

# First News

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## Dennis the Minister

### Closing Out

- Anne Hinkle, our Business Manager, reports that despite the economic chaos of the Fall, we should break even on our receipts and expenditures for 2008.
- Our Trustees received the check for the natural gas lease on our property and they will consult with the Finance Committee and report to the Church Council on the proposed use of that in the weeks ahead.
- Christmas Eve saw our highest worship attendance in several years. Christmas morning saw our highest participation ever (230!) for the Austin Street Shelter breakfast.

### Looking Ahead

- At a called Church Conference on December 14<sup>th</sup>, the vote was to proceed with a capital campaign after Easter. The goal will be to secure three-year pledges to underwrite a ministry vision which includes major renovations to the existing facility and new construction across the street.
- There has been significant conversation before, during and after that meeting about the economic uncertainties ahead in our country. There seem to be no illusions about the magnitude of the challenge. But the prevailing conviction of the supporters of the initiative is that we need to pray hard, plan well and press on for the sake of key ministries of this church.
- The key ministries which will benefit from this work will be:
  - more space for large and growing Sunday School classes of all ages
  - dedicated and creatively functional youth space
  - intermediate-sized auditorium space for contemporary worship, pops events, musical productions, smaller wedding and funerals
  - improved facilities for Stringfellow School.

### Giving Thanks

- Count your blessings in this new year.
- Be a blessing in this new year.

Grace and Peace,

\* Check your bookshelves please. If you have any books you may have borrowed from me, please drop them by the office. In particular, I'm missing a couple of books on Revelation and apocalyptic literature.

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### Looking Ahead to Worship

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Traditional Service

Rev. Perry Crenshaw, preaching  
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

#### Contemporary Service

Rev. Perry Crenshaw, preaching  
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### Guest Preacher Next Sunday!

(*The Shack* series will resume on  
January 25<sup>th</sup>.)

Rev. Perry Crenshaw, a good friend of our clergy staff, a gifted preacher and singer, will preach at all three services. Perry has been appointed to lead a new church start in Grand Prairie.



## Adult Study Groups

These groups offer participants opportunities to grow in faith and discipleship – growing closer to God and others in the shared experience of prayer, study, reflection and small-group discussion. **Please Note: Disciple Bible Studies will begin again in the Fall.**

To register:

- ☺ e-mail or call Kathy Baker at [kbaker@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kbaker@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 210 (Please give her your name, day time phone number and e-mail address)
- ☺ go to the church website, [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org) under "Ministries", "Adult Studies" and click on "Submit Registration".

For more information about adult study groups, please contact: Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471 or [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org).

- **Pastor's Study Group**  
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm; starting January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Leader: Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- **What It Means to be United Methodist**  
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm; February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
Leader: Rev. Susan Bryan
- **NEW! The Way of Forgiveness**  
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm; starting January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Leader: Peggy Sham
- **10:17 Men's Bible Study**  
Sundays, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Leader: Scott Wilson
- **Hungry for the Word**  
Sundays, 6:00-7:30 pm  
Leader: Terry Settle
- **Monday Morning Men's Bible Study**  
Mondays, 6:00-7:00 am
- **Women's Reading Group**  
Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, starting January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Leader: Rev. Susan Bryan
- **The Story of Christianity**  
Sundays, 2:30-4:00 pm, every other week  
Leader: Jeanne Crandall
- **Divorce Recovery**  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, starting February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Leader: Jeff and Pam Martin Varnell
- **Grief and Healing**  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, starting February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Leader: Rev. Joan Humphries
- **NEW! Knitting: Sticks and String: Beginning Knitting**  
Sundays, 2:00-3:30 pm, starting February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Leader: Pam Dickinson-Noris (minimum age-18)
- **Financial Peace University**  
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, 13 weeks starting February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Leaders: Bill & Peggi Smothermon
- **In the Prayer Garden: Mornings Apart**  
Saturday, 9:30-11:30 am, February 28<sup>th</sup> and/or May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **P.E.A.R.L.S.**  
Ongoing, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am  
Leader: Lindy Kinnan

- **Yoga**  
Mondays, 9:00-10:00 am or 7:00-8:00 pm  
10 sessions starting January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Leaders: Lucinda Bordonaro & Patti Carpenter
- **Introduction to Spanish**  
Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm, starting January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Leader: Holly Whiting
- **Women's Retreat**  
March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at Prothro Center, Texoma

## Interested in Genealogy?

Wes Mays has been working on genealogy for over 20 years and is wanting to know if there is interest in an 8–12 week adult study group to show the basics to those just starting out on this quest. There are a number of facilities in the metro area that the group could visit that will be helpful in the research. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Wes at [wlc\\_mays@msn.com](mailto:wlc_mays@msn.com).

