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Sign Up Is Now Available!

New Church Directory This September!

Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member or visitor and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way!

We are producing an updated church directory.



WE NEED YOU

to make our new family directory complete

Life Touch Directories will be here

Thursday, September 10th

through

Saturday, September 12th

Visit us at www.fumccommerce.org to schedule your appointment online.

You can receive a \$5 coupon toward portrait purchases by bringing in one canned good item per person to your portrait session.



**Charge Conference
Sunday,
August 30**

Immediately following the 10:50am Service

Meeting to approve the sale of 8 acres of land



Congregational Photos Sunday, September 13

at the end of both services

We will take congregational photos at the end of both services for our new directory.

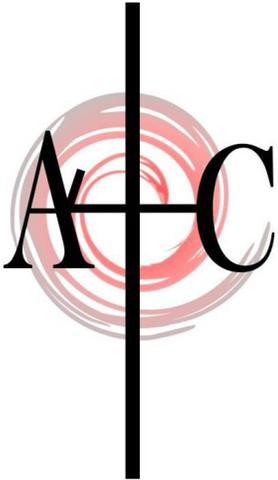
Join us and be included!

In September, our Prayer Shawl Ministry and More group is beginning their tenth year of ministry, which includes making prayer shawls, hats, lap robes, and visiting church and community members. What a great bunch of dedicated people to keep it going for such a long time!



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Art for Christ @ a New Day and Time!

I'm excited to announce that Art for Christ will be changing to a Saturday Morning Art Program for this coming Fall Semester!

We will have four class meetings from 9:00-11:00 am during the Fall Session on October 3, October 10, October 17, and October 24. The longer class period will allow for two lessons during the class.

Just as in the past semesters, Art for Christ is open to students in grades 3rd through 6th. During the Fall Session we will be discussing 2 Dimensional Art, and will be working with both traditional and not so traditional art supplies. We will have time to compare and contrast each others work, as well as discuss how the student's work compares to better known artist's.

A supply fee of \$10 per class will be due at the beginning of each class day, making the Entire Session \$40. If you register and pay for the Entire Session before September 14, 2015, a \$5 discount is given making the total \$35 for the Entire Session. You may wait to register and pay the day of the class, however you will not be guaranteed a spot. Your child's spot is only held after the supply fee has been paid. Please make checks payable to JOANNA THRIFT. Supply Fees and Registrations may be dropped off in the Art for Christ box in the office at First United Methodist Church-Commerce. The Registration forms may also my be emailed to joanna@fumccommerce.org, but remember, your child's spot will only be held after the supply fee has been paid.

There must be at least 10 students registered, and their supply fees paid before September, 14 for the class to make. If the class does not make, all supply fees will be refunded. The class number will not exceed 15 students.

I am looking forward to the exciting things this new class structure will allow us to do.

Joanna Thrift

Save the Date!

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015
Family Ministry Center

FIRST THURSDAY First Thursday
Potluck Luncheon
September 3 @ noon

COMMERCE CARES
RECYCLE

Saturday, September 5
9:00-1:00

The Pastor's Bible Study will start back on **Tuesday, September 1** and will meet from **1-2:30pm**. Dr. Neal will lead "The Pastor's Bible Study," a weekly study dealing with the books of Luke & Acts.

Last Saturday Breakfast

Free Meal for the Community



Saturdays, August 29 & September 26

Served from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Wesleyan Campus Ministry Building
1504 Lee Street next to Los Mochis

The WCM Core is volunteering for the August breakfast.

Want to volunteer for September? Arrive at 8 a.m.

Sponsored by
FUMC-Commerce and the Wesleyan Campus Ministry

Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." John 21:12 (MSG)

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, September 6

Sunday, September 13

Sunday, September 16

Sunday, September 20

Sunday, September 27

*8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary*

*Midweek Eucharist
Wednesdays
@ 5:30pm ~ Chapel*

Committee Chairs

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Gene Lockhart (903) 886-3498

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TBD

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

East District Churches Take First Step



There were lots of cars in the parking lot at FUMC Commerce on Sunday afternoon, August 2, at 5 p.m. Over 60 people from nine area United Methodist churches gathered to learn about the North Texas Conference's Zip Code Connection, a ministry with the poor to eliminate poverty in the two zip codes identified as being most in need of support.

After an old-fashioned hot dog supper with typical sides and lots of fellowship, Melinda Watters, Connections Director for 75426/Red River County, spoke. On the job for about six months, Melinda talked about her own "back story" explaining why this project captured her imagination, suggested several books that help one understand the impact of poverty on people, and described some of the work that has been ongoing. The idea is to help the community help itself. For instance, instead of churches providing food, assist the community in organizing a food co-op. The program ended with Melinda fielding questions from the inquisitive audience.

