

# First United Methodist Church Commerce

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## WBS 2013: JUNE 17-21

For kids Pre-K - 5th Grade (kids will be grouped by age, based on the grade they have most recently completed)

This year's theme is "God's Everywhere Fun Fair". Kids will travel the world learning how God calls us to be gracious, loving neighbors to friends both near and far.

- Monday we will visit Japan, and the color of the day is ORANGE.
- Tuesday we visit Zimbabwe and wear RED.
- Wednesday we travel to the United Kingdom and our color is BLUE.
- Thursday's trip takes us to Australia and the color is PURPLE.
- Friday we'll wrap up the week in Mexico wearing our GREEN.

Registration forms are available in the Church Office, completed forms can be dropped in the folder on Alison's office door.



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

80 senior high and adult volunteers are coming from Lubbock, Huntsville, Cypress, Denton, and Frisco to Commerce the third week of July to serve people in need. They will combine their strengths to meet home repair and maintenance needs for low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners in our community. They will use our church as base camp for sleeping, eating, and worshiping and the TAMU-C Rec Center for showering. The U.M. ARMY is an opportunity for these volunteers to experience Christian growth through mission, worship, and fellowship. It is also an opportunity for us to extend our hospitality!



Here are ways to become involved:

- Refer someone who would benefit from a home repair or maintenance project and is a homeowner by contacting Angela Roberts (903.886.2142). Example projects include handicapped assistance and wheelchair ramps, exterior and interior painting, yard work, and house cleaning.
- Assist with the welcome dinner on Sunday, July 14, hosted by the Fun Loving Youth.
- Assist with the farewell dinner on Friday, July 19, coordinated by Judy Anderson (903.886.7432).
- Bake cookies and bring to church kitchen the week of July 14.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

If the amazing activity in our children, youth, and campus ministries is an indication, the future is bright indeed!

We want to congratulate our graduating seniors on a job well done:

- Ian Bruton
- Willie Ferrell
- Wesley Jensen
- Jessica King
- John Naizer
- Clay Patterson

And we want to congratulate the recipients of our FUMC Foundation's Kibler and Casey Scholarships: Wesley Jensen and Clay Patterson.



These children, youth, and university students represent our future—WE thank God for giving us the opportunity and blessing of nurturing them!

God's peace—  
Valarie

## Upcoming Worship

**Theme: Strangers and Neighbors**

**June 2**

Luke 7:1-10  
"Beyond the Pale"

**June 9**

Luke 7:11-17  
"God for Us and Them"

**June 16**

Luke 7:36-8:3  
"Scandal"

**June 23**

Luke 8:26-39  
"Lunacy and Lucidity"

**June 30**

Luke 9:51-62  
"Bound and Determined"

**8:45am ~ Chapel**

**9:45am ~ Chapel**

**11:00am ~ Sanctuary**

### Committee Chairs

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Teresa Heatherly  
(903) 886-7070  
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## Hear What's Happening with Boys & Girls Club of Commerce This Sunday

At the 11am worship service on June 2, Jenny Krueger will provide an update on the Summer Day Camp, which begins June 10 at A.C. Williams Elementary School. Jenny is the Chief Professional Officer at the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas.

The May drop-a-dollar offering totaling \$247 will be used to support the 8-week Summer Day Camp. All \$1 bills placed in the offering plate on June 2, will be added to this offering. You will also find an envelope in Sunday's order of worship, which can be used to submit designated gifts to the Boys & Girls Club of Commerce. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Kerry Hendricks, Commerce Site Director, at 903.466.3195.



The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the beginning of the month. Inputs may be submitted to the Church office to Bonnie Smith, Communications Specialist, at [communications@fumccommerce.org](mailto:communications@fumccommerce.org), or call the office at 903-886-3220. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

**\*\*The next deadline is Monday, June 17 by 9:00am\*\***



## BECOMING A PART OF THE NEW WESLEYAN NETWORK

What was life like for you when you were in college? What do you remember enjoying about college life? What was most challenging to you? Where did you see God at work? What were you looking for, hoping for? Now that you live in the “adult world”, what do you hope for these students at this time in their lives?



We on the Wesleyan Advisory Board ask ourselves these same questions that may be on your mind as well. It is our hope and prayer that we, as followers in the way of Christ, can join together in ministry alongside students, learning and growing with one another, as we listen and live for God’s call on us. What do you think? Can you picture yourself as an integral part of campus ministry?