## Small Groups Organizational Gathering

We are hoping to start new adult small groups in the fall. If you have an interest in working with Margaret Bryan, Billy Faught and Susan Bryan in helping start and lead these groups, please let us know! We will meet on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 pm for prayer, discernment and brainstorming next steps. Please contact Rev. Susan Bryan if you are interested in being part of this new thing at [FUMC - sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org).

## Career Transition Group, ...

for those in the church family and community who may be in job transition or underemployed, meets Mondays at 6:30 pm in Room 301. If you are employed and willing to meet with one of the group members for an informational interview (candidate will not ask for a job but will seek your advice and direction to go in for their job search) then please email your name, title, email address, phone and company name to [doug.powers@jpl.com](mailto:doug.powers@jpl.com). Doug will protect your privacy and only distribute your contact information to candidates specifically asking for networking names in your field.

## Heroes Support Group

Our next meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in room 303. Always open to those caring for aging parents, the first Heroes meeting of 2009 will feature Tena Burrell, a speaker sponsored by the Dallas Area on Aging. Her presentation on Long Distance Caregiving will address emotional and practical aspects of caring for aging parents who do not live nearby. Meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, all are welcome to this support group - invite your friends and neighbors who might benefit. For information contact Marilyn Horton, 972-393-1304 or [marhorton@gmail.com](mailto:marhorton@gmail.com).

## Deadline Coming for Women's Retreat

We need to know by February 1<sup>st</sup> if you're coming to the retreat March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss it. It's going to be great fun – pajama twister, karaoke, smores, walks by the lake, naps, laughter, prayer, etc. etc. Complete info on the website – [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org) or on the pink table in Wesley Hall. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns! Contact Susan Bryan or Ellen Diers.



## Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats

Our next meeting of the CC's and JJ's will be Sunday, January 18<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).

## Kids in Mission



has started back for 2009! Please continue to save your used cell phones and INKJET cartridges (**We cannot take the big laser jet cartridges**). Please put them in the bin by the

back restrooms in Wesley Hall. The money raised from this recycling project will benefit our mission project for the year – *Nothing But Nets* – where \$10 buys a net to help protect a family in Africa from the deadly disease of Malaria.

## Children Who Participated in the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

Thank you for helping lead us in worshipping the Christ child. Thank you for sharing your gifts of reading, praying, acting and playing the piano with the congregation. You did such an awesome job and I was so proud of each of you!  
Pastor Jennifer

## 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 7-week session February 15<sup>th</sup>-April 5<sup>th</sup> (no class March 15<sup>th</sup>). The sessions will be separate groups, but will both meet on Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30 pm. We ask that the children commit to the entirety of the sessions. 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. These are offered in conjunction with our adult groups. For more information or to sign up, please contact: Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471 or [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org).

## February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Created by God/A Human Sexuality Seminar for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders

This is a really important (and fun!) seminar. Letters were mailed out to all of our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade families this week. Please don't wait until the deadline to register, it filled up early last year. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Scott at [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org).

- Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:00 pm there is a mandatory parent meeting
- Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-9:00 pm the students meet
- Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:00 am-2:00 pm the students meet

## 2009 Children's Pledge Envelopes

Parents, if your child made a financial pledge to the church for this year, they should have received special pledge envelopes in their Sunday school class Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive them, please contact Jennifer Scott at [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 208.

## Stringfellow School News



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Stringfellow School will be hosting a Community Open House on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm. Spread the word that this will be a great opportunity to check out the school if you **DO NOT** already attend.

Registration for the 2009-2010 School year is almost here.

- Current enrollee registration will be Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Church Member registration will be on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00 am in Wesley Hall. You must have become a member by 1-1-09.
- Community Registration will be on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>



## Walk To Emmaus

Dennis talked about the Walk to Emmaus in his sermon on January 4<sup>th</sup>. All four of our pastors have been on the Walk and have found it a very meaningful and worthwhile experience. If you haven't been to Emmaus, please prayerfully consider making this the year that you go! These 72 hour retreats are held nearby at Lake Sharon and go from Thursday – Sunday evenings. Men's Walks are: February 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Women's Walks are: March 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, go to: [www.dentonemmaus.org](http://www.dentonemmaus.org) or take home a brochure at the welcome center. For more information, please contact Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471 or [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org).



