



## Dennis the Minister

### "No Flowers on Her Casket"

I just went to my Aunt Jack's funeral and there were no flowers on her casket. None from her kids. None from her husband's family. None from any of us in the Wilkinson clan. None from her longtime friends in New Braunfels.

Why not?!

It's pretty simple. Because the United States Government had placed a flag on her casket. That was better than any floral bouquet could have been. Oh, yes, there were flowers from the family on stands around the casket at the graveside, but there were none on top of the casket, in that most honored position. You see, my Aunt Jack (aka Jackie) -- Luna Merle Wilkinson Dischinger -- was a veteran of the Army Air Corps in World War II.

Most people don't stop to think about those female veterans of that "greatest generation" and even fewer have attended one of their funerals to see the flag-draped casket. Yet there were women in all branches of the military -- and don't forget that remarkable group of women, the WASPs.

Aunt Jack, along with her sister, Lula Mae (Navy), and brother, William Gilbert (Army Air Corps), and another sister, Gladys (Army Air Corps) were the four Wilkinson children who left the Mississippi Delta during World War II to serve their country in the armed forces. So it was a proud moment that there were no flowers on her casket. Instead, there was a draped, star-spangled banner in recognition of her national service.

Rest in Peace, Aunt Jack.

### Start Clearing a Pathway!

Watch for opportunities through the mail and on Sunday mornings to sign up to attend one of our eight home gatherings for the *Pathway for the Future* campaign which will kick-off on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The first two meetings will occur later this month -- Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 pm and Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm. Others will follow throughout September.

Be alert for more information though the mail, on the church website and in Wesley Hall over the coming weeks. Are you excited about the ministry prospects which will be made possible through this renovation and new construction? Are you still concerned about the struggling economy? Then come together as church family for some healthy and hopeful home conversations!

Grace and Peace,

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### Looking Ahead to Worship

#### Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

##### Traditional Service

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

##### Contemporary Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner, preaching  
Rotunda, 9:45 am

#### Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

##### Traditional Service

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

##### Contemporary Service

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

### "God at the Movies": A Summer Sermon Series

Go to the movies! Enjoy some good cinema! Then join your church family on Sunday mornings to engage in some "faith for thought" about the films and their themes.

August 9<sup>th</sup> - *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*      August 16<sup>th</sup> - *Knowing*

### Streams of Prayer: Sermon and Adult Sunday School Series

August 30<sup>th</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Please join us as we focus on various aspects of prayer and ways to pray on these four Sundays during the Worship services and in Adult Sunday School Classes (feel free to visit any class).



## Emmaus Gathering

If you've ever spoken to anyone who attended a Walk to Emmaus (not literally a walk but a 72 hour spiritual retreat designed to nurture spiritual growth and church leadership by experiencing in community the unconditional love of God), you know that it's an event that transforms you in the love of Christ.

On Sunday evening August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, we will have an Emmaus Gathering of the people at our church who have attended a Walk to Emmaus and all those who would like to attend one in the future. Dinner, fellowship and song will be provided. There are Walks scheduled for October for men and November for women. We hope you will attend and sign up for one of these walks.

Please email Susan Bryan, [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org) or Jeanne Crandall, [jcrandall@att.net](mailto:jcrandall@att.net), if you think you can attend.

## Heroes, a Support Group ...

for caregivers meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Anyone affected by the responsibility of caring for an ailing loved one is invited. Stories are shared and information is exchanged. Programs will begin in the fall, but the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be quite informal. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm in room 303. Contact Marilyn Horton, [marhorton@gmail.com](mailto:marhorton@gmail.com) or 972-393-1304 for more information.

## JOY Group August Event

This FUMC older adults group will gather at the home of Patty Woodall on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for a light dinner (sandwiches/snacks). The group will have a speaker from Costa Rica, who has been doing mission work there – he will describe what has and is being done in Costa Rica. For more information about JOY group, please contact John and Nancy Estep at 972-393-7404.

## Gluten-Free Communion ...

communion wafers and juice are now be available on communion Sunday for those who need to receive in this way. Please go to the far east/piano side of the sanctuary to receive communion and let the communion servers know that you need the gluten-free communion.



## Fall 2009 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.

Below is a brief description of the classes offered. Brochures are available in the office or on the church website.

