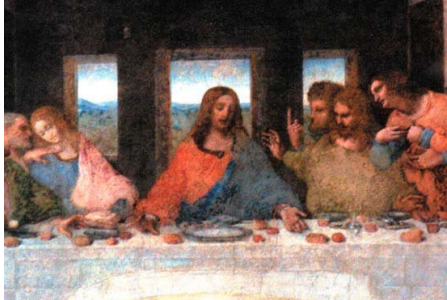


# First United Methodist Church Commerce

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## Holy Week at FUMC Commerce:



*Maundy Thursday worship*  
with Holy Communion  
at 6:30pm in the Chapel  
Thursday, March 28

*A Good Friday Service in the manner of Taize*  
at 6:30pm in the Chapel  
Friday, March 29

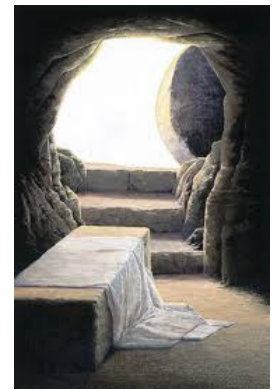


## The Day of Resurrection: Easter Sunday, March 31

*Sunrise Service at 6:30 am*  
Led by FUMC youth

### Worship:

at 8:45 am in the Chapel  
at 9:45 am in the Chapel, celebrating the Eucharist each Sunday  
at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary featuring special music  
by the Chancel Choir



Bring a breakfast treat to share! Fellowship and hospitality will be ongoing in the Family Ministries Center throughout the morning. Come fellowship and worship!

## Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction

Proyecto Abrigo will be hosting its annual Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction at Suncreek UMC in Allen, TX on Saturday evening, April 27. The evening will include dinner catered by the United Methodist Men of Stonebridge UMC, a silent auction, an address by Rev. Jose Luis Portillo & Juana Portillo, and community worship. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the ministries of Proyecto Abrigo.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased online. Be sure to get yours now before spots fill up! [Order your tickets today!](#)



## VBS 2013

Our VBS dates are June 17th-21<sup>st</sup>. This year's theme is "God's Everywhere Fun Fair". We'll be taking the kids on a whirlwind tour around the world! We've come up with an early list (and I'm sure there will be more to come!) of items that could be helpful as we prepare to set the stage for the fun this summer! Needs for VBS 2013:

- Old white (flat) sheets (that can be cut &/or painted)
- Paper lanterns
- Any decorating items (flags, posters, souvenirs, etc....) from: Japan, Mexico, Australia, Zimbabwe, or The United Kingdom
- Any decorating items that could create a carnival/fair atmosphere (balloons, ticket booths, old popcorn cart, etc....)



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Dear FUMC Friends:

As I write this, it is a sunny morning, the temperature is in the 30s, and the wind blows out of the north. The spring flowers are flopped over, stunned by last night's sub-freezing temperatures. The weather's not very conducive to musings on resurrection.

Yet, Christ's resurrection happened all the same – whether or not it was cold, hot, dusty or rainy. God's life-giving and life-raising power cannot be stopped. And the resurrection life happens all around us and within us no matter what the “weather” of our lives might be.

Recognizing God's resurrection power often seems to be a work of the heart rather than of the mind. When I was a child, I'd try to understand Christ's resurrection, pummeling my parents with questions about how a body that was dead could come back to life. As I entered adulthood, I almost cast the whole notion off – it just didn't make sense.

But in this world – life this side of the garden – God's resurrection power often doesn't make sense (if it is perceived at all). Hindsight usually informs our understanding – it is often after the fact that we can see divine tracks leading from a resurrection event. And words don't begin to explain – much less encompass – God's life-giving work in our world.

Recently, I read with amusement that Reinhold Neibuhr, a 20<sup>th</sup>-century theologian, would often seek out worship services on Christmas and Easter at which there was lots of music and ritual and little or no preaching. He confessed that he didn't think any preacher was up to the task of Easter and Christmas.

I think Neibuhr's right. When it comes to preparing sermons for Easter and Christmas, I find that my words are inadequate. Explanation is out of the question: how can we explain God's work through Christ when we don't understand it? As one writer said, *proclamation*, not explanation, is our task as preachers and resurrection people. Even though our words fail us, we can tell the story – again and again. We can choose to live in the reality of Christ's resurrection life. In the telling and living, the marks of Christ's resurrection slowly become visible in our bodies and lives. We become shaped in the image of the Crucified One – an awesome, humbling thought.

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!*

No explanations necessary.

May you be filled with God's resurrection power –  
*Valarie*

## Youth Corner

Several of our youth gave up an afternoon of their Spring Break to give back to the Dr. Frank Barchard Animal Shelter here in Commerce. The youth cleaned cages, changed food and water bowls, walked the animals, as well as just loved on them! After the community service project we went to the city park and had some time of reflection and prayer. Prayers for our city was the focal point of our reflection time. If that was not enough of a day the youth came back to the church for some fellowship and food! All in all this was a blessed time and the Animal Shelter were gracious to have us, and we were humbled to give back to them. We are looking forward to upcoming events including Sunrise Service, Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Events, and at some point repainting the youth room!



