

# First News

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## Dennis the Minister

### "Re-Gifting Grace"

#### What do we do with what God has given us?

At Christmas we celebrated our belief in the Good News of the Gospel - that God had sent the fullness of God's own amazing, saving grace into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. So What? What difference does that make for this world and, in particular, what difference does that make for those of us who carry the name of Christ?

Most Christians would agree (in principle if not always in practice) that we are supposed to pass the gift on, not keep it to ourselves. Even in the act of passing it on we don't always agree - - some use an aggressive, in-your-face (even angry) kind of approach while others are so subtle as to seem lifeless. In our tradition we say we "re-gift" God's grace through the practices promised in our membership vows - - supporting the Church universal through our local church by our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

Join us through February 7<sup>th</sup> for our sermon series on "Re-Gifting Grace". Ashleigh will be preaching at 8:30 am and Dennis will preach at 9:45 and 11:00 am.



January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Prayers
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Presence
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gifts
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Service
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Witness



### Looking Ahead to Worship

#### Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 8:30 am  
Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 11:00 am

#### Contemporary Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

#### Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Traditional Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner, preaching  
Sanctuary, 8:30 am  
Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 11:00 am

#### Contemporary Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

#### Important information from the Church Council meeting:

**Finance Committee** -- John Mares reported that we ended the year about \$40,000 behind the budget which actually is fairly good news because mid-year we were over \$100,000 behind. So here are the encouraging points: 1) we're beginning the year with a very lean budget (i.e., last years actual expenditures) which the staff and committee will monitor closely 2) we are on an upswing in receipts 3) we have a couple of hundred thousand dollars in cash reserves. And remember that, prior to the recession hitting in mid '08, we had posted three years of significant financial growth. It will be a while before we're back to that point, but it appears that we're finally regaining some forward momentum.

**Pathway Team** -- Scott Wilson reported that from Pathway pledges and funds from the '01 campaign, we are very close to being able to accomplish the revised vision from the construction professionals in the group. We have over \$2 million pledged from about 30% of our families plus \$800K from the previous campaign. This work would include the long-awaited porte-cochere at the east entrance of the sanctuary plus, across the street, an auditorium (for worship, musical events, large youth gatherings), two large classrooms, restrooms (with shower facilities), and foyer, all finished out. The remainder of the building would be built but remain unfinished inside for now such as the church did with the second floor of Smartt Hall when it was built and then later finished. To accomplish this we need an approximately \$420,000 in additional pledges.

Discussions will continue about both of these reports and the next best steps for our church family. More to come on both of these topics.

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## Career Transitions Group ...

for those in the church family and community who may be in job transition or underemployed. We meet every Monday at 7:00 pm in Room 301 off of Wesley Fellowship Hall. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Jerry Alexander ([jerry.alexander@utdallas.edu](mailto:jerry.alexander@utdallas.edu)) or Doug Powers ([hdpowers@tx.rr.com](mailto:hdpowers@tx.rr.com)).

## Heroes, ...

a support group for people caring for aging parents, meets the third Wednesday of each month. Open to anyone, the meetings include people in diverse situations concerning parents' ailments, caregiving in town or long distance, sibling participation, etc.

Heroes will be lead by Diane Walker this month (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm in Room 302). She has proposed talking about what we learned from this past Christmas season regarding how the person we're caring for deals with the holidays. The fast pace of the Christmas season also changes how we care for our loved one. So what we might change for the coming year? All are welcome at the meeting - feel free to bring friends. For more information, contact Diane at [diane@lmcpcpa.com](mailto:diane@lmcpcpa.com).



## NEW! Dinner Fellowship Groups

Married or single adults meet 5 times a year for a few hours, to spend time with new people and form new friendships. This is a great way to get to know people in the church family!

Groups are made up of 8-10 people – adult couples and singles. Groups will meet 5 times a year, usually in group members homes - February, April, (skip June), July, September and November. Each group will choose their date, time and location.

Each group will have a "Lead Host" who will host the group for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and assure that the group meets during the year. Group members will take turns "hosting the group" usually in their homes and choose the menu, with group members bringing a side dish.

For more information or to sign up to be a group lead host or to be part of a group, please sign up on Sunday at the table in Wesley Hall or contact Rev. Susan Bryan – [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org).