You may register online at [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org), or e-mail or call Kathy Baker at [kbaker@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kbaker@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 210 – give her your name, e-mail address and group you are signing up for. You will receive an e-mail confirmation and information prior to the group start.

## Short-Term and Ongoing

### Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Led by Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

### Women's Reading Group

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan

### Introduction to Romans

Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm (8 weeks), Led by Patience Hering

### Morning Covenant Group

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 am, Led by Margaret Bryan & Debbie Schaefer

### 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Sundays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Led by Scott Wilson

### The Story of Christianity

Sundays, 2:30-4:00 pm (every other week), Led by Jeanne Crandall

### Hungry for the Word

Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm, Led by Terry Settle

### P.E.A.R.L.S. (Ongoing)

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), Led by Michelle Bauer

### Monday Morning Men's Bible Study (Ongoing)

Mondays, 6:00-7:00 am, Contact Ken Heffley

## Long-Term Study Groups

### Disciple 1

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan & Bill Hightower

### OR

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan, Bob Boyles & Brenda Hightower

### Disciple 2

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Led by Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

### Disciple 3

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Led by Ellen Diers

## Divorce and Grief Workshops/Support Groups

### Divorce Recovery (6 weeks)

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, Led by Jeff and Pam Varnell

### Grief & Healing Support Group (6 weeks)

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, Led by Rev. Joan Humphries

## Special Offerings

### Streams of Prayer (4 weeks)

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, Led by Class Members

### Yoga (10 sessions)

Mondays, 9:00-11:00 am, Led by Lucinda Bordonaro

### OR

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

### In the Garden

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 am

Led by Rev. Susan Bryan

### Women's Retreat

April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Prothro Center, Texoma

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



## Our New Children's Library

We have set up a comfortable spot in room 101 for kids and families to spend some cool, quality time reading together. The library is open on Sunday mornings - so if you need a resting place or if your child is having a tough time with Sunday School, come spend some Sabbath time there. Pick a good book and sit by the window and enjoy our beautiful prayer garden. There is no official check out system. Please use the honor system and be accountable for the books you borrow and good stewards of the resources that are provided by your church family.

## Important Back to School Dates for First UMC Children's Ministry

- ✓ Children's Sunday School Teacher Training - Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 pm OR August 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 am
- ✓ Children's Sunday School Room Cleanup - Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00 pm (bring your lunch or come whenever you can to get our rooms ready for next year)
- ✓ Acolyte Training for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders - Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks - August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ✓ *Kids in Mission* - begins Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ *Kids of Hope* and *Kids of Peace* (Grief and Divorce groups for kids) - October 4<sup>th</sup>-November 15<sup>th</sup> (no class October 11<sup>th</sup>)

## We Need All Upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!!

We would like for you to assist in worship by serving as an acolyte in our services each week. You should have received an informational letter in the mail recently. Please return the form to the church office ASAP. You and one parent will need to attend a training session on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. The first Sunday of new acolytes will be Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Acolyte Dedication Sunday will be September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information, please call Jennifer Scott, 972-462-0471, ext. 208 ([jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org)) or Heather Shaw [hshaw73@yahoo.com](mailto:hshaw73@yahoo.com) or 972-304-5219.

## Vacation Bible School 2010

Please mark your calendars for June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We will host *Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!* Our cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, they will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Our kids will experience a God that is wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent and awesome! Please know that the church staff and VBS directors take great care in arranging the date around the school year, holidays and our church calendar. Please mark your calendar now and then arrange your summer vacations and camps around your favorite First UMC tradition!



## Summer Camps at Bridgeport

My name is Katie Pitts and I attend the First United Methodist Church of Coppell. This year was my first year going to Camp Bridgeport. The food was good and there were lots of fun songs and dances. We played fun games and worshiped God. While the sun was setting we sat outside looking at the sun set on the lake with the cross right beside it all. We would sing, pray, and worship God. At the end of worship you could pray at the cross. There were great, fun counselors and in the morning you could pick an interest group until lunch. Some of the activities were fishing, mountain biking, ropes, scavenger hunts and lots of others. One day for the Hawaii party they had a humongous slip and slide. Another day there were two huge inflatable water slides and we had a shaving cream battle. When I went to Bridgeport I felt a lot closer to God.



Confirmation at FUMC, Coppell is a journey by which students begin to understand and affirm their Christian beliefs and claim their place in the life of the church. This program is designed primarily for youth entering the sixth grade and runs throughout the school year, ending with the Service of Baptism and Confirmation on the first weekend in May.