East District Superintendent Reverend Vic Casad expressed his gratitude that such a meeting was held, pointing out that the first step necessary was to be informed. Now we United Methodist could be more knowledgeable in lending our support to the initiative and to each other.

Our mission of the month in July was the Zip Code Connection, and \$295 was received through drop-a-dollar giving. The Serve team used Serve funds to increase the donation by \$205, bringing the gift to support 75426 to \$500. To learn more about this ministry, visit www.zipcodeconnection.org.



We had a full house represented by nine United Methodist churches.



Ronnie Tyndell of Calvary UMC in Paris chats with Melinda Watters, Connections Director for 75426/Red River County, after the presentation.

Following Your Mission Giving

Serving up breakfast for church members and neighbors... supporting youth in mission... responding to natural disasters near home and overseas... These are some of the missions your giving and proceeds from the 2014 Merry Marketplace & Lunch have supported thus far in 2015.

Your Serve team is responsible for administering the drop-a-dollar and Lenten offerings and the funds raised for general missions. These gifts are used for designated missions of the month and allow the Serve team to fund mission activities and supplement giving to monthly missions. The Serve fund started 2015 with \$5,589, which includes proceeds from the 2014 Merry Marketplace. \$4,262 has been received and \$7,976 disbursed this year, bringing the balance as of August 21 to \$1,875.

Below is where your giving has gone to work.

Serving Our World Totaled \$1,754

- Wesleyan Community Development Fund: \$490 for two scholarships to twins Andrea and Diana Flores
- UMCOR Earthquake Relief Nepal: \$500
- Proyecto Abrigo Lenten Offering: \$764

Serving Our Region Totaled \$1,921

- U.M. ARMY Lenten Offering: \$764
- UMCOR Flood Relief TX and OK: \$500
- Zip Code Connection|75426: \$500
- Zip Code Connection Dinner: \$157

Serving Our Community Totaled \$4,301

- Last Saturday Breakfast (Jan – Jul): \$689
- Souper Bowl of Caring: \$1,000
 - North Texas Food Bank: \$250
 - Hunt County Shared Ministries: \$250
 - Bread of Life Food Pantry: \$250
 - Commerce Food Pantry: \$250
- Food 4 Kids Spring Break Snacks: \$273
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$739
- Helping Hands: \$92
- Bridgeport Scholarship Fund: \$256
- Boys & Girls Club: \$500
- Communities In Schools: \$500
- Wesleyan Campus Ministry as of 8/21/15: \$252

Here are the designated missions through 2015.

August: Wesleyan Campus Ministry

September: Hunt County Shared Ministries (FISH)

October: Commerce Clothe-A-Child

November: Community Thanksgiving Dinner

December: Proyecto Abrigo

If you have questions about mission funds, the Serve team, or getting involved with the 2015 Merry Marketplace, please contact Angela Roberts, Serve team chair, at 903.886.2142.

September Mission of the Month

Our drop-a-dollar giving during September will benefit Hunt County Shared Ministries (FISH), which has been caring for those most in need in Hunt County for over 30 years. Assistance includes help with food, utilities, rent, and medical expenses as well as the annual holiday food basket distribution.

Our giving coincides with FISH's BBQ fundraiser on September 25. Consider enjoying the ultimate Hunt County combo plate for lunch or dinner! Cost is \$15.

HUNT COUNTY SHARED MINISTRIES (FISH)

presents the

"BEST OF THE BEST"

BBQ

Friday, September 25

Lunch 11:00 – 1:00

Dinner 5:30 – 7:30

Wesley United Methodist Church

5302 Hwy 69 South

Also serving lunch at
L-3 Mission Integration
and Innovation First

sponsored by

Mission Integration

Thank you from the Wesleyan!

On Saturday, August 15, the Wesleyan Campus Ministry hosted a clean-up day for much-needed repairs, improvements, and cleaning. Around 60 people gave their time, donations, and supplies to this project. Our Fun Loving Youth turned out in great number—Thank you youth! The great energy and positive attitudes of volunteers made this day a success! The students and church members who work closely with the ministry are *very* grateful.

There is not space for a full list of volunteers, but we'd like to extend particular thanks to extra special volunteers. Thank you to Jim Brown, Trustees Chair, for helping organize the event.



Thank you to Dennis Anderson for leading a crew to build the new deck railing and for power-washing the deck. Thank you to the Dempsey family for suggesting that the picnic tables Mike built be moved to the Wesleyan's backyard. These improvements will allow the WCM to host more events for students in the backyard, such as the welcome cookout coming up on September 9th. Also a big thank you to John Sneed for donating brand new ping pong and air hockey tables. We will have a lot of fun using them, and they will hopefully attract some walk-ins! And of course, thank you to everyone who brought donuts and desserts—yummy stuff! We felt so blessed to see such a turnout, and we look forward to all the future opportunities FUMC will have to work with students this fall!