## Need someone to Talk to? Stephen Ministers Need YOU!

We have 30 Stephen Ministers who have been trained to accompany persons from our church and community going through difficult times. At this time many of our Stephen Ministers don't have someone they are meeting with. We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from the support of caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers have gone through 50 hours of specialized training and are ready to provide emotional and spiritual care to persons going through difficult times. Everything is confidential and there is no charge. If you would like more info or to have a Stephen Minister, please contact: Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471, ext. 215 or [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org).

## A Grief & Healing Support Group for Adults

A 6-week support group for persons who have experienced the painful death of a loved one - to work through the grief process, grow through the loss, and find support from others. Sundays from 5:00-6:30 pm. Starts January 31<sup>st</sup>. Leaders are Rev. Joan Humphries and Carol Sheer. Fee is \$15 for the book, *How to Go on Living When Someone You Love Dies*. Register through the Adult Study Groups registration.

## Adult Study Groups

Our Adult Study Groups at FUMC, Coppell offer participants opportunities to gather together to grow in faith and discipleship through fellowship, prayer, study, reflection and small-group discussion.

- Please register for groups as soon as possible to help insure that studies will make, and so we can order books and plan for room set-up. Studies may be canceled due to low registration.
- **Childcare - Please note:** We are no longer able to offer childcare for most adult studies. If childcare is offered for a study group, this will be noted with the study group information.

Full listing of groups is available in welcome areas and on our website. You may register on line at [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org) - Connect - Adult Studies or by e-mailing [kbaker@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kbaker@fumccoppell.org).

## Short-Term and Ongoing Study Groups

### Pastor's Study Group

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm starts January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Led by Rev. Dennis Wilkinson Fee: \$12

*The Language of God* by Francis Collins

### What It Means to be United Methodist

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm No Fee  
3-weeks - January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Led by Revs. Ashleigh Joyner and Susan Bryan

### Women's Reading Group

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm starts January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Led by Rev. Susan Bryan Fee: \$15

*An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*  
by Barbara Brown Taylor

### P.E.A.R.L.S. (Personal Enrichment and Relations Ladies Study)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am ongoing  
Led by Michelle Bauer Fee: study book

### Morning Men's Bible Study

Mondays, 6:00-7:00 am ongoing  
Contact Ken Heffley Fee: study book

## Special Interest

### Dinner Fellowship Groups

See note to the left

### Yoga

Mondays, 9:00-10:00 am starts January 25<sup>th</sup>  
Led by Lucinda Bordonaro Fee: \$30

or

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm  
Led by Patti Carpenter

### Grief & Healing Support Group

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm starts January 31<sup>st</sup>  
Led by Rev. Joan Humphries & Carol Sheer Fee \$15  
*How to Go On Living When Someone You Love Dies*

### Knitting: More Sticks, More String

Sundays, 3:30-5:00 pm starts January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Led by Pam Dickinson-Noris Minimum age of 18



## Prayer Corner

### Just "Be" in the New Year

Do you ever feel like a human doing rather than a human being? Too busy, too hurried, and too stressed?

Reflect on this oft recited, rarely followed wise scripture passage:

"Be still and know that I Am God" Psalm 46:10

Center yourself and quiet your soul with this mantra -

Hear God say to you:

*Be still and know that I am God*

*Be still and know that I am*

*Be still and know*

*Be still*

*Be*

In this new year, just take sometime to just BE - Not do anything, not read anything, just BE with God. Don't just do something, sit there!

God's peace be with you,  
Susan B.



## Children

### Pastoral Care for Children in Grief or Divorce:

#### *Kids of Hope and Kids of Peace*

If your child has experienced divorce or the death of a loved one, please plan on enrolling them in our 8-week session beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>. The sessions will be separate groups, but will both meet on Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30 pm. If you have interest in enrolling your family or have a friend you'd like to invite, please contact Jennifer Scott at [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 208. **Please register by January 17<sup>th</sup>. If we do not have enough participants for the classes to make, we will offer the session again in September.**

### Children's Sabbath February 21<sup>st</sup>

February 21<sup>st</sup> will be a special day when we observe National Children's Sabbath. It is an opportunity for people of all ages and faiths to consider the urgent needs of children and to seek justice on behalf of those most vulnerable. It is a day of advocacy for ALL of God's children, regardless of race or social status or intelligence or ability. We will have a special guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Andy Stoker, on staff in the children and family ministries office of the North Texas Conference. He is a dynamic preacher, you will not want to miss this!