## Congratulations To ...

Steve and Rebecca Heck at the birth of their son, Grayson James, on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Proud brother is Tyler.

Kevin and Lindy Kinnan at the birth of their daughter, Leigh Elizabeth, on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Proud brother is Cole.



## 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!

## Our Rescheduled Field Trip ...

to Temple Emmanuel is planned for Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:15-8:00 pm. The field trip includes travel time, a tour, and a worship service. Medical release/permission to transport forms are needed for each confirmand attending the field trip. To reserve a spot or ask questions, please contact Marnie Crawford at [marniecrawford@verizon.net](mailto:marniecrawford@verizon.net).

## Coming Soon!

Confirmation Retreat to Sky Ranch Conference Center on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!

## It's Another Field Trip!

Under the leadership of Bishop Earl Bledsoe, the **North Texas Conference Confirmation Celebration** will be held on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, Denton (201 S. Locust). Confirmands from across our conference will gather for music, games, crafts, missions and worship. Nashville singer, Celia Whittler, will perform.

FUMC participants and parent chaperones should be prepared to gather at our church at 1:15 pm to divide into carpools and return by 5:45 pm. Youth should wear their FUMC confirmation t-shirts. We need to register for this special event by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Elizabeth Henry ([ebhntx@yahoo.com](mailto:ebhntx@yahoo.com)) to participate or to chaperone.

## A Confirmation Class for Youth in Grades 7-12 Begins Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>!

Marcia Mares will teach this class to be held in room 307 during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 am). This class will culminate with vows of confirmation and church membership on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to register, please contact Kelly Williams at 972-393-0069 or [kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org).



## Take Note

There **will not** be UMYF, snack supper or River Worship on January 18<sup>th</sup> for Middle School or High School youth due to CISD holiday.

## New Weekly Schedule for Youth Ministries

2:00-3:00 pm	Ruach Wind Ensemble
3:00-3:30 pm	Exaltation Ringers (high school)
3:30-4:00 pm	Chapel Ringers (middle school)
4:00-5:00 pm	Middle School UMYF in Rotunda High School Choir in Choir Room
5:00-5:30 pm	Snack Supper for all in Smartt Hall (please bring \$3 for food)
5:30-6:30 pm	High School UMYF in Rotunda Middle School Choir in Choir Room
6:30-7:00 pm	Closing River Worship for all
7:00 pm	Heading Home

## McSundays

### Youth Ministries Fundraiser...

started up on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The McDonalds on Denton Tap has recently agreed to help our youth raise money towards missions and other projects. On the second Sunday of each month from 12:00-5:00 pm McDonalds will give back 25% from anyone's purchase who mentions helping the Youth Ministries of FUMC and gives back their receipt. Please help support the Youth Ministries of our church once a month at McDonalds. The upcoming dates are February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Spring Break Mission Trip to Mexico

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 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost increases to \$450 for those who sign up January 26<sup>th</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 or a community building such as a church or school. Registration packets are available in the Youth Ministries office and church office.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- February 1<sup>st</sup> Souper Bowl of Sharing/Youth Super Bowl Party, 6:00-10:00 pm
- February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Coffee House, 6:30-10:00 pm
- February 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Retreat for youth grades 6-12, Planet Wisdom in Irving. Cost for the retreat is \$50 plus some food.
- March 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Spring Into Action Spring Break Mission Trip to Mexico



### Chili Cook Off

January 25<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am service the church is having it's second annual Chili Cook Off in Wesley Hall! The chili will be judged on taste and table decoration, so get your recipes going and get creative in your decorations. If would like more information about entering your chili please contact Nathan Frank at [nfrank@fumccoppell.org](mailto:nfrank@fumccoppell.org). The chili is free, but donations will be accepted, so come one come all.

### Calling All Children!

We are looking for a few more singers for our children's choirs! January is a great time to join the choir! We have choirs for four-year-olds (by September 1, 2004) through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The four's, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15 pm. The 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm.

Singing in the choir is a great way to serve God and the church, learn about music, and make new friends! We have some great things planned. Come and join us! For more information, contact Deanna Goodman at 972-462-0471, ext. 228 or [dgoodman@fumccoppell.org](mailto:dgoodman@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 in the Choir Room - Middle School youth from 5:30-6:30 pm and High School youth from 4:00-5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Henry Waters at [hwaters@fumccoppell.org](mailto:hwaters@fumccoppell.org).

