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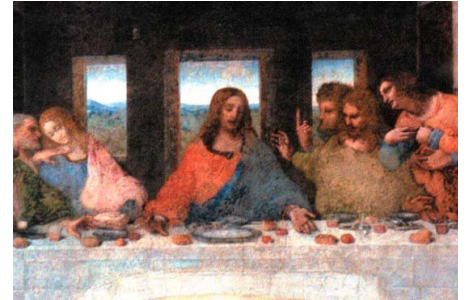
Holy Week at FUMC Commerce:



Midweek Eucharist service
at 5:30pm in the Chapel
Wednesday, April 16

Maundy Thursday worship
with Holy Communion
at 6:30pm in the Chapel
Thursday, April 17

A Good Friday Service in the manner of Taize
at 6:30pm in the Chapel
Friday, April 18



The Day of Resurrection: Easter Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Service at 6:30am
led by FUMC youth

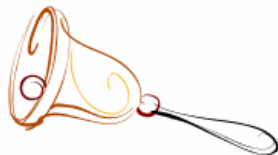
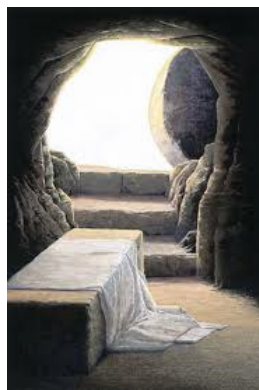
Early Service at 8:45am
in the Chapel

Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45am
during Sunday School hour

Late Service at 11:00am
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!



Handbells for Easter Sunday



- Play in the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, April 20, 2014.
- Rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (3/26, 4/2, 4/9, & 4/16).
- Music reading ability is not required, but is recommended.
- To sign up or for more information, contact Amanda Brown at amandabrown625@gmail.com or (469) 338-7236.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

My mother and her sister who is two years younger – my aunt Peggy – have curious nicknames for each other. Mom is “Ace,” and Peggy is “Bob.” When I was a young child, I didn’t think much about this; it was just one of our many family quirks. But as I became a teenager and was more concerned with what others thought of us (particularly those in my peer group), I asked my mother about it.



She told me that there were two uncles in the family named Bob and Ace who lived very apart from each other in their adult lives. One lived in the western US, and the other lived in East Texas. Many years would go by between their visits. When they would finally meet each other – oftentimes at a family reunion – their greeting was always the same: “Hello, Bob,” “hello, Ace,” they would say to each other as they shook hands.

After a few days of story-telling and catching up, one of the brothers would get ready to leave, and they would part in the same way they met. “G’bye, Ace,” “so long, Bob.” And they would shake hands, knowing that they might not meet again for years.

I asked Mom why she and Peggy took those names for themselves. Her reply was that it was a way of handling emotionally-laden greetings and leave-takings. Mom and Peggy have enjoyed each other’s company all their lives, and are very much sisterly in sensibilities and humor. In the years they lived in different towns, Mom and Peggy would greet and part in much the same way as Uncle Bob and Uncle Ace – somewhat reserved and with decorum. I have many memories of Peggy on the front porch at Crawford Creek, patting Mom on the arm as she prepared to leave for Fort Worth, or Baytown, or Roxton, saying, “so long, Ace.” Mom would then reply, “g’bye, Bob,” and turn to get in the car to leave.

As I spend my last couple of months in Commerce before taking on a new appointment at FUMC Garland, I hope that we can enjoy our remaining time together in much the same way: in a sisterly and brotherly way, relishing joy-filled moments and the happy fact that God drew us all together. And then parting in a way that looks forward to that time when we might meet again.

You all are more special to me than words can express. God has blessed and is richly blessing us all.

God’s peace and grace be with you –
Valarie

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed!

We need the following donations for the Easter egg hunt:

- Plastic Easter eggs
- Fruit snacks
- Stickers
- Individual wrapped candy



Please drop your donation off at the church office
by 3:00pm Thursday, April 17

April 6
Mark 6:30-46
“RLR”

April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 17: Maundy Thursday
@6:30pm ~ Chapel

April 18: Good Friday
6:30pm ~ Chapel

April 20: Easter Sunday
Matthew 28:1-10
“The Angel’s Message”

April 27
8:45am ~ Chapel
11:00am ~ Sanctuary

Midweek Eucharist
Wednesdays
@ 5:30pm ~ Chapel

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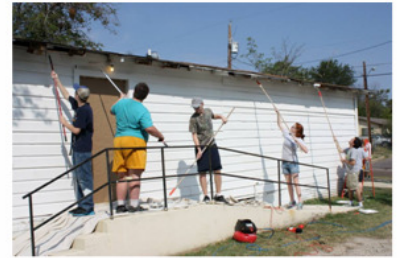
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****The next deadline is Monday, April 21 by 9:00am****

Helping Hands




Project: Painting and Clean-up at a local residence
 Date: March 29, 2014
 Times: Meet at 9:00 a.m. at FUMC.
 Work one or both shifts: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Lunch will be provided.
 Bring: Work Gloves & Rakes (if you have them)



To sign up or for more information, contact Jim Patton
 at (903) 461-8052 or jcpatton45@centurylink.net.