Please be collecting your gently used Children's clothing, baby items and car seats. We will also be collecting DIAPERS, WIPES, FORMULA and BABY FOOD. The beneficiaries of these items will be CCA-sponsored New Hope Learning Center in Lewisville and Captain's Hope kids, an organization serving homeless children in North Texas. We will collect all of these items for the month of February in Wesley Hall.

## Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats

Our next meeting of the CC's and JJ's will be Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 pm. We will gather in the Rotunda for a special performance by Nancy Burks Worcester of Nana Puddin' Productions! Nancy is an acclaimed storyteller, ventriloquist and actress. Parents, siblings and friends are encouraged to attend.

CC's and JJ's are fellowship groups for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. For more information, please contact Kelly Williams at 972-393-0069 or [kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org).

### Created by God - A Human Sexuality Seminar

This is a really important (and fun!) seminar for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Please mark your calendar now with the dates and times. All 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade families should have received a registration letter, if not, please contact the church office. Contact Jennifer Scott for more information ([jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org)).

- Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:00 pm mandatory parent meeting
- Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-9:00 pm the students meet
- Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am-2:00 pm the students meet  
2:00-3:00 pm joined by their parents



## Confirmation

### Service Project

Confirmands are needed to clean up Duck Pond Park during the month of January. Please contact Kelly Williams to volunteer, [kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org). You choose the date and time to complete this important project!

### Coming Soon!

Confirmation Retreat to Sky Ranch Conference Center on January 30-31, 2010. Retreat participants will depart by 8:00 am on Saturday and return by 12:30 pm on Sunday. Registration and bus loading will begin at 7:00 am on Saturday. Please contact [kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org) if you need to drive separately to Sky Ranch at a later time due to other activities. Don't forget to wear your FUMC Confirmation shirt!

### A Confirmation class for Youth in Grades 7-12 is Forming!

Marcia Mares will teach these youth beginning on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. This class will be held during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 am) and will culminate with vows of confirmation and church membership on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register for this class, please contact Kelly Williams at 972-393-0069 or [kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org).





# Youth

## Sunday School Classes for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders

On Sunday mornings, we all gather together in the Rotunda at 9:45 am for a time of fellowship with donuts and announcements for upcoming opportunities. We will ask for prayer requests, pray together as a large group, and then head to our different classrooms.

## Spring Break Mission Trip to Mexico March 13-19, 2010

Those in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to be a part of this experience. Cost for the trip is \$350 for those who sign up by January 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost increases to \$450 for those who sign up February 1<sup>st</sup> or after. We will be partnering with McFarlin UMC in Norman, OK for this wonderful opportunity to serve a community in need. We may be helping to build cinder block houses for families currently living in homes made of cardboard or we may be helping to build a community building such as a church or school. Registration packets are available in the Youth Ministries office and the front office.

## Night Out

January 24<sup>th</sup> we will have River Worship and dinner at Chicken Express. We start at 5:00 pm and finish by 8:00 pm.

## See a Dallas Stars Hockey Game

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm

Cost is \$20 per ticket. (40 tickets available so first come basis.)



# Music

## School of Fine Arts ...

The School of Fine Arts functions under the umbrella of the Music Ministry. It is our desire to provide the best in fine arts instruction to both students and adults.



Private and group lessons are offered in flute, guitar, string, piano, and voice. Enrollment continues throughout the school year.

### AND NOW

early childhood music courses (*baby beethovens*)  
taught by Amy Stoker

and

children's art classes (*petite picassos*)  
taught by Aubrey Robertson

For more information please contact Elizabeth Parker at [eparker@fumccoppell.org](mailto:eparker@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471 ext 203.

## Chancel Choir...

is open to anyone, regardless of ability level, that loves to sing and be part of a warm Christian Fellowship. We laugh, we play, we sing and you surely will have a great time in the Chancel Choir. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Frank at [nfrank@fumccoppell.org](mailto:nfrank@fumccoppell.org).

## Youth Choir

Come be a part of Youth Choir for youth ages 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. It isn't just for opera singers. Youth Choir is for youth who like to have fun by hanging with your friends, learning how to sing, and serving the church through song. We meet on Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Rotunda. If you have any questions, contact Nathan Frank at [nfrank@fumccoppell.org](mailto:nfrank@fumccoppell.org).