**What is the Wesleyan Network?** We have established an official network of partners to reach out in ministry to the students at Texas A&M University of Commerce through the Wesleyan Campus Ministry! Many individuals and churches have already joined together in this ministry in various ways as we seek to Grow Deeper, Reach Farther, and Connect Together with students at this crucial time in their lives.

Now, before you ask, this is not just a thinly-veiled request for money. We truly are seeking to strengthen the ministry ties we already have and invite others to join through a mutual relationship of blessing. We are seeking these partnerships among congregations as well as individuals throughout the East District and the North Texas Conference!

**Network Partnerships** Individual and group partnerships with the Wesleyan Campus Ministry include:

- \* Pledged financial support (monthly or annual) of the Wesleyan Campus Ministry.
- \* (For groups) Provide lunch at the Wesleyan once a semester.
- \* An open invitation to join with the students at FYI Lunch on Wednesdays or Thursdays.
- \* A Wesleyan Network Newsletter published three times a year.
- \* A Prayer Calendar to pray for Wesleyan and TAMUC students.
- \* An invitation to the annual Wesleyan Celebration Dinner.

**How Do I/We Join the Wesleyan Network?** Plan as an individual, Sunday school class, or small group how we can partner with you, and contact Rev. Marc Corazao at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry to get things started!

Email: [marc@fumccommerce.org](mailto:marc@fumccommerce.org) Wesleyan Phone: 903-886-2953

## Youth Corner



# FLY

FLY is in a transition period as we prepare to send our seniors off into the world and welcome in our new junior high students as well as those moving up to high school. With that in mind we have been working to receive approval for a Junior High Intern for our youth program and that is almost a reality! This will help us transition our junior high students more effectively by giving them individual and age appropriate attention. With school coming to a close and summer around the corner look for the Youth to be doing a several things around the church and community from UM Army at the end of June and the Youth Week the last week of July were the youth have decided to upgrade our youth room and potentially re-brand. It is sure to be an exciting summer! Also thank you to all who have been purchasing Shares to assist in the financial costs of UM Army – we are blessed to have you all supporting our youth!

## THERE AND BACK AGAIN: Reflections from the Wesleyan Spiritual Pilgrimage to Taizé, France

After two long plane trips, a wonderful jet-lagged day in Paris, a quick trip on the super-fast TGV train, and a beautiful ride past country villages and lush, green hills of France, our group of thirteen from the Wesleyan stepped off our bus into the little community of Taizé. Home to eighty monastic brothers, Taizé welcomes thousands of young-adult pilgrims each year – living, praying, and breathing this “parable of community” of global faith and peace.



Take a moment to look at our Taizé pilgrimage through the eyes of two of our Wesleyan students:

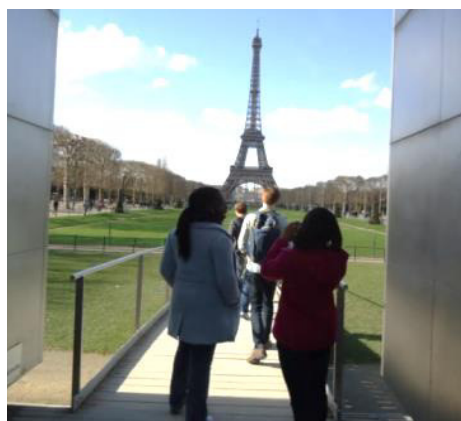
### *Reflections from Elizabeth Kolawole*

*I embarked on my trip to France telling people, I was going to a monastery to get closer to God and obtain mental peace, but I left with much more. In Taizé I found one place on earth where people look beyond social, religious, cultural, and political lines, a place where people are united by their thirst for a place of trust and a place of peace. Taizé is open to anyone, believers and nonbelievers, seeking peace, clarity, and hope.*

*The daily prayers consist of simple music, scriptures, and silence. No pastors, just direct communion with you and God. An excerpt from my journal gives my response to this unusual service:*

“Silence! Silence! Silence! So much is revealed in the silence. So much knowledge is disclosed. So much is learned when no words are spoken. In the silence I can hear my Lord speak, in the silence his Spirit in me connects to him.”