Thanks for partnering in ministry with us!
Emily Waddle,
WCM Communications
Guru



Attention **Men** of the Church!

Men's Breakfast

Come and have breakfast with Pastors Greg and Brian, talk about "stuff" and enjoy fellowship and good food together!

Monday, September 28th @ 7am

McKay's Restaurant!



UMW will meet **Tuesday, September 15** at 10:00am. The Book Review will be brought by Mary Carolyn Dye. Our September project is collecting socks and undies boys/girls size 4T-8. **All women are invited to join us!**

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



In memory of...

Joe Allen

By: Clarence & Kay Jensen
Gene & Betty Casselberry
Harriet & Wyman Williams

Penny Elliott

By: Lena Faulkner & Family

Donald Anderson

By: Loretta Kibler
Harriet & Wyman Williams
Mark & Frances Sartwell
Glenna Julian
Jim & Janet Latham

Tommy Jones

By: Glenna Julian

Stone Whitener

By: Jim & Susan Patton
Clarence & Kay Jensen



Attendance

	Early	5:30	Late	SS
Jul 29		8		
Aug 2	31	—	105	54
Aug 5		10		
Aug 9	33	—	82	58
Aug 12		10		
Aug 16	30	—	96	68
Aug 19		5		
Aug 23	31	—	93	54



**Financial Information
General Operating Fund**

	as of July 31, 2015	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$ 24,797	\$209,364
Expenses:	\$ 39,755	\$228,140
	-\$14,958	-\$ 18,776

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, Sep 1	Proverbs 22:22-23
Wednesday, Sep 2	Psalms 125
Thursday, Sep 3	Mark 7:24-30
Friday, Sep 4	Mark 7:31-37
Saturday, Sep 5	James 2:1-13
Sunday, Sep 6	James 2:14-17
Monday, Sep 7	Proverbs 1:20-33
Tuesday, Sep 8	Psalms 19:1-6
Wednesday, Sep 9	Psalms 19:7-14
Thursday, Sep 10	James 3:1-5a
Friday, Sep 11	James 3:5b-12
Saturday, Sep 12	Mark 8:27-30
Sunday, Sep 13	Mark 8:31-38
Monday, Sep 14	Psalms 1
Tuesday, Sep 15	Proverbs 31:10-31
Wednesday, Sep 16	James 3:13-18
Thursday, Sep 17	James 4:1-8
Friday, Sep 18	Mark 9:30-34
Saturday, Sep 19	Mark 9:33-37
Sunday, Sep 20	Psalms 1
Monday, Sep 21	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10
Tuesday, Sep 22	Esther 9:20-22
Wednesday, Sep 23	Psalms 124
Thursday, Sep 24	Esther 9:20-22
Friday, Sep 25	Mark 9:38-41
Saturday, Sep 26	Mark 9:42-50
Sunday, Sep 27	James 5:13-20
Monday, Sep 28	Job 1:1, 2:1-3
Tuesday, Sep 29	Job 2:4-10
Wednesday, Sep 30	Psalms 26



Prayer Lists

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

Robert Cozart (Trish King's father), Donna Galvan, Priscilla McFarland, Judy Rudoff, Luanne Huffman, George McFarland, Doris Kerbow, Jessica Coe, Warner Reeder (Harry and Rheba Icenhower's friend), Mason Gonzalez, Evonne Richardson, Lavonne Wells, Collette Usry (Lauren Dierolf's friend), David Miller (Bob Grove's friend), Sally Grove, Clay Yeager, Louella McIntyre, Garrett Cramer, Harold McFarland (Julia Robinson's father), Buck Johnson, Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Charles Ranley (at Webb Hill), Michelle Bone, Hugh Hanby, Wendel Underwood (Wes Underwood's father), Robert Seay

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Christians in the Middle East

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Barbara Gish, Joe and Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn, Pete Robinson, Ruby Vander Velde, Euple Walker, and Jean Ward

Briarcliff: Dorothy Ingram and Glenna Siebenhausen

Laurell's Retirement Home: Lewis and Faye Jackson

River Point (Kerrville, TX): Lucy Potts

*"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 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Col. Peter Bailey Garrett Johnson
Nathan Grove Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Lt. Dan Barton Mike Dempsey (Washington)
Josh Ham-Nadine and Clay Yeager's grandson-in-law
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law
Tyler Craig (Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law
Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Lt. JG. Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson
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**
Articles for the next newsletter are due
Monday, September 21 by 9:00am