# Joys

Marriage of Tim Allen and Lisa Brown on December 26<sup>th</sup>.



# Missions

## Austin Street Shelter Thanks

A very special thanks to the many of you who were part of the 100 faithful from FUMC Coppell that braved the cold and snow and icy roads very early on Christmas morning and served a warm breakfast to nearly 400 homeless! What dedicated and brave road warriors we have in our midst!!! Many in our congregation helped by baking hot casseroles, serving breakfast, passing out small gift bags, and singing Christmas carols. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated. It is a blessing to be part of such a giving and caring congregation!!!

Cindy Warner

## Donations Needed for God's Beautiful School Children

Please help our long time church member friend and second year teacher Elizabeth Schaefer May. Central Elementary is a Title One school in Carrollton with virtually all students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. Please help her equip students with the tools to be successful next year in first grade, and in life. These items (except Kleenex) will be used for the kids to work on school projects at home as well as in the classroom. We will collect the following items in a box in Wesley Hall through Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your help!

- ★ Velcro
- ★ Crayons (thick or thin)
- ★ Manila construction paper
- ★ Craft supplies
- ★ Construction paper
- ★ Stickers or other small incentives
- ★ Kleenex
- ★ Ziploc bags
- ★ Fat Pencils
- ★ Glue bottles
- ★ Glue sticks
- ★ Markers

### Thank You From Captain's Hope Kids!

Many thanks for your generous response for Captain's Hope mission project on December 27<sup>th</sup>. We were able to deliver about 60 birthday boxes. We also delivered several clothing items and 14 beautiful handmade baby quilts by a generous soul in our congregation. Please know that each of you have brightened the lives of a homeless child in North Texas. They are in DESPERATE need of diapers, wipes, formula and baby food, so please keep them in mind when you're at the grocery store.



## New Members

### December 27<sup>th</sup>



Yinka and Oke Bamgbose



Carole Hart McCarthy



TJ, Lindsay and Landen Zimmerman

### January 10<sup>th</sup>

Kevin, Cheryl, Mackenzie and Caroline Kreplin





## Bits & Pieces

### Lost and Found

Did you know we have a church lost and found with all kinds of things - jackets, Bibles, lots of reading glasses, etc. If you have lost something, please come to the church office and claim your item. Lost and found is on the bottom shelf across from the main desk, behind the door.

### Loving Hands ...



is a ministry in our church that provides buddies for special needs children. If you would like to have a few hours to yourselves, but don't know who to ask to watch over your child. We can help.

We look forward to our next Saturday Evening of Rest, otherwise referred to as "church camp" by a couple of our kids, on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have you come join us for a few hours of fun! Questions please contact Kathy Braem at [kbraem@fumccoppell.com](mailto:kbraem@fumccoppell.com) or [kbraem@msn.com](mailto:kbraem@msn.com).

### Crafts & Fellowship

Have craft project? Need inspiration? The next Crafts & Fellowship is this FRIDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00 pm in FUMC Smartt Hall. Come and take a much needed break and work on whatever craft project you have going on. We will have tables set up for you to work on scrapbooks, photo albums, knitting, or whatever your hobby may be! Please feel free to bring a friend! This is a come and go event so come whenever you can! Please feel free to bring your own snacks. RSVP to Jen Bunting at [jen.bunting@verizon.net](mailto:jen.bunting@verizon.net) to let us know you're coming! Reserve the dates for our upcoming C&F events: Fridays, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-10:00 pm and March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-10:00 pm.



Join us each Wednesday evening in Wesley Hall from 6:00-7:00 pm. Reservations required. You can pay on Sunday morning in Wesley Hall or call the church office (972-462-0471) by 5:00 pm on Monday. Price is adults-\$5, children-\$4, maximum family amount-\$15.