### 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. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Frank at [nfrank@fumccoppell.org](mailto:nfrank@fumccoppell.org).



### Sunday Music Schedule As of January 4<sup>th</sup>

Ruach Wind Ensemble	2:00-3:00 pm	Choir Loft
Exaltation Ringers (high school)	3:00-3:30 pm	Choir Loft
Chapel Ringers (middle school)	3:30-4:00 pm	Choir Loft
Youth Choir (high school)	4:00-5:00 pm	Choir Room
Shalom Ringers (adults)	5:00-6:00 pm	Choir Loft
Youth Choir (middle school)	5:30-6:30 pm	Choir Room



### Austin Street Shelter Thanks

A very special thanks to the many of you who helped with the breakfast at Austin Street Shelter on Christmas morning! Over 200 faithful from FUMC Coppell served a warm breakfast to nearly 400 homeless very early on Christmas morning. Many in our congregation helped by baking hot casseroles, serving breakfast, passing out small gift bags, giving out warm blankets, and singing Christmas carols. A special thanks to all who donated blankets and to Bob Rehm for once again leading the Christmas carols. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

It is a blessing to be part of such a giving and caring congregation!!!  
Cindy Warner

### Lydia Patterson Mission Trip

Coppell First United Methodist Church has been allocated July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> for our mission trip to Lydia Patterson. There will be plenty of work to be performed. Please prayerfully consider attending this wonderful opportunity in El Paso. Each participant will have to arrange for transportation to and from El Paso but the school will provide a place to sleep each night. The house where the team stays has a full kitchen and there are grocery stores close by. Please look for the sign up sheet on the Mission Table in Wesley Hall. If you have questions, please contact Clyde Vasey at 972-506-9311.

### FUMC/KIVA Micro Finance Portal Available

See the loans we have made around the world.  
<http://www.kiva.org/community/explore?page=community&action=explore&queryString=united+methodist&category=all>



### Chancel Flowers for 2009

There are still a few available dates (January 18<sup>th</sup>, January 25<sup>th</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>) for the donation of chancel flowers for Sunday morning worship in 2009. 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 \$50 and the church will bill you directly.

### Loving Hands ...

is offering our Saturday Nights of Rest for 2009 (January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>). Please consider volunteering for one or more nights and help us share God's love with our Special Friends.

Contact Heather Shaw at [hshaw@fumccoppell.org](mailto:hshaw@fumccoppell.org) to volunteer or with questions.



## Valentines to Our College-Aged Youth

Once again, we'll be sending Valentines to our college-aged youth. Parents, please stop by the tables in Wesley Hall on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> to give us their mailing address. A \$5.00 donation to cover expenses would be appreciated. Everyone is invited to stop by and make or sign cards at the tables in Wesley Hall. You can sign Valentines for specific people or for kids in general. Donations of wrapped candy will also be accepted. Anyone who wants to help is very welcome. Stop by the tables--you can help on Sundays, or when we assemble the Valentines.

## Married Couples, ...

have you made the resolution to start the New Year right? New romance, deeper communication, feeling even closer to your spouse? We can help you keep this resolution. Sign up today at [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org) for a Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Mickey and Linda Wheeler for more information: [JamesW3681@aol.com](mailto:JamesW3681@aol.com), 972-594-0232.

P.S. If you or someone you know is getting married, encourage them to attend the next Dallas area Engaged Encounter weekend on March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.



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.

## True Colors Workshop for Teachers and Anyone Interested

Please mark January 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. We will meet right after the 11:00 am service (about 12:15 pm) and be blessed to have Ms Gayle Lever lead us in the True Colors Workshop. Come learn about your personality, about your co-teachers' personalities, the kids you work with at church, your family members, friends, co-workers. It is a lot of fun and really helps you understand what makes people so different from one another. Come learn how to appreciate the differences in people. Please RSVP **no later than January 21<sup>st</sup>** to Jennifer Scott [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 208.

## A Few Good Men Needed - Men's Basketball Fellowship

Men of the church and community have been playing basketball in Smartt Hall at 8:00 am Saturday mornings for many years – enjoying great fellowship, a good workout and friendly competition. All ages and skill levels are represented but more players are always welcome ... and needed. Recently we began also playing at 7:00 pm Monday evenings to see if that is a better time. Come join us on Saturdays and/or Mondays! Sign-up at [http://www.mysignup.com/saturday\\_basketball](http://www.mysignup.com/saturday_basketball) or [http://www.mysignup.com/monday\\_basketball](http://www.mysignup.com/monday_basketball). For more information, contact Bruce Wilcox at 972-754-9997 or [brucewilcox@verizon.net](mailto:brucewilcox@verizon.net).



## Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Thank you for the overwhelming response for our special intergenerational mission Sunday school project December 28<sup>th</sup>. Not only did a couple hundred of you show up to help, but several of you donated hundreds of items beforehand. It was a fun time for all and some beautiful goody bags were created. Scottish Rite was truly grateful and amazed at the 120 bags for children that we decorated and stuffed. Thank you for sharing your time and gifts for such a worthwhile place for children. Please know that you have brought smiles to the faces of many children and their families!

## Bread Ministry Needs Your Help

The Bread Ministry delivers bread and information packets to our first time visitors. Please help us keep our bread ministry stocked with your **homemade bread**. If you could bake some loaves and bring them to the church, we have freezer space available in the small kitchen off of Wesley Hall.

### The Bread Ministry Bakers Corner



#### Sweet Potato Bread

3 sweet potatoes	2 tsp baking soda
3 cups sugar	2 tsp ground cinnamon
4 eggs	2 tsp ground nutmeg
1 cup vegetable oil	1/2 tsp ground allspice
3/4 cup orange juice	1/2 tsp ground cloves
3 1/2 cups flour	1/3 cup chopped pecan (optional)
1 1/2 tsp salt	

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Wash sweet potatoes, slice lengthwise and place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until tender, about 30 minutes. Let cool, peel and mash. In a large mixing bowl, beat together sugar, eggs and oil. Stir in orange juice and 2 cups mashed sweet potatoes. In a separate bowl, mix together flour, salt, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and cloves. Stir flour mixture into egg/sweet potato mixture until just combined. Fold in pecans if desired. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour 25 minutes, or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted into center of a loaf comes out clean.



## New Members

Joined  
December 28<sup>th</sup>

Diane and Matt Walker





## Calendar for January 14<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday, January 14

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 1  
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers  
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission  
 5:30 pm-6:15 pm Children's Choir (4 yr-2<sup>nd</sup>)  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)  
 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-7:30 pm H.S. Girls Bible Study  
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Middle School Small Grp  
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Disciple Bible Study  
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 15

7:00 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 am-12:00 pm Stringfellow Board Mtg  
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm JOY Group  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm UMW Kairos Circle  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Taxi Team Party

### Friday, January 16

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #2763

### Saturday, January 17

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

### Sunday, January 18

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am  
 Worship Services  
 9:30 am-10:45 am Preview Financial Peace  
 University  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Older Youth Confirmation  
 2:00 pm-3:00 pm Ruach Wind Ensemble  
 3:00 pm-3:30 pm Exaltation Ringers  
 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Chapel Ringers  
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm CC's & JJ's  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm High School Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Middle School Choir  
 Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Hungry for the Word  
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

### Monday, January 19

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Career Transition  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Evangelism Mtg  
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Cell Grp

### Tuesday, January 20

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-10:45 am Staff Mtg  
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 2  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Intro to Spanish  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday, January 21

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 1  
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers  
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission  
 5:30 pm-6:15 pm Children's Choir (4 yr-2<sup>nd</sup>)  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)  
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good To Go Café  
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers  
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm H.S. Girls Bible Study  
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Middle School Small Grp  
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Disciple Bible Study  
 7:15 pm-9:00 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 22

7:00 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S.  
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm SPRC Mtg

### Friday, January 23

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 5:00 pm-10:00 pm JD Williams Cotillion

### Saturday, January 24

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre  
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball  
 5:00 pm-9:00 pm Saturday Evening of Rest

### Sunday, January 25

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am  
 Worship Services  
 9:30 am-10:45 am Preview Financial Peace  
 University  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Older Youth Confirmation  
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Chili Cook-off  
 12:15 pm-2:30 pm True Colors Workshop  
 2:00 pm-3:00 pm Ruach Wind Ensemble  
 2:00 pm-4:00 pm Stringfellow Community  
 Open House  
 2:30 pm-4:00 pm Story of Christianity  
 3:00 pm-3:30 pm Exaltation Ringers  
 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Chapel Ringers  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Confirmation Retreat  
 Chaperone Mtg  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Middle School UMYF  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm High School Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm-5:30 pm Youth Snack Supper  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm High School UMYF  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Middle School Choir  
 Rehearsal  
 5:30 pm-7:30 pm Adult Sunday School  
 Council Dinner Mtg  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Hungry for the Word  
 6:30 pm-7:00 pm River Worship  
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