*This trip changed my life. It allowed me to find one place on earth where there is peace, and allowed me to pack that peace in my heart and take it with me wherever I go. Peace is found in silence, but only after you deal with the issues that are suffocated by sound. Only after you address your deepest fears, because in the silence all is revealed. In the silence you cannot hide behind dialogue or drown out your feelings with noise. In silence you must address your fears because they are screaming for your attention. I suppose they always have been, but we have been too afraid to stop and listen.*



### *Reflections from Ryan Klinck*

*Maybe more than anything, I have been divinely humbled through my pilgrimage to Taizé, France. I've realized that what we think we know about faith, about other people, and about love is in fact only a very small part of the whole canvas that God paints. Very rarely do we step back far enough to realize that it takes millions of stories to come together in order for the beauty of God's creation to take shape. Taking this step back requires us to seek unity through care-taking of the soul, something we are not very good at doing back at home. If we begin to seek God in this way, we may very well begin to understand the importance of knowing other people's whole stories as well as our own. For how can I understand the whole if I do not have all the pieces?*



Join Us  
for Grilled Hotdogs & Brats  
Following VBS Sunday  
Worship

Noon • June 23

Please bring a favorite side  
or dessert to share



### 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.

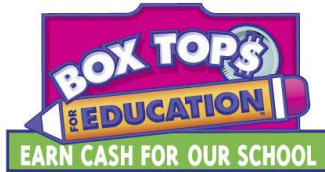
#### Daily Scripture Readings:

- Saturday, Jun 1 Luke 7:1-10
- Sunday, Jun 2 Luke 7:1-10
- Monday, Jun 3 1 Kings 17:8-16
- Tuesday, Jun 4 1 Kings 17:8-16
- Wednesday, Jun 5 1 Kings 17:17-24
- Thursday, Jun 6 Psalm 146
- Friday, Jun 7 Galatians 1:11-24
- Saturday, Jun 8 Luke 7:11-17
- Sunday, Jun 9 1 Kings 17:17-24  
Luke 7:11-17
- Monday, Jun 10 1 Kings 21:1-14
- Tuesday, Jun 11 1 Kings 21:15-21
- Wednesday, Jun 12 Psalm 5:1-3
- Thursday, Jun 13 Psalm 5:4-8
- Friday, Jun 14 Galatians 2:15-21
- Saturday, Jun 15 Luke 7:36-50
- Sunday, Jun 16 Luke 8:1-3
- Monday, Jun 17 1 Kings 19:1-9a
- Tuesday, Jun 18 1 Kings 19:9b-15a
- Wednesday, Jun 19 Psalm 42:1-5
- Thursday, Jun 20 Psalm 42:6-11
- Friday, Jun 21 Luke 8:26-39
- Saturday, Jun 22 Galatians 3:23-26
- Sunday, Jun 23 Galatians 3:27-29
- Monday, Jun 24 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-12
- Tuesday, Jun 25 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
- Wednesday, Jun 26 Galatians 5:1, 13-23
- Thursday, Jun 27 Luke 9:51-56
- Friday, Jun 28 Psalm 77:1, 11-20
- Saturday, Jun 29 Galatians 5:16-25
- Sunday, Jun 30 Luke 9:57-62



UMW will meet **Tuesday, June 18** at 12:00pm for a covered dish luncheon. The program will be brought by Harriet Williams about Children and Our Public Schools Today. Our June project is the Food Pantry, so we will collect food pantry items. **All women are invited to join us!**

UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education.



	Attendance			
	Early	9:45	Late	SS
<b>Apr 28</b>	20	19	122	72
<b>May 5</b>	25	13	101	59
<b>May 12</b>	34	15	95	68
<b>May 19</b>	18	16	75	55
<b>May 26</b>	20	15	90	52



Financial Update General Operating Fund		
as of April 30, 2013	Year-to-Date	
Income:	\$ 26,682	\$121,559
Expenses:	\$ 39,351	\$132,421
	-\$ 12,669	-\$ 10,862





# Prayer Lists

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

Mary Casey, Mendy Wilson, Jo Parker, Carrie Parker (the Parker's daughter-in-law), Effie Bell Bowen (Jo Parker's sister), Tom Klinck (Ryan Klinck's father), Bob Grove, Sally Grove, Arthur Joe, Jr. (the Englerts' friend), Jaron and Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's son and daughter-in-law), Amy Cryon (Wyman and Harriet Williams' friend), Gene Casselberry, Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother), 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).*



## Remembering those serving in our military...

2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division  
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey  
Lt. Dan Barton  
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker (Korea)-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law  
Col. Peter Bailey  
Lt. Col. Keith Williams  
Nathan Grove  
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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Articles for the next newsletter are due  
Monday, June 17 by 9:00am**

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