



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

John Burkett-surgery recovery

Continued Prayers for Church Family

- Clay Yeager Mary Dagenhart
- Bart Green Gary Kibler
- Gavin Rodden Helen Dickson
- Jan Vowell Jack Roberts
- Bill Terrell Jean Ward
- Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

- Vicki Davidson (Pastor Valarie's mother)
- Barry Kidder (Sarah Wilkinson's husband)
- Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
- Oma Thomas (Ron Thomas' mother)
- Janet Skauge
- People in Brazil & Australia dealing with flooding and mud slides
- Ethel Stout (Lonnie Plunkett's mother)
- Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's friend)
- Projecto Abrigo and Jose Luis needs prayers, monetary support & supplies
- Klyne Martin
- Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)
- Kay Webber
- Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)
- Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)
- Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
- George O'Kelley
- David Crenshaw
- Chance Thornton
- Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)

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.

- Sgt. Jason Schmidlen (Iraq)-Jim and Debby Heitholt's son)
- 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
- 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
- Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
- Terry & Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brothers and Tom Starkey's sons
- 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



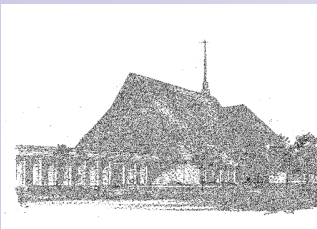
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Potluck Brought in \$628 to Tackle Hunger

FUMC's Souper Bowl of Caring potluck raised \$628 to support the local food assistance programs of the Alliance of Ministry! Everyone had a great time sampling the variety of soups and salads during the pre-game fellowship. Special thanks to Kay Jensen for the team pendants and decorations.



The Alliance of Ministry will send these funds to the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) as credit for the following organizations to purchase food for hungry families and seniors in our community:

- Word of Life Family Church, an existing NTFB member agency, that serves approximately 200 households twice a month through its food give-away and Manna Mover home deliveries
- Healing Waters Assembly of God Church, which is in the application process with the North Texas Food Bank



FUMC is committed to helping the Alliance of Ministry ensure there is food on the table for a neighbor in need not just with occasional fundraisers but also with regular giving. \$100 per month from the Drop-a-Dollar fund goes to the Alliance to support the growing food assistance programs in Commerce.



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Dear FUMC Friends:

What a week it's been! My mother had knee replacement surgery a few days ago (she is doing very well – thank you for your prayers!). During her hospital stay, I had the opportunity to follow news events more closely. The unfolding stories in the Middle East have been especially attention-grabbing, particularly the events in Egypt.

As I listened to the reports, I recalled Anwar Sadat's assassination some thirty years ago. I remember how upset my mother was when we heard the news. She had been deeply impressed with Sadat, who seemed to be a person of deep faith and integrity. His courage in helping to bring about a better peace between his own country and Israel also impressed her. When we saw the footage of his death on the television news, mom was overcome with emotion. "How could this happen to a man who has worked so hard for peace?" she cried. We wondered what type of leader his successor, Hosni Mubarak, would be. Would he keep the peace with Israel? Would he be willing to risk his own life for peace?

Recalling these events of thirty years ago flooded my memory as mom recuperated. Most striking is how the Egyptian people have spoken and acted so boldly and courageously. They seem to have brought about a change many thought impossible.

During my seminary tenure, I took a class entitled, "World Religions and Christianity in Context." Our main project for the semester was to enter into dialogue with a person of a different religion. The professor was very clear that this was a serious undertaking: a 30-minute chat over coffee would be inadequate. We were to meet over the semester with a person whose belief system differed from our own -- steadily, intentionally, and over a period of months. We were to attend worship with him/her, and to allow ourselves time to build a relationship.

A classmate and I paired up to meet with a mother and daughter from Egypt who were faithful Muslims. The mother had earned a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering in Cairo, and was the administrator of the daycare program at her neighborhood mosque in the Dallas area. Her daughter, engaged to be married, was in the process of earning her Masters degree in Biochemistry from SMU. Both women -- highly educated and articulate -- wore the *hijab* (headcovering) proudly.

We greatly enjoyed talking about family, children, courtship, and our educational studies. A bit of time elapsed before we got around to discussing our religious beliefs, and this topic presented challenges. We tripped over differing doctrines, but found the rock-bottom value of faith to be a common element. Our story-sharing is what paved the way for us. We had already shared of our very selves, and we didn't dare throw away the relationship we had already built. Over the years we lost touch, our lives and careers taking us different directions.

I wonder: what have these two women been thinking over the past weeks? As Egyptian-born Americans, what urgings or misgivings have they experienced in their heart-of-hearts? The experiences of years ago have tied us together irrevocably – whether or not we speak regularly.

