

# First United Methodist Church

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What a great week we had at Vacation Bible School this year! Our 140 VBS-ers spent the week learning what it means to be a "Neighbor"; not just in the literal, living-next-door sense, but in the way that Jesus calls us to love and care for our neighbors – friends and strangers, both near and far away. Through our Bible stories this week, we learned that Neighbors are friendly, giving,



bold, forgiving and welcoming.

The Everywhere Fun Fair also took us around the globe! We visited Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia and Mexico. Through songs, crafts, and other activities, we learned about the lives of our neighbors in these countries.

Thanks to all who contributed to our week. Vacation Bible School 2013 was a huge success this year, and we couldn't



have done it without each and every one of you!





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### **Proyecto Abrigo: Let's Help Build a House**



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Proyecto Abrigo was the mission focus for both Vacation Bible School and the Mission of the Month. On Day 1 of VBS, Pastor Dana Coker and Jan Helton were on hand to share their love for our neighbors who live just across the border in Juarez, Mexico. Our VBS kids learned about Provecto Abrigo's homebuilding ministry and clinic as well as its new goal to build a school for children. Most importantly, our VBS kids learned that the children of Juarez are

just like them -- they love to play and have fun

and they feel God's love!

Over the course of the week, our VBS kids supported their neighbors in Mexico in various ways. They raised \$588.89 through their cinderblock banks! They collected aluminum beverage cans, empty inkiet cartridges, and old cell phones which will be turned into cash and rounded up empty prescription bottles for the Proyecto Abrigo clinic. In addition, the four VBS age groups signed soccer balls for children, which will be mailed to Rev. Jose Luis Portillo, executive director of Proyecto Abrigo. Special thanks go to the Dough-Rollins class, which donated the funds to purchase the soccer balls and the supplies to make the

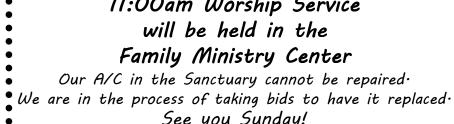


collection banks.

Thus far, our Mission of the Month offering amounts to \$332, which combined with our VBS offering totals \$920.89. As a reminder, all \$1 bills and designated gifts received on Sunday, June 30, will be added to this gift to Proyecto Abrigo. For more information about this ministry, including mission trip opportunities, visit www.proyectoabrigo.org or like on Facebook.

Until further notice the 11:00am Worship Service will be held in the Family Ministry Center Our A/C in the Sanctuary cannot be repaired.

See you Sunday!



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Worship July 7 Rev. Marc Corazao

upcoming

Galatians 5:1,13-15 "Free Love"

July 14 Scott Atnip, UM Army - guest preacher "Authentic Witness"

July 21 Eva Englert - guest preacher Colossians 1:15-28 "Lofty Words"

> July 28 Colossians 2:6-15

8:45am ~ Chapel 9:45am ~ Chapel 11:00am ~ FMC

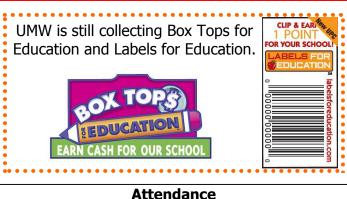
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## U.M. ARMY Returning to Commerce July 14 to 20!

UMW will meet **Tuesday**, July 16 at 10:00am. The program will be brought by Pastor Marc about the Wesley Campus Ministries. Our July project is collecting school supplies. All women are invited to join us!



Attenuance								
	<u>Early</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>SS</u>				
June 2	28	13	80	45				
June 9	16	16	62	43				
June 16	21	14	80	63				
June 23	18	12	136	77 \ 🖡 🕂 🗮 儿 /				

Financial Update General Operating Fund							
<u>as of May 31, 2013</u>		<u>Year-to-Da</u>	<u>te</u>				
Income:	\$ 26,623	\$148,182	Acores				
Expenses:	<u>\$ 31,807</u>	<u>\$164,229</u>					
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The Mission of the Month for July is Communities In Schools (CIS). All \$1 bills placed in the offering plate and designated gifts during July will benefit the CIS "Stuff the Bus" campaign. Applications for assistance with school supplies and standardized dress items





are available at each Commerce ISD campus and the administation building. Applications must be completed and turned in by July 22nd at A.C. Williams Elementary School or Commerce High School.

### **Daily Scripture Readings:**

Monday, Jul 1 Tuesday, Jul 2 Wednesday, Jul 3 Thursday, Jul 4 Friday, Jul 5 Saturday, Jul 6 Sunday, Jul 7 Monday, Jul 8 Tuesday, Jul 9 Wednesday, Jul 10 Thursday, Jul 11 Friday, Jul 12 Saturday, Jul 13 Sunday, Jul 14 Monday, Jul 15 Tuesday, Jul 16 Wednesday, Jul 17 Thursday, Jul 18 Friday, Jul 19 Saturday, Jul 20 Sunday, Jul 21 Monday, Jul 22 Tuesday, Jul 23 Wednesday, Jul 24 Thursday, Jul 25 Friday, Jul 26 Saturday, Jul 27 Sunday, Jul 28 Monday, Jul 29 Tuesday, Jul 30 Wednesday, Jul 31

2 Kings 5:1-14 2 Kings 5:9-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:1-16 Galatians 6:14-15 Luke 10:1-11 Luke 10:16-20 Amos 7:7-9 Amos 7:10-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-8 Colossians 1:9-14 Luke 10:25-29 Luke 10:29-37 Amos 8:1-10 Amos 8:1-2 Psalms 82 Colossians 1:15-28 Amos 8:11-12 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42 Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85:1-3 Psalm 85:4-7 Psalm 85:8-13 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-4 Luke 11:5-13 Hosea 11:1-11 Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9,43

### Prayer Lists

### Blessings for those who have a new addition to their family. Congratulations to...

Lloyd, Kelley, Austin, and Katelyn Hemingway in the birth of Ellasyn Grace (John and Teresa Heatherly's granddaughter)

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

Lynn Stone, Bob Grove, Judy Rudoff, Mendy Wilson, Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother), Tom Klinck (Ryan Klinck's father), Sally Grove, Arthur Joe, Jr. (the Englerts' friend), Jaron and Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's son and daughter-inlaw), Amy Cryon (Wyman and Harriet Williams' friend), Gene Casselberry, Elva Resendez, Emerson Adams, Pat Skauge, Sue Taylor, Wyatt Bourcy (Bob & Sally Grove's friend's grandson), Cindy Klingbeil, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Glenda Helton (Jeff Helton's sister-in-law), Becky Bosque (the Englerts' friend), Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Amy Sallstrom Smith (Bill Heitholt's cousin), Chris Sterzik (Shelley Jackson's son-in-law), Kay Webber, Jessie Short

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)

#### "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).

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### Remembering those serving in our military...

2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division

Lt. Col. Richard Bailey Lt. Dan Barton Col. Peter Bailey Lt. Col. Keith Williams Nathan Grove

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 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



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