



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Kay Webber
Jan Vowell
Judy Anderson's mother

Continued Prayers for Church Family

FUMC-Commerce	Mark Sullivan
Janet Skauge	Jack Roberts
Jessie McKenzie	Jean Funderburk
Jo Parker	Edwina Threlkeld
Donna Cottle	Jeff Helton
Clay Yeager	Bill Terrell
Jean Ward	Robert Seay
Gary Kibler	

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Grayson Turner- 6-year-old M&M child with broken arms
Roger Kizer
Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)
Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)
Deidre Hildebrand
Gary Little
Cindy Long
David Crenshaw
Kathryn Scott
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
George O'Kelley
Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)
Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)
Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
Chance Thornton
Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)

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.

Our Troops and their families
Paden Marlin-Mary Means' grandson
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Matt Skelton-Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
Robert Starkey (Haiti)-Wanda Beane'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
Brian Richards-nephew of Judy Rudoff
Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
Terry & Robert Starkey-brothers of Wanda Beane
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

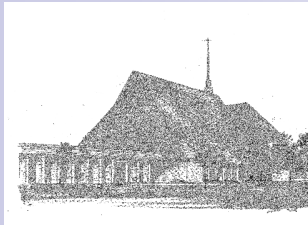


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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 7, 2010, 3:00 PM @ FUMC-COMMERCE



Our North Texas Annual Conference is organizing our annual charge conferences in a new way. We are being clustered with Wolfe City, Cooper, and Charleston UMCs to share stories of ministry, mission, and praise about what God is doing in our midst.

At 3:00 pm on November 7, all four congregations will gather here at FUMC-Commerce for a shared worship service. We will then break out into our individual congregational groups to conduct the annual business of electing lay leadership and approving the annual budget for 2011. Since this is a church conference, all professing members of FUMC-C will have voice and vote.

Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.



Come pray for our church!

Each Wednesday in October the Chapel will be open for prayer from 6:00 – 7:00pm. We are encouraging the congregation to take advantage of this time to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern our work as a church in the months and years ahead.

Your Church at Work: October Offering



One of the biggest issues we face in Commerce is food security. During October, all \$1 bills placed in the offering plate will benefit the food assistance programs of the Commerce Alliance of Ministry. Your giving helps our church gain food security in our community.



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Dear FUMC Friends:

Change is in the air – I have seen a bit of early autumn color lately! The beautiful colors and shift in temperatures are welcome. But the change in seasons also brings shorter days and longer nights, which can give rise to feelings of melancholy for some. Such mixed responses to seasonal change are expected – and human.



It has been a year of change for the FUMC family. You have said goodbye to a beloved pastor and said hello to a new one. Such a change in leadership always brings with it some anxiety and questions: will the new pastor love us? (yes!) Will the new pastor help us to continue our good work? (I hope to do so!)

The changes in my family have also been significant. We left a church where we had served for seven years, moved from a home where we have lived for twenty-one years, and have come to Commerce to serve a new congregation and community. As with the FUMC-C family, such change brings with it some anxiety and questions: will the congregation love us? How long will it take to get used to our new home? And where the heck did I put that kitchen implement/long-sleeved tee shirt/tool box? Such is the nature of change – unsettled feelings are part of the adjustment.

Some changes come to us that aren't expected, but to which we must adapt. Our upcoming annual Church Conference is one of these. The North Texas Conference has structured our annual charge conferences differently. Each congregation in the conference is being "clustered" with neighboring congregations. Each church conference will feature a joint worship service celebrating the missions and ministries of the clustered congregations, followed by break-out sessions in which each congregation's annual business will be conducted. Our bishop has requested that each congregation conduct a church conference (in which each professing member has voice and vote) as opposed to a charge conference (at which the leadership only of each congregation has voice and vote). We have been clustered with the United Methodist congregations at Wolfe City, Cooper, and Charleston. Our joint worship service has been scheduled for 3:00 pm on November 7 here at FUMC-C, which will be followed by our individual break-out business sessions. I hope you will come be a part of this change in the way we do our annual business – it promises to be an exciting event.

