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Continued Prayers for Church Family

Ruby Vander Velde Helen Dickson
Elizabeth Ragsdale Buddy Gregg
Sally Grove Ahtrell Dalton
Pete Robinson Chance Thornton
Clay Yeager Gary Kibler
Jan Vowell Jean Ward

Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Linda Kao (Sherie Kao's sister-in-law)

Diana Queen (Sherie Kao's friend)

William Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's father)

Dorothy Ingram Carolyn Howard

Martha Wolcott (Matt Wolcott's mother)

Lou McIntyre Judy Greenwood Cleon Flanagan, Sr. Fred Ohsiek

Oma Thomas (Ron Thomas' mother)

Janet Skauge

Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's friend)

Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)

Kay Webber George O'Kelley

Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)

David Crenshaw

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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Earlier this year, our FUMC-C Leadership and Stewardship Teams adopted an action plan to revitalize the health of our church. We have already met the goal set for July 1—to have a positive balance in the General Operating Fund. As of May 31, our fund balance is a POSITIVE \$1,007. (Whoo-hoo!!) When our individual efforts are combined, our goals can be reached!

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However, we know that the summer months will be filled with many trials. Historically, giving has decreased in summer months. We will also have quarterly insurance payments due in July and October. Please remember your commitments over the summer break so that we continue to operate in a positive manner.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to our Church!



Members

We are pleased to welcome new church family members:

- Robert and Becky Long and children, Shannon and Jordan Hartman and
- Helen Cole (Judy Anderson's mother)



Congratulations to Pastor Aleze!

Pastor Aleze Fulbright was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church this past Monday evening at Annual Conference. The ceremony was a moving and joyous celebration of God's call on our lives.

We at FUMC-C were blessed to have Pastor Aleze to share her ministry with us.

Thanks be to God for Pastor Aleze!

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Dear FUMC Friends:

As I write this, the first business session of the 2011 North Texas Annual Conference is convening. We began Sunday evening with glorious worship at FUMC Dallas – a worship service filled with amazing music (there's nothing quite like 1300 or so voices singing "Holy, Holy, Holy"). Every year at this time, lay and clergy representatives from all over our conference meet to



worship, fellowship, and do the business of the church. This year, we are electing lay and clergy delegates to the 2012 General and Jurisdictional conferences.

For some of you, this language – annual conference, General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, delegates – is familiar. But for others, such terminology may be unfamiliar, bordering on jargon. My hunch is that many people, whether cradle United Methodists or new members from other denominations, don't know what these terms mean with regard to the workings of the United Methodist Church.

The workings of the denomination are important. I am an ordained representative of this denomination, after all. (If you'd like to know more about our polity, feel free to ask.) But we are often guilty of confusing the institutional workings of the Church with the Kingdom of God. Institutions have a way of seeking equilibrium and self-perpetuation.

This realization is dawning on many in our denomination. At this very moment, Bishop Earl Bledsoe is giving his Episcopal address, hitting the theme of: "Transformation is Here; Transformation is Now; Transformation is On the Move." We can no longer confuse the institution of the Church with the Kingdom of God. Servicing the institution is not enough. We are called to work in God's vineyard, tilling, planting, pruning. It is God's work, and we are invited to work in God's mission field.

Please understand me: the church is of God. But the Church serves at God's good pleasure, and God's Spirit is calling us forward into the mission field. This requires that the Church move and act dynamically, listening and discerning God's voice, waiting for the guidance of the Spirit, and working in God's vineyard. Such work carries within it a challenge: ministry happens not only within our church building and in worship, but outside our doors in the community. Each person who considers FUMC Commerce home – member or not – is called to do God's work in Commerce, in North Texas, and beyond. Each person counts in God's vineyard – clergy and lay, young and old, married or single.

God is calling us to transformation:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Let us be a part of God's new work.

Peace and blessings, *Valarie*

Worship

June 12, 2011

"When the Rules Have Changed"

Please join us this Sunday when Rev. Valarie Englert preaches on Acts 2:1-21 "Morning Rush Hour"

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

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MCTARIO MOVORS Needs You!

Rick Flynn and the Word of Life church initiated bi-weekly food distribution of commodities from the North Texas Food Bank for local food security a number of years ago. FUMC's Robert Seay recognized one group that was unable to take advantage of the program: people without transportation and who lived too far away to walk. When Robert mentioned this need at a Christians Make a Difference meeting some years ago, Manna Movers was created. Every other Wednesday, this group brings food to those who qualify to receive it in their homes. Over the years the need has grown, and so has the need for drivers to deliver the commodities.

Julie Gentle, the current coordinator for Manna Movers, is asking for more drivers. The option is available for people to go in together and "job share," that is, swap out driving routes every other time so that people would only have to deliver once a month or once every other month depending on how it was split up.

Here's the drill: Drivers drive to the rear of the church, sign the form, and state the number of deliveries they need. The food is loaded into each vehicle, and the driver is on his/her way without ever having to get out of the car. It takes about an hour from start to finish to make a full run. With more drivers, it would take even less time. Please prayerfully consider investing some of your time to help feed the needy.

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"...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."—Matthew 25:40 NRSV

********** GREAT AMERICAN GIVE

Carter BloodCare Blood Drive

Monday, June 13th 9:00am to 3:00pm Cooper Community Health Center (91 West Side Square) Contact Liz McNamee-Wallace at 903-395-0586

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The property team is pleased to announce the following job opening:

Someone needed to mow, trim, and weed eat in the children's playground area west of the church.

<u>Hours</u>: Occasional, dependent on rain, probably every week to ten days in season.

<u>Qualifications</u>: The ability to find the work location and needs to possess own tools.

Pay: Poor to none

Apply at Church office. First candidate will be highly considered.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Jun 12 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Monday, Jun 13 Genesis 1:1-31 Tuesday, Jun 14 Genesis 2:1-4a Wednesday, Jun 15 Psalm 8 Thursday, Jun 16 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Friday, Jun 17 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Saturday, Jun 18 Matthew 28:16-20 Sunday, Jun 19 Matthew 28:18-20 Monday, Jun 20 Genesis 22:1-14 Tuesday, Jun 21 Genesis 22:1-14 Wednesday, Jun 22 Psalm 13:1-2 Thursday, Jun 23 Psalm 13:1-4 Friday, Jun 24 Psalm 13:5-6 Saturday, Jun 25 Romans 6:12-23

<u>Financial Update</u>			Attendance		
General Operating Fund				<u>May 29</u>	<u>June 5</u>
as of May 31, 2011		Year-to-Date	Early	42	31
Income:	\$ 42,330	\$176,751	9:45	11	15
Expenses:	\$ 29,236	\$156,384	Late	129	100
Fund Balance: +\$1,007			SS	53	70
(includes negative carryover from 2010)					

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