### Monday, January 26

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Career Transition  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga  
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Cell Grp

### Tuesday, January 27

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-10:45 am Staff Mtg  
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 2  
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm UMW Mary Martha Circle  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Intro to Spanish  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm The Way of Forgiveness

*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

#### December 2008 Financial Information

Offerings and Other Income to Date	\$ 353,480
Expenditures to Date	\$ 151,584
Surplus to Date	\$ 201,896
FLC/Ministry Center Gifts to Date	\$ 17,942
Mortgage Principal Receipts to Date	\$ 6,998

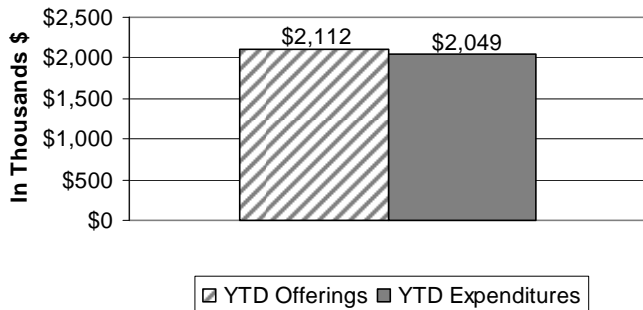
#### 2008 YTD Financial Information

Offerings and Other Income	\$ 2,112,363
Expenditures	\$ 2,049,312
Surplus	\$ 63,051
FLC/Ministry Center Gifts	\$ 31,624
Mortgage Principal Receipts	\$ 23,962

#### Financial Summary

Total Mortgage Principal Gifts to Date	\$ 222,246
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#### YTD Offerings vs. YTD Expenditures



**Online Giving** - Gifts can be made for our general church budget and/or other donation purposes (excluding program or event fees or retreat payments) through your checking account, savings account or credit card on-line through our website, [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org). Go to "Membership" and select "Donations".



Hearts are overflowing with gratitude. To date we have received 520 pledges, including 99 from children and youth, totaling \$ 1,646,888.

Will you join us in Giving Thanks? Please continue to be in prayer about our church and our ongoing ministries which we support by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

If you have misplaced your commitment card, please contact the Church Office or you may go to the church website to complete your pledge online (go to "Membership" and then "Stewardship" and click on the link at the bottom of the page).



is available through email or on the church website. To ensure that you receive it, please notify Kay Thomas [kthomas@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kthomas@fumccoppell.org) of your correct email address. Next article deadline is January 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 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)
Henry Waters	Associate Director of Music	(203)
Deanna Goodman	Director of Children's Music	(228)
Andy Packard	Accompanist	
Mark Cozart	Heartfire Band Leader	
Drew Sher	Director of Youth Ministries	(217)
Kelly Williams	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Heather Shaw	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)
Rusty Nickols	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  
Coppell, TX 75019

Return Service Requested

# SCRIP ORDER FORM

Revised 12/4/2008

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.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amt Each</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choir Profit</u>	<u>Rcvd</u>
<b>Automotive</b>					

Chevron		\$ 50		1.5%	
Exxon/Mobil		\$ 50		1.5%	
Shell		\$ 25		1.5%	

## Travel

American Airlines		\$ 100		8%	
American Airlines		\$ 250		8%	
Hyatt		\$ 25		9%	
Hyatt		\$ 100		9%	
Marriott		\$ 50		12%	
Marriott		\$ 100		12%	

## Grocery Stores

HEB		\$ 25		3%	
Kroger		\$ 25		5%	
Kroger		\$ 100		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 25		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 100		5%	

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## Restaurants

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		\$ 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		\$ 25		20%	
Honey Baked Ham		\$ 10		12%	
Jack in the Box		\$ 10		4%	
Joe's Crab Shack		\$ 25		9%	
Kentucky Fried Chicken		\$ 5		9%	
Mimis Cafe		\$ 25		5%	
Ole's Tex-Mex		any size		15%	
Olive Garden/Red Lobster		\$ 25		9%	
On The Border		\$ 20		11%	
Outback Steakhouse/Carraba's		\$ 25		4%	
Panera Bread		\$ 10		9%	
Papa John's		\$ 10		6%	
P.F. Chang		\$ 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%	
Dillards		\$ 25		9%	
Express/Structure		\$ 25		13%	
Family Christian Stores		\$ 10		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      Choir      Profit      Rcvd  
Each      Total

**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%	