There are also some things we wish could change, but the solutions to those situations seem to allude us, or be too big to handle. In particular, the poverty and need in our community presents an enormous challenge. Our Serve team is currently in a period of discernment about what the Spirit is guiding us to do in response to the challenges of poverty and food security in our community. The question is not *whether* we will serve this need – but rather *how* we will act to serve this need.

Change is afoot – and we all struggle to find our balance. But the Spirit calls us – let us follow!

God's peace and steadiness be with us all in this season of change –
Valarie

Worship

October 17, 2010

Rev. Valarie Englert
will preach on
Matthew 5:13

Please join us
this Sunday!

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

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The UMW will meet October 19th at 10:00am. Nell Avery will bring the program on our mission study—Sudan. Our mission project is to fill the gap left from Stuff the Bus: spiral notebooks (one subject, wide ruled), large chunk pink erasers, black and brown belts (size large).
All women are invited to join us.



Salvation Army Assistance

To more effectively serve those in need, The Texas Divisional Unit of the Salvation Army is currently reviewing the collection and distribution of the Red Kettle funds for this Christmas season and its service unit in Commerce. In the meantime, residents of Commerce may now contact the Salvation Army Greenville Unit for assistance with their utilities and rent. In addition, families may contact the Greenville unit to inquire about help with their children's Christmas gifts.

environment: comfortable, a non-traditional place, live here, have fun, be a part of it. **THE BRIDGE** is a non-traditional church in Commerce, TX, for young adults. For young adults, rethink church.

First United Methodist Church-Commerce
Dinner @ 6:30p
Worship @ 7:00p
(Next to Sonic/ Down the Street from Smith Hall)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

UNITY

A Night of UNITY and PRAISE!

All are WELCOME

NEW BEGINNINGS MULTICULTURAL GOSPEL CHOIR
UNIQUELY BYNDED PRAISE DANCE AND MIME MINISTRY
THE BRIDGE BAND

Join our FACEBOOK Page: The Bridge • FUMC-Commerce

Sunday Sessions:

Methodism 101 ~ Sundays, Oct. 17 & 24 from 9:50am to 10:30am: Facilitated by Pastor Valarie and Pastor Aleze. What is being a Methodist all about? What is our history? What do we believe? Come join us during October and find out the answers to these questions and more. Guests, interested persons, and cradle Methodists are all welcome! Contact the church office for more information.

Upcoming Sessions:

November 7 & 14: "Advent: A Season of Preparation" led by Teresa Heatherly

You are cordially invited to an
Open House at the Parsonage
Saturday, October 30
2:00pm - 5:00pm
2800 Meadowview
Rick and Val Englert, hosts
Refreshments will be served

Laity Sunday October 31

Interested in planning or participating?
Call the church office at
903-886-3220.

Financial Update

As of September 30, 2010

Income: \$263,650
Expenses: \$308,993
Difference: \$-45,343

Attendance

	Oct 3	Oct 10
Early	49	34
Late	123	146
Bridge	37	42
SS	96	91

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Oct 17	Luke 18:1-8
Monday, Oct 18	Joel 2:23-27
Tuesday, Oct 19	Joel 2:28-30
Wednesday, Oct 20	Psalm 65:1-8
Thursday, Oct 21	Psalm 65:9-13
Friday, Oct 22	2 Timothy 4:6-8
Saturday, Oct 23	2 Timothy 4:16-18
Sunday, Oct 24	Luke 18:9-14
Monday, Oct 25	Habakkuk 1:1-4
Tuesday, Oct 26	Habakkuk 2:1-4
Wednesday, Oct 27	Psalm 119:137
Thursday, Oct 28	Psalm 119:138-144
Friday, Oct 29	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12
Saturday, Oct 30	Luke 19:1-6

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