## Upcoming Worship

**April 7**

*Theme:*

*Practice Makes Perfect*

**April 14**

*John 21:1-19*

*“Hospitality:*

*Tending and Feeding”*

**April 21**

*1 John 4:1*

*“Hearts that Grow Ears:  
The Practice of Discernment”*

**April 28**

*John 9:1-34*

*“The Practice of Healing:  
Living the Whole Life”*

**8:45am ~ Chapel**

**9:45am ~ Chapel**

**11:00am ~ Sanctuary**

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**\*\*The next deadline is Monday, April 15 by 9:00am\*\***



## Reel Recovery

Join Reel Recovery for Fly-Fishing Retreats for men recovering from cancer. Learn a new skill. Form friendships. Share stories. Gain renewed hope as you confront the challenges of recovery.

### 2013 Area Retreats

- April 19-21 Boerne, TX
- October 13-15 Broken Bow, OK
- October 25-27 Glen Rose, TX



Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from all forms of cancer. Our purpose is to help men in the recovery process by sharing with them the healing powers of the sport of fly-fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences with cancer, with others who share their stories. Retreats are offered at no cost to the participants and are led by professional facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors. Reel Recovery provides all meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment, and no previous fishing experience is required. A maximum of 12 men are invited to participate.

*The Church Office will be closed in observance of Good Friday (March 29) and in celebration of Easter Monday (April 1).*



UMW will meet **Tuesday, April 16** at 10:00am.

"The Potter's Clay" program will be brought by Carol Beth King, Delta UMW President

Our April project is food pantry items.  
**All women are invited to join us!**

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



*In memory of...*

**Bill Terrell**

By: Larry & Carla Inge  
Derald & Lesa Bulls  
Loretta Kibler



### Attendance

	Early	9:45	Late	SS
Mar 3	29	14	130	83
Mar 10	16	9	91	61
Mar 17	18	17	92	58
Mar 24	23	11	113	67

### Financial Update: General Operating Fund

	as of February 28, 2013	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$ 29,167	\$ 57,325
Expenses:	\$ 29,934	\$ 60,535
	-\$ 767	-\$3,210



### Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday, Apr 1	Acts 5:27-32
Tuesday, Apr 2	Psalm 150:1-5
Wednesday, Apr 3	Psalm 150:6
Thursday, Apr 4	Revelation 1:4-7
Friday, Apr 5	Revelation 1:8
Saturday, Apr 6	John 20:19-23
Sunday, Apr 7	John 20:24-31
Monday, Apr 8	Acts 9:1-20
Tuesday, Apr 9	Psalm 30
Wednesday, Apr 10	Revelation 5:11-14
Thursday, Apr 11	John 21:1-14
Friday, Apr 12	John 21:18
Saturday, Apr 13	John 21:15-18
Sunday, Apr 14	John 21:19
Monday, Apr 15	Psalm 23
Tuesday, Apr 16	Psalm 23
Wednesday, Apr 17	Acts 9:36-43
Thursday, Apr 18	John 10:22-25
Friday, Apr 19	John 10:26-30
Saturday, Apr 20	Revelation 7:9-17
Sunday, Apr 21	Revelation 7:9-17
Monday, Apr 22	Psalm 148:7-14
Tuesday, Apr 23	Psalm 148:1-6
Wednesday, Apr 24	Acts 11:1-10
Thursday, Apr 25	Acts 11:11-18
Friday, Apr 26	Revelation 21:1-6
Saturday, Apr 27	Revelation 21:1-6
Sunday, Apr 28	John 13:31-35
Monday, Apr 29	Psalm 67
Tuesday, Apr 30	John 14:23-24





# Prayer Lists

## We pray for those who have experienced a loss. Condolences to...

Janet Sullivan and family in the loss of her granddaughter

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

Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother), Sue Taylor, Wyatt Bourcy (Bob & Sally Grove's friend's grandson), Cindy Klingbeil, Gene Casselberry, Bob Grove, James Teel, Pat Skauge, Melissa Waldroup, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Glenda Helton (Jeff Helton's sister-in-law), Becky Bosque (the Englerts' friend), Braden Murray (little boy with leukemia in Waco area), Ralph & Alma Moyer, Josh Madena, Clay Yeager, Lana Fallis, Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's daughter-in-law), Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Louella McIntyre, Sharon Brewton, Amy Sallstrom Smith (Bill Heitholt's cousin), Sam Duckworth, Ray Sandifer, Jim and Diane Price, Billy Guinn, Chris Sterzik (Shelley Jackson's son-in-law), Frederick Lucas, Pam Allgood, Kay Webber, George O'Kelley

## Others to Remember in Prayer...

**Draughn's/Country Home Estate:** Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Dorothy Ingram, Lucy Potts, and Pete Robinson  
**Briarcliff:** Mary Culberson (Dixie Turman's mother) and Jessie Short

*"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...

2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division  
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey  
Lt. Dan Barton  
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker (Korea)-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 and Tom Starkey's son  
Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
Christopher Kendrick-Navy (Helen Rowe's friend)  
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller'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  
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  
Garrett Johnson  
Col. Peter Bailey  
Lt. Col. Keith Williams  
Nathan Grove



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