## Our 2009-2010 Confirmation Classes ...

for sixth grade youth will begin meeting on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> during the 9:45-10:45 am Sunday school hour. Registration packets will be mailed to families in August.

## A Parent Orientation Meeting

will be held on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm in Wesley Hall. Please bring retreat fees and completed forms from your registration packet. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kelly Williams at [kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org) or 972-393-0069.



## Sing, Serve and Celebrate With Us in Children's Choirs This Year!

We have an exciting curriculum for all age levels and hope that everyone will join us in choir this year! Mark your calendars! The Children's Choirs Kick-Off is Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30-6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. Make plans now to come register for choir, meet your choir director and eat some free pizza! Children's choirs are available for four-year-olds (by September 1<sup>st</sup>) through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Parents are encouraged to come and stay for this brief introduction to choir. Then, our first full choir rehearsal is Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-6:15 pm for four-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 5:30-6:30 pm for 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Join us as we *Sing, Serve and Celebrate* this year in choir! Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or [dgoodman@fumccoppell.org](mailto:dgoodman@fumccoppell.org) for more information.

### Summer Choir

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir? The Summer Choir is open to all adults and youth. Through August 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will meet at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings in the choir room and prepare a simplified version of a song or hymn. Come serve the Lord through music and make lasting friendships through Christian Fellowship. This is a great opportunity to try choir.

### Children's Handbells

Attention all children who are 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade! We are looking for some people to play handbells! Our children's handbell groups begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Choir Loft. The beginner group, Alpha Ringers, rehearse from 4:30-5:15 pm. The intermediate group, Celebration Ringers, rehearse from 6:30-7:15 pm. Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or [dgoodman@fumccoppell.org](mailto:dgoodman@fumccoppell.org) for more information. Come and ring handbells with us!

### Cinderella Jr. Auditions

Every year youth from all over the area participate in the Youth Musicals at FUMC. Auditions will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room for youth in grades 6-8 (fall 2009). Youth are encouraged to audition regardless of church affiliation.

Performances will be November 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

### School of Fine Arts



First United Methodist is proud to announce that FUMC School of Fine Arts will open its doors on August 24<sup>th</sup>. It functions under the umbrella of the Music Ministry and serves the church by:

- Providing quality training in the area of fine arts education.
- Assisting in meeting student's spiritual needs through the arts.
- Developing future church music leaders.
- Acting as a musical outreach for First Methodist Church.

It is our desire to provide the best in fine arts instruction to both students and adults. We are dedicated to creating an atmosphere where students and adults can learn fine arts, grow spiritually, and use their talents to glorify our Creator. Private study will be offered in piano, voice, guitar, trumpet, clarinet and violin. Group lessons will be offered in music appreciation/theory, voice, piano and guitar.

Enrollment continues throughout the school year. Enrollment forms can be located in the church office and on the church website ([www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org)).

For more information about the FUMC School of Fine Arts, please contact Nathan Frank at [Nfrank@fumccoppell.org](mailto:Nfrank@fumccoppell.org).



Congratulations to Terri Bacot at the birth of her granddaughter, Tessa Adaline Reiser, on July 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Youth Week is August 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

All who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join in the excitement of this summer's Youth Week. You should receive a letter and registration form in the mail this week with details for the daily opportunities to serve and have fun together in the DFW area. Below is a brief outline:

<b>Monday</b> 8/17	Six Flags \$37 (includes ticket and meal voucher)	8:00 am-8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 8/18	North Texas Food Bank money for lunch	7:45 am-2:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 8/19	Texas Rangers Game \$4 for ticket (\$1 hot dog night)	5:45 pm-11:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b> 8/20	F.L.A.V.R. at Chipotle money for lunch Whirly Ball (\$10)	12:30 pm-1:30 pm 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b> 8/21-8/22	Lock-in at the church \$5 for food, drinks, movies and games (going to Austin St. Shelter at 6:45 am and breakfast at IHOP-bring money)	10:00 pm-8:00 am

Chaperones/drivers needed for the events. Please register with your youth!!

### Annual Back to School Retreat

You won't want to miss this annual retreat at Sky Ranch **September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**. The retreat is open to all students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (Fall 2009). The Senior Class 2010 will plan and lead much of the weekend along with some great worship led by our own River Worship Praise Band. Cost is \$150. Space is limited to the first 200 people (including adults) so don't wait until the last minute to sign up or you might miss out.