#### Menu for January

- January 13<sup>th</sup> beef stew, French bread, fruit, dessert
- January 20<sup>th</sup> hobo meatball stew, cornbread, fruit, dessert
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Kielbasa (sausage) bean soup, rolls, salad, dessert

### The United Methodist Women

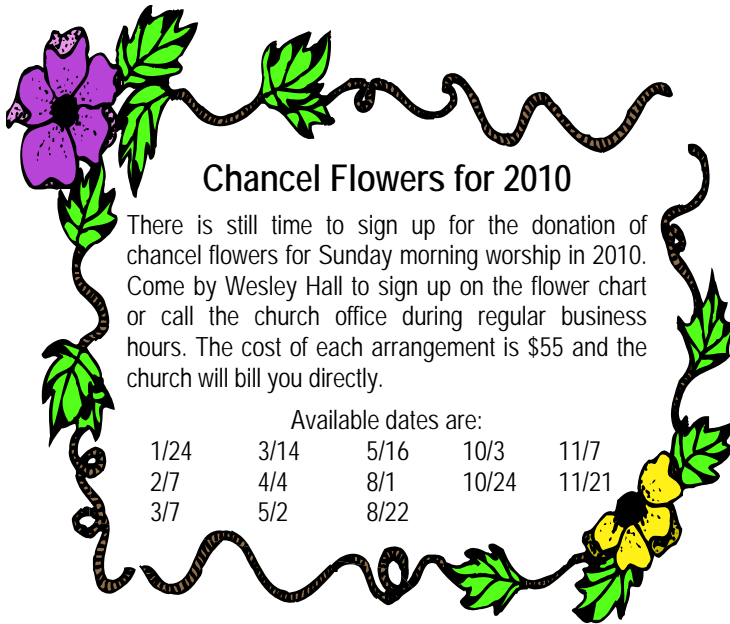
would like to thank everyone who brought cookies for the Cookie Jamboree last month! We were able to raise almost \$1,500 for financial support to our local and national charities!

We could not do this without you bakers. Each one of you made a difference in what we are able to donate this year. As many of you know, we ran out of cookies before 10:00 am. So, anyone coming for the 11:00 service did not even get to see a cookie (maybe just some crumbs). So, we will be campaigning even harder next December for more bakers to help us--we think we could have sold twice what we had! Thank you again for all who gave so graciously during this very busy time of year.

### Butterfly Collection



We are collecting butterfly ornaments (fabric/feathers) for the worship altar for Easter. These ornaments are in the stores now for Christmas trees. While you're out shopping, pick one or two up and bring to the "Butterfly Collection" basket in Wesley Fellowship Hall.



## Chancel Flowers for 2010

There is still time to sign up for the donation of chancel flowers for Sunday morning worship in 2010. Come by Wesley Hall to sign up on the flower chart or call the church office during regular business hours. The cost of each arrangement is \$55 and the church will bill you directly.

Available dates are:

1/24	3/14	5/16	10/3	11/7
2/7	4/4	8/1	10/24	11/21
3/7	5/2	8/22		

## Looking Ahead

Greg Tepper, editor with *Neighborsgo*, asked several area leaders and residents (Jayne Peters, Mayor of Coppell; Clay Phillips, Coppell City Manager; Cindy Warner, president of the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees; Laura Murray, Coppell resident and mother of three; and Dennis Wilkinson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coppell) questions about what the new year holds in store for them and their communities. You can read all articles in the January 8<sup>th</sup> issue or go to [www.neighborsgo.com](http://www.neighborsgo.com). Read below what Dennis had to say.

### The Year Ahead, Coppell: Focus on Faith

*What challenges and opportunities do you foresee for congregations of all faiths in 2010?*

I think the challenges for the faith communities in 2010 remain pretty much as they have been during the past year. On one hand it will be to offer encouragement to people in the face of the ongoing economic uncertainties and also to offer emergency assistance where necessary. On the other hand, it will be to counsel courage in the face of the fear of terrorism and caution in the face of the tendency to stereotype and demonize people as a result of that same fear. These challenges thus become our opportunities to witness to the sustaining power of our various faith perspectives.

*How do you think your people of faith are most likely to make a difference this year?*

Another particular way I would yearn for people of faith to make a difference this year is to let our faith help us to not be so immediately gullible nor judgmental as a result of the latest bit of information that comes across our myriad modes of instant communication. From television satellite news reports to news homepages to blogs to texts to tweets, there is an enormous amount of partial or inaccurate information and even misinformation available every day which people accept as truth and then pass on without ever applying sound reason, good judgment or even kindness and decency. We people of faith should be above that, especially when it so easily fosters suspicion, mistrust and anger.

