

# First United Methodist Church Commerce

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## Help CIS **Stuff the Bus**

The annual Communities In Schools (CIS) supply drive is happening now. CIS is seeking new backpacks and basic school supplies such as spirals, pencils, pens, erasers, and scissors. CIS will distribute these items to Commerce students on August 13 at the same time they distribute school uniforms. Kids who need uniforms must fill out an application in advance.

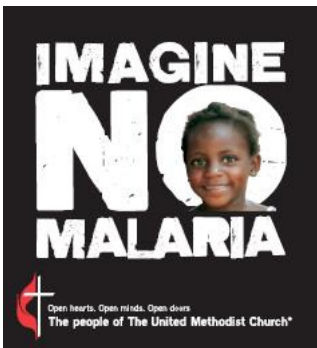
### How to help:

- Drop off new backpacks and school supplies in the bin outside the church office or at the Commerce Middle School.
- Drop a dollar into the offering plate. (All dollars given July 17, 24, and 31 go to CIS.)
- Write a check payable to CIS and drop off either at the church office or at the Commerce Middle School.

For more information about "Stuff the Bus", contact Nancy Laws at 903-886-3795, x1372.



## Imagine No More Malaria



The conference office reports that the total offering for Imagine No Malaria at the opening worship service of annual conference was \$9,972.50. Below are the amounts they report from churches in the East District. The East

District churches accounted for 54.4% of the offering.

Commerce First	\$487.00
<b>Total East District Churches</b>	<b>\$5,425.33</b>



We are pleased to welcome new church family members:  
Robert and Amanda Brown

## Church Directory Coming Soon

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. Life Touch Directories will be here **Tuesday, August 23 through Saturday, August 27.** Look for upcoming details and appointment scheduling information.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

This past Sunday morning, I entered the church building around 8:00 am, and was disappointed to see empty hallways and orderly classrooms. The facility felt empty and quiet. Throughout this past week, our congregation was privileged to host a UM Army mission team -- 65 senior high campers from United Methodist churches in College Station and Dallas and their 14 adult leaders. Our Sunday school classrooms, choir room, and youth room had served as dorm rooms for the campers – some cots were even in the hallways! A corner of the Family Ministries Center served as an administrative hub for the group, and the kitchen was loaded with snacks and meal provisions for the week. Having the campers here was like having the kids home from college – a glorious, messy, comfortable jumble of belongings and youthful presence!



The group worked at 18 sites around Commerce during the week, building wheel chair ramps, conducting home repairs, painting, and cleaning up. The climax of the week was Thursday night, when a wonderful meal was served to about 160 people who gathered in the FMC: the campers, those they had served (“clients”), and FUMC folks. After sharing a delicious meal, we moved to the sanctuary to worship together and hear stories of witness from clients and from campers.

The stories were moving and poignant. One woman who is a wheel chair user had not been able to leave her house because she did not have a ramp. Another client has served many in Commerce faithfully over the years, and found herself on the receiving end of service. One thing I found very striking was that the campers chose to eat and worship with those they had served – they were clustered like little family groups in the sanctuary. It was obvious that more had been built than ramps and porches!

On the bulletin board outside the church office, campers and church members were able to keep a running commentary on the week. This posting sums up the week beautifully: “This has been an absolutely amazing church to stay in! Thank you so much for your loving hearts and hospitality (& for putting up with us :) we truly appreciate [sic] it!”

*Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and in action. (1 John 3:18)*

My friends, love has been alive and in action among us this summer! May God’s love continue to pour forth in our actions –

Valarie

**As you travel and take vacations this summer, don't take a break from your giving. We are grateful for your faithfulness.**

## Worship

July 24, 2011

*Please join us this Sunday when Rev. Valarie Englert preaches on Romans 8:26-27 "The Sighs of the Spirit"*

**8:45am ~ Chapel**  
**9:45am ~ Chapel**  
**10:50am ~ Sanctuary**

### Committee Chairs

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**\*\*The next deadline is Monday, August 8 by 9:00am\*\***

## M&M Needs Sewing Supplies

Looking ahead to fall, I've found some fun mission project ideas for M&M that involve some sewing! If anyone has any of the following they would like to donate we could put them to good use:

- fabric scraps (patterns and solids, at least 12"X12" or larger)
- needles
- thread
- pins/pincushions
- buttons
- ribbon



I will be collecting from now through the end of the summer. Donations can be dropped off in the main office or in my office.