### Aspen Ski/Snowboarding Trip

We are heading to the rocky Mountains for some downhill fun again this winter (December 28<sup>th</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>). All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and families are invited to join us for three full days of playing in the snow. Cost of \$525 for this trip includes: transportation, lodging, ski rentals, 3-day lift tickets and most food. Snowboard rentals and all lessons are an additional cost. To sign up you will need to turn in an **Event Registration Form** along with a \$75 deposit by August 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Camp Pike ...

would not be successful without the MANY people that help make it happen. We would like to thank our Camp Pike staff and counselors for all their hard work and countless hours to make this such an AWESOME camp!! Also, a special thank you goes out to the FUMC staff (especially Drew Sher, Ashleigh Joyner, Kathy Baker and Kay Thomas), Lane and Carla Paschal, the Coffee Guys, the Gaffners, Cyndi McCullough, Lisa Dunham, Kathy Braem, Ann Duncan, Karlie Sanson, Marci Moore, all the Pike Prayer Partners, Bloom Embroidery and Tenorio Printing. Thank you to all the many others for your prayers of support and love. **\*\* See you next year!! July 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 \*\***



## Microfinance Matters!

It's all about small loans from your family to families in third world countries. They desperately need credit and can't get it to start small businesses. It is a highly successful and proven way to help people break the chains of poverty. It offers a path to self reliance and hope for the future.

We have funded over 244 loans with over \$10,000 around the world this past school year. Keep our momentum for the third year of our effort. Other churches are noticing our presence on KIVA. They have been contacting us and wanting to know how to start a KIVA program like ours. The spark you helped start is growing and we need to add more fuel.

Visit our FUMC Coppell KIVA website to learn more about the families you have helped through small microloans. To learn more, contact Mark Alcorn/Missions Director, [markjalcorn@gmail.com](mailto:markjalcorn@gmail.com).

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## Intergenerational Mission Retreat

Please mark October 23-25, 2009 on your calendars for an intergenerational mission retreat to Bridgeport. The purpose is three-fold:

- 1) we will be doing simple and needed work around our conference UMC campground (remember the Aaron Wilkinson memorial playground is there)
- 2) get kids excited about going there for summer camp and
- 3) foster relationships between church friends young and old.

Our hope is to get several individuals and families of all shapes and ages. We will leave after work on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Please consider joining us for this special time of RETURNING TO SIMPLE THINGS. We will have a time of SHARING, SERVING, EATING, PRAYING, WORSHIPING AND PLAYING together. Cost information will be coming soon. For now, please email Jennifer Scott [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) to sign up.



Joined July 12<sup>th</sup>

Picture  
Unavailable

Dave and Barbara Arwood

Joined August 2<sup>nd</sup>



Jim and Petra Braun  
Sophia and Julia



## Children's Sunday School Fall 2009

The Commission on Education is still in need of a few Sunday School teachers for children's Sunday school beginning in the fall of 2009. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping with this vital church ministry. Please email Allison Groom at [allison.groom@verizon.net](mailto:allison.groom@verizon.net).

## Help Wanted: Worship Folder Volunteers!

Do you (or your kids) enjoy the benefits of having those fabulous worship folders and pipe cleaners each Sunday during Worship? Do you have one spare hour each month to volunteer to stuff them? Please contact Jennifer Scott at [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 208. Many thanks to the faithful volunteers, many of whom have done it the entire 5 years I have been here. Talk about a behind the scenes ministry that we sometimes take for granted. Please know that countless children and parents have enjoyed these worship tools over the years!



## Kids of Hope/Kids of Peace

### Pastoral Care for Children in Grief or Divorce

If your child has experienced divorce or the death of a loved one, please plan on enrolling them in our 6-week session beginning in the fall. The sessions will be separate groups, but will both meet on Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30 pm from October 4<sup>th</sup>-November 15<sup>th</sup> (no class October 11<sup>th</sup>). We ask that the children be able to commit to most of the sessions. Please contact Jennifer Scott at [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 208. These groups will be held at the same time as the adult Grief and Divorce Support groups. For more information on the adult groups, please contact Susan Bryan at [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 215.