## And A Little Child Shall Lead Them...

Yesterday in Sunday School, I started to pray and one of our little boys started to take over, so I let him. He said, "Thank you, God for all you do for us, blah blah blah blah. Amen." I pretended I didn't hear the "blah blah" and thanked him for wanting to say the prayer!

*Submitted by a First UMC Sunday school teacher*

*We need your faith stories from kids! Anything you feel like you'd like to share about a child blessing your life or leading us along the journey of faith. Please email [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org).*



## Attention All Families Who Use Our Church Nursery

In order to be good stewards of our church's finances and in recognition of current budgetary constraints, we will no longer be able to provide childcare for a meeting, study or any other church ministry event unless there are reservations for at least 4 children. This new policy took effect January 1, 2010. The procedure for reservations remains the same. If you would like to request childcare for an event, Bible study, or meeting, please call 972-462-0471, ext. 226. If you make a reservation for your child and there are not reservations for 4 children at least 48 hours in advance, then you will receive a phone call AT LEAST 24 hours in advance asking you to make other childcare arrangements. We know that with major change, comes questions and concerns. Please contact Jennifer Scott ([jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 208) if you have questions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this important matter of stewardship!

## Note From Trustees

Please be aware of safety around the church!! (ie leaving after dark to your car, shutting doors behind when you enter or leave, etc).

## The Bread Ministry Bakers Corner



### Apple Bread

2 cups flour	1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp. baking powder	1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 tsp baking soda	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 tsp salt	1 cup apples - peeled, cored and shredded
1 cup sugar	
2 eggs	

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease one loaf pan. Mix together flour, baking powder, soda, salt and nuts. In a large bowl, beat margarine, sugar and 1 egg until smooth. Beat in second egg, and stir in vanilla. Stir in shredded apples. Pour flour mixture into batter; stir just until moistened. Spread into prepared pan. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.



## Calendar for January 13<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday, January 13

49:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2  
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers  
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choirs  
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Café  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMW Board Mtg  
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Grp  
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration  
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 14

7:15 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 am-12:00 pm Stringfellow Board Mtg  
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 3  
 9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S.  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Winter Weekend  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Friday, January 15

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 5:00 pm-10:00 pm Crafts & Fellowship  
 6:00 pm-9:00 pm Winter Weekend

### Saturday, January 16

All Day Winter Weekend  
 4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre  
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball  
 8:30 am-12:00 pm Tx Creative Arts Academy  
 8:30 am-12:30 pm Confirmation Field Trip  
 10:00 am-4:00 pm Musical Rehearsals  
 5:00 pm-9:00 pm Evening of Rest

### Sunday, January 17

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am  
 Worship Services  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Hungry for the Word  
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp  
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra  
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm CC's and JJ's  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells  
 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg  
 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMYF  
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

### Monday, January 18

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 Office Closed  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transitions Grp  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals  
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

### Tuesday, January 19

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:00 am Morning Covenant Grp  
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Cell Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Missions Mtg  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Wednesday, January 20

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2  
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers  
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choirs  
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Café  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Women's Retreat Planning Mtg  
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Grp  
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guys Cell Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration  
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 21

7:15 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 3  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm JOY Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Knitting Workshop  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm UMW Kairos Circle  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Friday, January 22

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 5:00 pm-9:00 pm JD Williams Cotillion

### Saturday, January 23

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre  
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball  
 8:30 am-12:00 pm Confirmation Field Trip  
 10:00 am-4:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Sunday, January 24

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am  
 Worship Services  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Hungry for the Word  
 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Boy Scout Merit Badge Class  
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp  
 2:30 pm-4:00 pm Story of Christianity  
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra  
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Beginning Knitting  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm COE Mtg  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Confirmation Retreat  
 Chaperone Mtg  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMYF  
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

### Monday, January 25

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Coppell MOMS Grp  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transitions Grp  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals  
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

### Tuesday, January 26

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:00 am Morning Covenant Grp  
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg  
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm UMW Mary Martha Circle  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

*Note: Be sure to check the weekly calendar in the Sunday bulletin or church website for any additions and/or changes to the calendar.*