All Church
WORK DAY

Church Workday
April 12
8:00am to 12noon
 (not restricted to that time).

A list of projects will be prepared but you aren't restricted to the list if there is something else you know needs attention. We just need a good spring cleaning and fix-up; inside and out!

VBS is COMING!!!

We are already looking forward to this summer and VBS 2014. Our VBS dates are June 16th-20th. This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders". The kids will explore how to imagine and build with God!

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 2014:

- Old (flat) sheets (that can be cut &/or painted)
- Construction type items (signs/yellow tape)
- Pool noodles
- Latex Balloons
- Crepe Paper/Streamers
- Cardboard boxes (All sizes)
- Empty 2 liter bottles
- Poster board (All colors)
- Volunteers, (get ready to spend a week like no other!)





Fast. Pray. Give.

A Lenten Discipline for Good

Take advantage of your Lenten journey by practicing the spiritual disciplines of fasting, praying, and giving. Stop by the gathering area to pick up a Lenten calendar and an offering container or envelope as an aid to remind you to:

- **Fast one meal** a week during Lent.
- **Pray during that mealtime** for your church, those who are hungry, and the North Texas Food Bank and its partner agencies.
- **Give to the North Texas Food Bank** through the Lenten offering, using the funds that would have been spent on those meals given up.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will dedicate our gifts to the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB).

Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, April 5th



A Member of Feeding America

Join FLY on Saturday, April 5, to see your Lenten offering at work. Volunteers will sort and box foods for distribution to partner agencies at the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) in Dallas. Contact Melinda Reid for details or to sign-up at 903.366.6493.

Food 4 Kids Volunteers Needed

Thursdays
from 9am to 10am A.C.
Williams Elementary



Volunteers are needed at A.C. Williams Elementary School to load Food 4 Kids backpacks with shelf-stable snacks from the North Texas Food Bank. These backpacks go home with food-insecure children every Friday. The loading will take place from 9am to 10am Thursdays on campus from now until the end of the school year. Contact Angela Roberts at 903.886.2142 or AQRoberts@hotmail.com to sign up for a Thursday.

In addition, if you have Braum's paper bags that you can donate, please bring to the church office. Linda Grubert, A.C. Williams counselor and Food 4 Kids site coordinator, can use these for the program.



The Church Office will be closed
Good Friday, April 18
and Easter Monday,
April 21 in celebration of
the Easter holiday.

Spring 2014 Lay Servant/Speaking Ministries Training

East District, North Texas Conference

Saturday, April 26th &

Saturday, May 3rd

Poetry UMC

(18734 FM 986, Poetry Community, TX 75160)



Courses Available:

- **Adult Basic Course (Fee: \$20.00)** — Beginning course for those who want to become a “Local Lay Servant”
- **Leading Worship (Fee: \$10.00)** — Focuses on basic understandings of worship and on gaining insights into skills for lay persons (“liturgists” or “lay readers”) who assist the pastor in Christian worship. Open to all laity for personal growth. Advanced course for those who have completed the Adult Basic Course, and want to become -- or maintain level of -- a “Certified Lay Servant.” Purchase your own text: Worshiping With United Methodists – Revised Edition (ISBN 9780687335268) by Hoyt Hickman, available from Cokesbury.com, Amazon.com, or the bookstore at Upperroom.org.

Registration/Check-In 8:30

Classes begin at 9:00am and conclude at 4:30pm

Lunch will be provided for a donation.

Fee must accompany registration form.

**Please make Checks or Money Orders payable to:
North Texas Conference**

(Note on memo line: Lay Servant class)

Mail registration form and check to:

**Lori Massey
1203 Cedar St
Bonham, TX 75418**

If you need help to have the book ordered or for additional information contact:

Lori Massey 903-227-0302 (cell)

lori.mass@yahoo.com (email)



Standing in between Jim Patton and Gene Lockhart is architect Jim Clutts. He returned to Commerce March 23 to show a friend, Betty Rogers, one of the buildings he designed in 1967. Jim and Betty joined us for worship and the spaghetti luncheon.

In memory of...

Bob Mills

By: Mike and Bonnie Smith
Alta Faye Peden
Mariann and Mack Andrews
David and Luann Huffman
Joe and Mary Louis McMahan
Robert Lowman
Charlie and Sharon Smith
Pete and Mary Smith
Jennifer and Jacob Hunter
Ashley Anderson
Fred and Anna Blohm
Eddie and Roberta Brister
Helen Cole
Ray and Sabrina Green
Jerry and Sandy Hutton
Bob and Julie McLeroy
Mark and Melinda Reid
Judy Rudoff
Steve Siebenhausen
Pat and Janet Skauge
Vance and Ann Underhill
John and Mary Hardy
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Clark
Northeast Texas Chapter of International
Wine & Food Society
Jim and Nell Brown
Greg and Kathleen Hooten
Lena Faulkner
Chris and Ladonna Patterson
JoAnn Slaughter
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Jeff and Jan Helton
R.E.C. Industries, Inc.
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John McClellan
APHCC Texas, Inc.
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Harry and Dora Wade
Cale and Lyndi Jean
Harold and Pat Luckett
Bryan and Loretta Luckett
Little Ark/Noah's Nursery
Carol Neaves
Eleanor Sandifer