## Have a Craft Project? Need Inspiration?

Bring your craft (scrapbooking, knitting, perler beads, etc.) to the church on August 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-4:00 pm for *Crafts & Fellowship*. We will meet in Smartt Hall and will have tables set up for you to work on your craft. Please feel free to bring a friend! This is a come and go event so come whenever you can! We'll have water and tea - please bring your own snacks. RSVP to either Jen Bunting at [jen.bunting@verizon.net](mailto:jen.bunting@verizon.net) or Jennifer Harper at [jieharper@verizon.net](mailto:jieharper@verizon.net) to let us know you're coming!

## Web Notes



- Check us out on Facebook (FirstMethodist Coppell). Keep up to date with church events.
- Our newsletter, *First News*, is available on-line on the church website under "What's Happening". Next article due date is August 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

I really had a great experience with Vacation Bible School nursery kids.



I had so much fun playing with the toddlers and seeing the smiles on Anderson's and Maryn's faces as they got to be a part of it. Deb Krenek was really hard at work teaching, because anytime Anderson does something that makes me "sad" he asks if Jesus saw it. He really got the concept of Jesus, at least for a 4 year old.  
- Submitted by Amy Ennis

\*\*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).

## What is Loving Hands?

Loving Hands is a ministry in our church that provides buddies for special needs children. If you have a special needs child that would like to go to Sunday School, but you're not sure if they can make it on their own, we can help. 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. Loving Hands has a Saturday Night of rest once a month. If you have brought your child before you already know how easy it is to bring your child to our night of fun and how nice it is to go out and have a few hours to relax knowing that your child is in very good hands, Loving Hands. Our next Evening of Rest will be August 29<sup>th</sup>. We not only would love to have more children join us, but we also need more Loving people to volunteer. If you would like to help us play and have fun with our special friends please contact me. Kathy Braem, [kbraem@msn.com](mailto:kbraem@msn.com), 972-743-4133 or 972-462-7320. I would love to give you more information regarding participation or volunteering.



## Bakers Needed

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



#### 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.

## Disciple Bible Study Testimonies

*For years my husband had been telling me how much I would enjoy Disciple 1, but I never took the plunge until last year. IT WAS FABULOUS!! What an amazing book the Bible is and what treasurers (not to mention mystery, intrigue, romance, deception, etc!!) it holds! In addition, the small group experience enhances this remarkable study. Our class is staying together (and welcoming anyone new!) to move on to Disciple 2 this Fall! I can't wait!*  
- Kim Conner

*My Bible will never sit on the shelf in between Sundays again. I view and understand the Bible in new ways.*  
- Lisa Hancock

*When I think about what Disciple I meant to me, the word that comes to mind is "continuity". I had been familiar with numerous Old Testament Bible stories and New Testament miracles that Jesus performed. However, Disciple 1 "tied" all of these stories into a continuous story--a "bigger picture" of what "actions" caused "reactions" or "consequences". The whole study's revelation reminded me of a tapestry with all of the threads being woven together with the end result becoming an object of wonder and awe.*  
- Kay Kinnan

*I loved the class, loved the group and loved doing it. It is worth the time and effort.*  
- Connie Carter

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## UMW Puzzles Over Hearthstone

Our UMW Circles have taken on a mission this summer with Hearthstone Assisted Living center in Lewisville. Every Tuesday morning, volunteers from our Circles are heading to Hearthstone to lead a group of residents in a Crossword Puzzle activity and distribute donuts and coffee. There are 10-20 residents who participate and they work together as a group. One of our volunteers reads out the clues while the other volunteer writes the answers on a large puzzle that is on an easel in front of the group. There are several residents in the group who are "ringers"--great at solving the puzzles even when the clues are confusing! Whether the residents are participating much or not, they are out of their rooms and interacting with other residents and new faces--our faces. It has been such a rewarding experience to each volunteer so far and we will continue this activity through the end of August.  
- Rebecca Davis, UMW President

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GATHER › GROW › GO

Go to our website ([www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org)) and click on the link to view proposed New Ministry Center design. (QuickTime required to view and please be patient with the download.)

**Erin Alcorn ...**

will be having a voice recital on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in the Rotunda featuring works by Mozart, Schumann, Rodrigo, Barber and more! Come for an evening of beautiful classical music! There will be a CD available for donation!