## First Church Finances At a Glance

	Preliminary Year to Date @ 12/31/09	2008 Actual Year to Date @ 12/31/08	Variance
Offerings and Other Income	\$ 2,030,472	\$ 2,114,200	\$ ( 83,728)
Operating Expenditures	(2,071,202)	(2,052,085)	( 19,117)
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ ( 40,730)	\$ 62,115	\$ (102,845)
<b>Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 525,958</b>	<b>\$ 480,027</b>	<b>\$ 45,931</b>



**Online Giving** - Gifts can be made for our general church budget, capital campaign and other purposes through your checking account, savings account or credit card on-line through our website, [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org). Go to "Giving", select "Donations" and click on the "Online Offering" symbol.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

### The United Methodist Church - Did you know?

Interested in knowing more about our denomination? Great websites to check out are:

- History/Beliefs - [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)
- Discipleship Ministries - [www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)
- Daily Devotionals - [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)
- Cokesbury Books - [www.cokesbury.org](http://www.cokesbury.org)
- North Texas Conference - [www.ntcumc.org](http://www.ntcumc.org)

### Please Note

Cleanup process continues on the north/old building. Please be patient.



### Hearing Assistance Devices ...



are available in the sanctuary. Pick one up at the sound booth or ask an usher if you are in need of one.

## Staff Directory

(972) 462-0471

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson	Senior Pastor	(213)
Rev. Jennifer Scott	Pastor (Children's Ministries)	(208)
Rev. Susan Bryan	Pastor	(215)
Rev. Ashleigh Joyner	Pastor	(214)
Nathan Frank	Director of Music	(216)
Elizabeth Parker	Associate Director of Music	(203)
Deanna Goodman	Director of Children's Music	(228)
Tiffany Ogdon	Accompanist	
Mark Cozart	Heartfire Band Leader	
Drew Sher	Director of Youth Ministries	(217)
TJ Zimmerman	Associate Director of Youth	(237)
Kelly Williams	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Kathy Braem	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Karen Rodriguez	Nursery Director	
Anne Hinkle	Director of Finance	(212)
Amy Richardson	Financial Assistant	
Susan Walsh	Exec. Administrative Manager	(200)
Kay Thomas	Administrative Assistant	(211)
Kathy Baker	Administrative Assistant	(210)
Tim Allen	Operations Manager	(234)
Dena Nichols	Stringfellow School	(972-393-0698)

Childcare Reservation Note: Please call 972-462-0471, ext. 226 to make or cancel reservations for childcare at least 48 hours in advance.

First United Methodist Church  
420 S Hartz Rd  
Coppell, TX 75019

Return Service Requested

# SCRIP ORDER FORM

Revised 12/4/2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Singer to be Credited \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "First United Methodist Church" with "SCRIP" in the memo section.

You may mail your order directly to the church office c/o Nathan Frank (420 S Hertz, Coppell 75019). If you would like your order mailed back to you, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your order.

\*For Assistance with scrip:  
Contact the church office at 972-462-0471.

All orders must be received by 6:00 pm on Sunday to be able to pick up the following Sunday.

**Vendor**                      **Qty**   **Amt**   **Total**   **Choir**  
   **Each**   **Profit**   **Rcvd**

## Automotive

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
Chevron		\$ 50		1.5%	
Exxon/Mobil		\$ 50		1.5%	
Shell		\$ 25		1.5%	

## Travel

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
American Airlines		\$ 100		8%	
American Airlines		\$ 250		8%	
Choice Hotels		\$ 25			
Hyatt		\$ 25		9%	
Hyatt		\$ 100		9%	
Marriott		\$ 50		12%	
Marriott		\$ 100		12%	

## Grocery Stores

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
HEB		\$ 25		3%	
Kroger		\$ 25		5%	
Kroger		\$ 100		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 25		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 100		5%	