Bob Mills, continued

By: James and Shirley Cooper
Dorothy Ward
Danny and Janet Duncan
Charles and Elizabeth Allard
Paul and Sheryl Zelhart
Stafford Firefighters Club
Houston Fire Dept. Station #68, D Shift
Jennifer Garrett
Laura and Joe Milligan
Bill Crook
Meredith Williams
Eric and Maureen Preston
Clarence and Kay Jensen
The Rainey Family
Ben and Nancy Doughty
Howard and Freda Lambert
Ken and Susan Bishop
Roy and Patsy Morris
Kimberly and William Webber
Bettina and David Zvanut
Jim and Susan Patton
Al and Rose Stapleton
Donna Tavener

Virginia Gibbs

By: Danny and Janet Duncan
Loretta Kibler
Jennifer Garrett
Carole Walker
Emerson and Becky Adams
Jim and Susan Patton
Bob and Dixie Turman Stachowiak
Clarence and Kay Jensen
Ken and Susan Bishop

Fred Tarpley

By: Loretta Kibler
Jim and Susan Patton
Clarence and Kay Jensen
Chris and Terri Watson

Janice Currens

By: Dough Rollins SS Class
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Clarence and Kay Jensen

MEMORIALS



Sound Techs Needed



Our Sound Tech Team has recently lost a few members. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the church office at 903-886-3220 or Dennis Anderson at 903-886-7432 or 903-886-3312.

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, Apr 1	Ezekiel 37:1-8
Wednesday, Apr 2	Ezekiel 37:9-14
Thursday, Apr 3	Psalms 130:3-6
Friday, Apr 4	Romans 8:6-11
Saturday, Apr 5	John 11:1-16
Sunday, Apr 6	John 11:17-45
Monday, Apr 7	Matthew 21:1-5
Tuesday, Apr 8	Psalms 118:1-2
Wednesday, Apr 9	Matthew 21:6-9
Thursday, Apr 10	Psalms 118:19-29
Friday, Apr 11	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Saturday, Apr 12	Philippians 2:5-11
Sunday, Apr 13	Matthew 21:1-11
Monday, Apr 14	John 12:1-11
Tuesday, Apr 15	Isaiah 49:1-7
Wednesday, Apr 16	John 13:21-32
Thursday, Apr 17	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday, Apr 18	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Saturday, Apr 19	Matthew 28:1-10
Sunday, Apr 20	John 20:1-18
Monday, Apr 21	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Tuesday, Apr 22	Psalms 16:1-6
Wednesday, Apr 23	John 20:19-23
Thursday, Apr 24	John 20:24-29
Friday, Apr 25	John 20:30-31
Saturday, Apr 26	1 Peter 1:3-9
Sunday, Apr 27	Psalms 16:7-11
Monday, Apr 28	Luke 24:13-27
Tuesday, Apr 29	Luke 24:28-35
Wednesday, Apr 30	Acts 2:36-38

UMW will meet **Tuesday, April 15** at 10:00am. Our March project is items for the Food Pantry. **All women are invited to join us!**

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



Attendance				
	Early	5:30	Late	SS
Feb 26		9		
Mar 2	25	—	100	80
Mar 5		9		
Mar 9	23	—	100	81
Mar 12		9		
Mar 16	29	—	85	74
Mar 19		9		
Mar 23	34	—	124	90

Financial Update General Operating Fund

as of February 28, 2014	Year-to-Date
Income: \$ 29,872	\$59,333
Expenses: \$ 32,406	\$63,394
	-\$ 2,534
	-\$ 4,061





Prayer Lists

We pray for those who have experienced a loss.

Condolences to...
Family of Bob Mills
Family of Eli Parker

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

Glenda Parks, Craig Jensen, Nelda Harrison (Leon Harrison's sister), Bob Quinn (Angela Roberts' father), Cindy Klingbeil, Jean McKinney, Doris Kerbow, Jack Boyd (Julie McLeroy's father), Bobby Phipps (Julie Sweat's father-in-law), Norma McNew, Rebecca Leos (Ruth Warren's mother), Clyde Robnett, Clay Yeager, Lewis and Faye Jackson, Jaron and Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's son and daughter-in-law), Gene Casselberry, Pat Skauge, Sue Taylor, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Jessie Short

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Dorothy Ingram, Edna O'Quinn, Lucy Potts, Pete Robinson, Ruby Vander Velde, and Euple Walker

Briarcliff: 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 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Col. Peter Bailey Garrett Johnson
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey Nathan Grove
Lt. Col. Keith Williams Lt. Dan Barton
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law
CW2 Courtney Phillips (Afghanistan)-Sharon Smith's cousin
Tyler Craig (Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law
Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Ensign 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, April 21 by 9:00am