



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Family of Roberta Brazda
Edwina Threlkeld
Mary Daggenghart
Deidre Hildebrand
Gary Little

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan Jon Parker
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

Ron LaFerney (Diane McDowell's brother)
Hazel Schwartz (Donna Spinato's mother)
Cindy Long
Bob Foelkl (Judy Rudoff's brother-in-law)
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
Jim Hunsicker (in Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Matt Skelton (in Iraq) Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)
Travis Miller (in Afghanistan)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
Alex Dech (in 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
Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
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

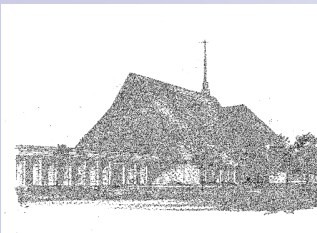


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Let's Empty the Job Jar!

- Clean gutters
- Trim shrubs
- Mow backyard
- Replace soaker hoses
- Trim trees

**Meet at the Church for Job Assignment & Donuts
8:45am • Saturday • August 21**

Helping Hands will assist FUMC members with odd jobs around their homes.

To submit job requests or to volunteer,
contact Angela Roberts at 903.886.2142 | AQRoberts@hotmail.com

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

This Sunday, August 22, during both morning services, all (young and older) are encouraged to bring their backpacks, knapsacks, school bags, etc. to our Blessing of the Backpacks.

This blessing will send each student, teacher, administrator, and backpack into the 2010-2011 academic year with our prayers and support for a successful year.

Each blessed backpack will be tagged with a special FUMC-Commerce tag.

In addition, a **Special Fellowship Meal** will follow, with The Bridge Band providing the worship sounds! August 22nd promises to be a joyous occasion and all are encouraged to take part....and even invite others!



Potluck August 22
Please join us next Sunday for the potluck after the 10:50 service to welcome students back to school and back to church. Please bring a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert. The meat will be provided.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

My grandmother was a gracious East Texas woman. She quilted, gardened, kept a spotless house, grew beautiful flowers, milked cows, and could “wrang” a chicken’s neck with her hands, pluck it, dress it, and serve it for dinner.

I have many wonderful memories of her. She could lay a breakfast, lunch, or dinner table spread that was most impressive. And her coconut cake was an object of reverence: four layers piled high with fluffy white 7-minute frosting and coconut. My favorite meal was her fried chicken with mashed potatoes and pan gravy; butter beans, purple-hull peas or green beans from her garden; sliced cucumbers, banana peppers and tomatoes (also from the garden); rolls; and always, always, always, a jar of preserves. Every meal at her house included a jar of preserves of some kind (peach, preferably).

This used to puzzle me. I’d ask: “Grandma, why do you always put a jar of peach preserves on the table at mealtimes? It doesn’t ‘go’ with anything.” And she’d answer: “Because we need a little something sweet to round things out.” (Since I married a man with Pennsylvania German roots, I’ve wondered if Grandma’s custom of having preserves on the table is akin to the Pennsylvania custom of having a balance of sweet and sour flavors at every meal.)

For many of us, memories of shared meals are one of the rich blessings of life. We learn who we are at the table: the people we eat with, talk with, and clean up with leave impressions on us that are often too deep for words. It is around the table that we feel acceptance (or not), belonging (or not), and a sense of kinship (or alienation).

I don’t think it’s just a coincidence that one of the most seminal stories of our faith – Jesus’ gathering in the Upper Room with his disciples on the night he was to be arrested – took place around a holiday dinner table. We invoke that night every time we share the Lord’s Supper. At Christ’s Table, we find acceptance, belonging, and a sense of kinship in God’s household. It is as if God offers us a “little something sweet” to carry us on our faith journey. The meals in God’s house are always sweet!

As we enter this Welcome Season here at FUMC-C, we mark its beginning on August 22 with celebrative worship, a fellowship meal in which we share our food and conversation, and the re-launch of our third worship service, **The Bridge**. We hope to have many gathered around our tables who find acceptance and belonging – whether new to our family of faith or well-connected members of many years.

Join us for this **Welcome Season** of feasting and hospitality!

God’s peace and sweetness be with you –
Valarie



Worship

August 22, 2010

Rev. Valarie Englert
will preach on
Proverbs 9:1-6

*Please join us this
Sunday for our
Blessing of the
Backpacks!*

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

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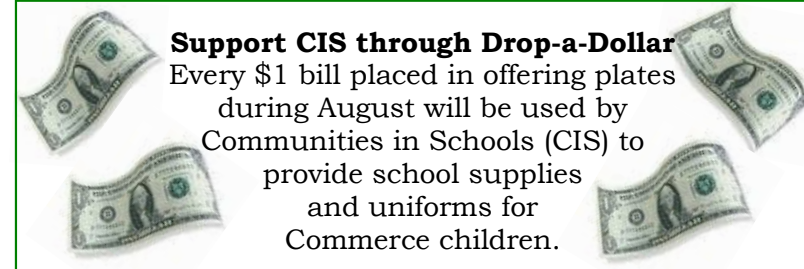
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Support CIS through Drop-a-Dollar
Every \$1 bill placed in offering plates during August will be used by Communities in Schools (CIS) to provide school supplies and uniforms for Commerce children.



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)



Noah’s Nursery (a new full-time child-care program at FUMC) is now open. Operational hours are 7:30 - 5:15, M - F. Questions? Call or e-mail Alison Walker at 903-366-1745 / alison@fumccommerce.org or Shelly Oats 903-862-2963 / shelly@fumccommerce.org.



CHURCH RETHOUGHT!! ...its
RE- LAUNCH SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
the **BRIDGE** experience a non-traditional worship service
NO more excuses!! First United Methodist Church-Commerce fumccommerce.org

In memory of...

Gene McKenzie

By: Dough Rollins SS Class

Joe Cole

By: Wyman & Harriet Williams

Peggy Fox

By: Pete Robinson

Ken & Susan Bishop

Roger & Jean Arnold

Kelsey Hall

By: Ken & Susan Bishop



Help us solve this problem!

Doors are being left unlocked. If you unlock the door, lock it back. The security of the church is very important.



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, Aug 22	Luke 13-10:17
Monday, Aug 23	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Tuesday, Aug 24	Psalms 81:1
Wednesday, Aug 25	Psalms 81:10-16
Thursday, Aug 26	Hebrews 13:1-8
Friday, Aug 27	Hebrews 13:15-16
Saturday, Aug 28	Luke 14:1
Sunday, Aug 29	Luke 14:7-14
Monday, Aug 30	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Tuesday, Aug 31	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Wednesday, Sept 1	Psalms 139:1-6
Thursday, Sept 2	Psalms 139:13-18
Friday, Sept 3	Philemon 1-21
Saturday, Sept 4	Luke 14:25-33