which operates out of the Linda Muller Community Center.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

Several years ago, a woman transferred her membership to the church where I was serving. A few weeks after she joined, she shared with me the crowning reason for her joining: "On my first Sunday, I entered the back of the sanctuary, feeling very unsure of where I should sit. I didn't know anyone, so that compounded my trepidation. An older couple walked in – they appeared to be in their eighties – and walked to the row where I was sitting. I was afraid I was sitting in their usual spot, and made a move to get up and change seats. The woman stuck out her hand and said, 'I don't believe I know you,' and she introduced herself while shaking my hand. She touched me on the shoulder and asked me to remain where I was, then proceeded to introduce me to everyone else seated around. I realized that this is the kind of church I want to be in – one where visitors receive that kind of welcome!"



The welcome this woman received – and all who enter any sanctuary and receive warm welcomes – is a sign of God's generosity toward us. To envelop a guest with hospitality is to extend the same invitation we each have received from Christ. We become a means of connection to God for anyone who enters our doors.

In a very real sense, we are an extension of God's household: God has thrown open the doors and invited *all who will come* to worship, to study, to serve, to commune. It is an ever-expanding "house." Beginning October 10, we will consider "Who We Are" in light of being members and stewards of God's household. We will sift through what it means to *connect* people to God's table; *grow* them (and ourselves) as disciples; and in turn, *serve* our community – both locally and globally.

From whom and from where do we find the energy and resources to do this? I believe we can find encouragement from our brother Paul, the Pharisee-turned-apostle:

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." (II Corinthians 4.6-7, NRSV)

Left to our own devices, we might dissolve into despair, or hubris, or intransigence – such are the limitations of shared humanity. But God can use such imperfections; indeed, God always has. God will bless and use these jars of clay that we are, and bring about something altogether new and faithful. After all, if the clay jar weren't cracked, the treasure within would never be revealed.

May our cracked jars of clay show forth God's light all over this community and world –

Valarie

Worship

October 3, 2010

Rev. Valarie Englert will preach on Luke 14:16-24

Please join us this Sunday!

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

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Come pray for our church!

Each Wednesday in October the Chapel will be open for prayer from 6:00 – 7:00pm. We are encouraging the congregation to take advantage of this time to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern our work as a church in the months and years ahead.



Laity Sunday

October 31

Interested in planning or participating? Call the church office at 903-886-3220.

Sunday Sessions:

Methodism 101 ~ Sundays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, & 24 from 9:50am to 10:30am: Facilitated by Pastor Valarie and Pastor Aleze. What is being a Methodist all about? What is our history? What do we believe? Come join us during October and find out the answers to these questions and more. Guests, interested persons, and cradle Methodists are all welcome! Contact the church office for more information.

Upcoming Sessions:
November 7 & 14: "Advent: A Season of Preparation" led by Teresa Heatherly



Financial Update

As of September 27, 2010
YTD Income: \$262,196
YTD Expenses: \$291,282
Difference: \$-29,086
(Does not include end of month obligations)

Attendance

	Sept 19	Sept 26
Early	43	28
Late	150	169
Bridge	45	37
SS	102	90

In memory of...

Harold Murphy
By: Jim & Donna Tavener

Aldran Mullins
By: Jim & Donna Tavener

Modell Dunham
By: Joe & Laura Milligan
Jim & Donna Tavener

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By: Jim & Donna Tavener
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Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Oct 3	2 Timothy 1:8-13
Monday, Oct 4	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Tuesday, Oct 5	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Wednesday, Oct 6	Psalms 66:1-12
Thursday, Oct 7	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Friday, Oct 8	Luke 17:11-19
Saturday, Oct 9	Luke 17:11-19
Sunday, Oct 10	Psalms 6:1-12
Monday, Oct 11	Jeremiah 31:27-34
Tuesday, Oct 12	Psalms 119:1-14
Wednesday, Oct 13	Psalms 119:97-104
Thursday, Oct 14	2 Timothy 3:14-17
Friday, Oct 15	2 Timothy 4:1-5
Saturday, Oct 16	Luke 18:1-3