**Vendor**                      **Qty**   **Amt**   **Total**   **Choir**  
   **Each**   **Profit**   **Rcvd**

## Restaurants

Vendor	Qty	Amt Each	Total	Choir Profit	Rcvd
Applebee's		\$ 25		8%	
Arby's		\$ 10		8%	
Boston Market		\$ 10		12%	
Burger King		\$ 10		4%	
California Pizza Kitchen		\$ 10		4%	
Cheesecake Factory		\$ 25		5%	
Chili's / On The Border		\$ 25		11%	
Chipotle		\$ 10		6%	
Chuck E Cheese		\$ 10		8%	
Cracker Barrel		\$ 10		9%	
Dave & Buster's		\$ 25		8%	
Denny's		\$ 10		7%	
Domino's		\$ 5		5%	
Fat Daddy's		\$ 10		20%	
Honey Baked Ham		\$ 10		12%	
Jack in the Box		\$ 10		4%	
Kentucky Fried Chicken		\$ 5		9%	
Mimis Cafe		\$ 25		5%	
Ole's Tex-Mex		any size		15%	
Olive Garden/Red Lobster		\$ 25		9%	
Outback Steakhouse/Carraba's		\$ 25		4%	
Panera Bread		\$ 10		9%	
Papa John's		\$ 10		6%	
P.F. Chang/Pei Wei		\$ 25		7%	
Pizza Hut		\$ 10		9%	
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse		\$ 50		10%	
Saltgrass/Rainforest Café/Landry's		\$ 25		9%	
Starbucks Coffee		\$ 10		7%	
Starbucks Coffee		\$ 25		7%	
Subway		\$ 10		3%	
TGI Fridays		\$ 25		8%	
Wendy's		\$ 10		4%	

Vendor                      Qty      Amt      Total      Choir      Rcvd  
Each      Profit

**Retail Stores**

Ace Hardware		\$ 25		4%	
AMC		\$ 25		7%	
Amazon.com		\$ 25		4%	
American Eagle Outfitters		\$ 25		8%	
American Express		\$ 100		1.25%	
American Express		\$ 200		1.25%	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton		\$ 10		9%	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton		\$ 25		9%	
Bass Pro		\$ 25		7%	
Bath & Body Works		\$ 10		17%	
Bath & Body Works		\$ 25		17%	
Bed, Bath and Beyond		\$ 25		7%	
Best Buy		\$ 25		2%	
Best Buy		\$ 100		2%	
Blockbuster Video		\$ 4		15%	
Blockbuster Video		\$ 10		7%	
Borders/Waldenbooks		\$ 10		8%	
Borders/Waldenbooks		\$ 25		8%	
Build A Bear		\$ 25		8%	
Cinemark Theatres		\$ 25		14%	
Claire's		\$ 10		7%	
Container Store		\$ 25		9%	
Crate and Barrel		\$ 25		8%	
CVS Pharmacy		\$ 25		2%	
Dillard's		\$ 25		9%	
Dillard's		\$ 100		9%	
Express/Structure		\$ 25		13%	
Family Christian Stores		\$ 25		9%	
GameStop		\$ 25		3%	
Home Depot		\$ 25		4%	
Home Depot		\$ 100		4%	
Home Depot		\$ 500		4%	
iTunes		\$ 15		4%	
J C Penney		\$ 25		5%	
J C Penney		\$ 100		5%	

Vendor                      Qty      Amt      Total      Choir      Rcvd  
Each      Profit

**Retail Stores**

Jo Ann Fabrics		\$ 20		6%	
Kohl's		\$ 25		4%	
Kohl's		\$ 100		4%	
Land's End		\$ 25		9%	
Limited		\$ 25		9%	
L.L. Bean		\$ 25		15%	
Lowe's		\$ 25		4%	
Lowe's		\$ 100		4%	
Macy's		\$ 25		9%	
Macy's		\$ 100		9%	
Men's Warehouse		\$ 25		7%	
Michaels		\$ 25		4%	
Office Depot		\$ 25		4%	
Office Max		\$ 25		4%	
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic		\$ 25		9%	
Payless Shoes		\$ 20		13%	
Pier 1		\$ 25		9%	
Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma		\$ 25		8%	
Radio Shack		\$ 25		4%	
Regal/ United Artist		\$ 25		8%	
Ross		\$ 25		8%	
Sally Beauty		\$ 25		8%	
Sears		\$ 25		4%	
Sears		\$ 100		4%	
Sephora		\$ 20		4%	
Sports Authority		\$ 25		8%	
Staples		\$ 25		5%	
Talbots		\$ 25		8%	
TJMaxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods		\$ 25		7%	
Toys "R" Us/Kids "R" Us/ Babies		\$ 20		1.5%	
Wal-Mart		\$ 25		2%	
Wal-Mart		\$ 100		2%	
Walgreens		\$ 25		2%	