Thanks so much!!  
Alison Walker

# Thank You!

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE CHURCH FAMILY FOR THE "GENTLE" ROAST AND GIFTS AT THE LUNCHEON RECOGNIZING MY ELEVEN YEARS AS YOUR "INTERIM" CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR. IT HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THE TALENTED CHOIR MEMBERS AND DEDICATED STAFF TO COMPLIMENT CORPORATE WORSHIP WITH APPROPRIATE MUSIC. THERE ARE MANY FOND MEMORIES.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!  
GENE LOCKHART

### In memory of...

#### Marzee White

By: Sue Davis  
Donna Tavener

#### Bill Cole

By: Becky & Emerson Adams  
Sue Davis  
Donna Tavener  
Gary & Loretta Kibler



### Attendance

	<u>June 26</u>	<u>July 3</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>
Early	43	31	31	36
9:45	9	15	17	8
Late	144	104	116	105
SS	100	62	61	69



### Financial Update

#### General Operating Fund

as of June 30, 2011	Year-to-Date
Income: \$ 27,332	\$204,084
Expenses: \$ 32,393	\$188,777
	\$15,307

Fund Balance: -\$4,053  
(includes deficit from 2010)



### Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Jul 24	Romans 8:31-39
Monday, Jul 25	Genesis 32:22-26
Tuesday, Jul 26	Psalms 17:1-7,15
Wednesday, Jul 27	Matthew 14:13-21
Thursday, Jul 28	Romans 9:1-5
Friday, Jul 29	Matthew 14:13-21
Saturday, Jul 30	Genesis 32:27-31
Sunday, Jul 31	Romans 9:1-5
Monday, Aug 1	Romans 10:5-13
Tuesday, Aug 2	Romans 10:14-15
Wednesday, Aug 3	Genesis 37:1-4
Thursday, Aug 4	Genesis 37:12-28
Friday, Aug 5	Psalms 105:1-6,16-22,45b
Saturday, Aug 6	Matthew 14:22-27
Sunday, Aug 7	Matthew 14:28-33
Monday, Aug 8	Genesis 45:1-5
Tuesday, Aug 9	Genesis 45:6-15
Wednesday, Aug 10	Matthew 15:10-20
Thursday, Aug 11	Matthew 15:21-28
Friday, Aug 12	Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
Saturday, Aug 13	Psalms 133:1



# Prayer Lists

## Newly Added

Joy for the birth of twin girls to Sgt. & Mrs. Jason Schmidlen (Jim and Debby Heitholt's granddaughters)  
 Family of Fred Ohsiek  
 Family of Ben Herman (Jan Ainsworth's father)  
 Family of Jake Humphries  
 Family of Diamond Bronston  
 Family of Paul Borders (Dalton and Dylan Borders' uncle)  
 Dorothy Ingram  
 Melissa Waldroup-surgery recovery

## Continued Prayers for Church Family

Jan Vowell	Clay Yeager
Helen Dickson	Buddy Gregg
Sally Grove	Pete Robinson
Chance Thornton	Gary Kibler
Robert Seay	

## Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Kay Webber	Helen Porch
Carolyn Howard	Lou McIntyre
Cleon Flanagan, Sr.	Janet Skaug
David Crenshaw	George O'Kelley
Jennifer Stream (Chris and Dona White's daughter)	
Phyllis Quarles (Pat Talley's sister)	
Linda Kao (Sherie Kao's sister-in-law)	
Diana Queen (Sherie Kao's friend)	
William Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's father)	
Martha Wolcott (Matt Wolcott's mother)	
Oma Thomas (Ron Thomas' mother)	
Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's friend)	
Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)	
Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)	
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)	
Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)	

*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.

HM1 Robert Starkey (Afghanistan)-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
 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 Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
 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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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
 NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 Articles for the next newsletter are due  
**Monday, August 8 by 9:00am**

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