As followers of the Way of Jesus Christ, we are called to build relationship with and show compassion to others – no matter how they might be like us, or how different they might be from us. Whatever may come to our brothers and sisters in Egypt and throughout the Middle East, our prayers for peace and well-being extend to them.

May God's peace be with you –
Valarie



Worship

February 20, 2011

Rev. Valarie Englert will continue a sermon series on "Students of Christ"

Please join us this Sunday!

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

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NEWS FROM THE WESLEYAN

Your source for Wesleyan Campus Ministry Updates

In addition to the ministries happening each week (including *FYI Lunches* and *Regener8 Bible Study*), here are some great opportunities coming up...

All Wesley Retreat: Friday-Sunday, February 18-20! College students from United Methodist campus ministries, colleges, and churches from across the South Central Jurisdiction are converging on Crosspoint Camp on Lake Texoma for an awesome weekend of worship and fellowship. Worship leaders include Bishop Scott Jones of Kansas and Bishop Robert Hayes of Oklahoma.

Spring Mission Trip: We have just received word from Rev. José Luis Portillo of Proyecto Abrigo (Tierra Nueva, Mexico) that he is cancelling trips for the coming few months as concerns of violence have continued in nearby neighborhoods. We are looking into alternative mission possibilities for Spring Break, but in the mean time, we ask for deeply needed prayers and support for José Luis, Proyecto Abrigo, and the people of Juarez.

Time for a Roof Rethink: No, this is not an event, but it is an important issue staring us all in the face as the ongoing ministry of the Wesleyan Campus Ministry is... well, threatened. Rather than waiting any longer, please help us act now to repair and replace the Wesleyan roof once and for all. During February (and beyond), we will be accepting donations to open a new era of ministry with our students!

Attendance	Feb 6	Feb 13
Early	27	38
Late	150	143
Bridge	—	11
SS	81	90

In memory of...

Jeanne Latson

By: Dennis & Judy Anderson

Carolyn Humphries

By: Dennis & Judy Anderson



Reading the Bible Daily



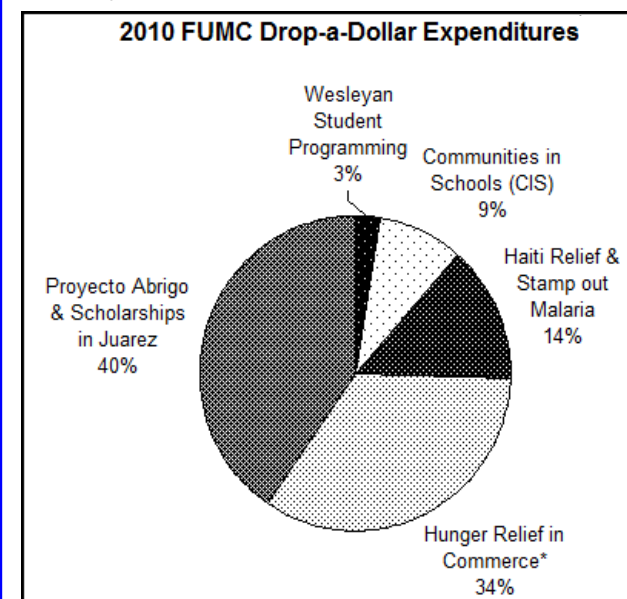
As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions 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, Feb 20	Leviticus 19:16-18
Monday, Feb 21	Isaiah 49:8-14
Tuesday, Feb 22	Isaiah 49:15-16
Wednesday, Feb 23	Psalms 62:5-12
Thursday, Feb 24	Psalms 131
Friday, Feb 25	1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Saturday, Feb 26	Matthew 6:24-33
Sunday, Feb 27	Matthew 6:34
Monday, Feb 28	Exodus 24:12-18
Tuesday, Mar 1	Psalms 99:1-5
Wednesday, Mar 2	Psalms 99:6-9
Thursday, Mar 3	2 Peter 1:16-18
Friday, Mar 4	2 Peter 1:19-21
Saturday, Mar 5	Matthew 17:1-5

Drop a dollar. Watch it add up!

Last year, we received **4,032** dollar bills in the Sunday morning offering plates! The chart below shows where your dollars were put to work in 2010. As a reminder, these bills are the primary source of funding for the church's Serve ministry.



* Hunger Relief does not include special collections such as 2010 Lenten offering (\$2,018) or Usher Stew fundraiser (\$925)

February 2011 Drop-a-Dollar proceeds will benefit the mission activities of the Wesleyan Campus Ministry. So far, we have received **\$173**. Let's see if we can reach \$350!

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