**Special Fall Dates**


- 8/23 Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks
- 8/30-9/20 Prayer Series
- 9/13 Acolyte and Teacher Dedication
- 9/27 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- 10/4 UMW and World Communion Sunday
- 10/18 Laity Sunday
- 10/25 Commitment Sunday
- 11/1 Requiem/Musical
- 12/6 Fellowship Meal and Christmas POPS!
- 12/13 Christmas Cantata (Handel's *Messiah*) and Birthday Party for Jesus
- 12/27 Intergenerational Sunday school

**Women, Mark your Calendars!**

- **United Methodist Women Fall Kick-off Dinner**  
Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm  
More info Coming! Plan to attend!
- **Women's Retreat** – Prothro Center on Lake Texoma  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Friday dinner – after worship Sunday)  
For more information, contact Rev. Susan Bryan

**Babies, Babies Everywhere!**

Are you a church member or visitor who is expecting a precious and beautiful miracle from God? Are you hoping for a beautiful blessing through adoption? Your church family would love to know about it so that we can be in prayer for your family. Please contact Jennifer Scott ([jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471, ext. 208) and let us know if you'd like to be put on the prayer list. It would also be helpful to know the due date or anticipated adoption date so that we can be in fervent prayer as the big day approaches! Congratulations and blessings on your family!



## Calendar for August 5<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>Wednesday, August 5</b> 2:00 pm-5:00 pm SAT Prep Class 4:30 pm-6:00 pm Summer Reading Book Club 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Simply Christian</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 6</b> 9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S. 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer 8:00 pm-10:00 pm Erin Alcorn Recital</p> <p><b>Friday, August 7</b> 2:00 pm-5:00 pm SAT Prep Class</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 8</b> 4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball 10:00 am-2:00 pm SAT Prep Class</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 9</b> 8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am Worship Services 9:30 am-10:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am-12:30 pm Hungry for the Word 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting 5:00 pm-6:00 pm COE Meeting 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Poolside Parables 7:00 pm-8:30 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>Monday, August 10</b> 6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp 9:00 am-12:00 pm Big MAC 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball 7:00 pm-8:30 pm 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday Meeting</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, August 11</b> 9:00 am-12:00 pm Big MAC 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Depression Support Grp 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 12</b> 9:00 am-12:00 pm Big MAC 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Children's Teacher Training 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Simply Christian 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Sr. High "ONE" Event</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 13</b> 9:00 am-12:00 pm Big MAC 11:00 am-12:30 pm Women's Reading Grp 12:30 pm-1:30 pm F.L.A.V.R. 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer</p> <p><b>Friday, August 14</b> 9:00 am-12:00 pm Big MAC 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Big MAC Sharing Program</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 15</b> 4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball 9:00 am-4:00 pm Crafts &amp; Fellowship 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Middle School Mission Trip Reunion Party</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 16</b> 8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am Worship Services 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am-12:30 pm Hungry for the Word 12:00 pm-2:00 pm JOY Group Lunch 12:00 pm-4:00 pm Children's Sunday School Room Cleanup 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting 2:00 pm-4:00 pm Acolyte Training 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Poolside Parables 7:00 pm-8:30 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study</p> <p><b>Monday, August 17</b> 6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp 8:00 am-8:00 pm Youth Week-Six Flags 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Academy 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Evangelism Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transition</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 18</b> 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Academy 6:30 pm-8:30 pm 3-Day Breast Cancer Meeting 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Group Spiritual Direction 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal</p>
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*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 @ 7/31/09	2008 Actual Year to Date @ 7/31/08	Variance
Offerings and Other Income	\$ 1,116,911	\$ 1,114,287	\$ 2,624
Operating Expenditures	(1,202,694)	(1,169,461)	( 33,233)
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ ( 85,783)	\$ ( 55,174)	\$ ( 30,609)
<b>Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 222,570</b>	<b>\$ 314,989</b>	<b>\$ ( 92,419)</b>



**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".

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Big MAC (Music and Arts Camp) ...**




starts Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>! Come and be a part of a wonderful week of music and fun. It will be held August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-noon for kids entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades. There will be a closing program on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm to share what we have learned with our family and friends!

Big MAC is changing our format this year! We will experience S.W.I.M. (Sensational Worship In Motion) Creative Arts Camp for Kids! It will include Praise Time, Drama, Creative Movement, Puppets, Handbells and WATER GAMES! Come join the fun as we praise and worship God through many different experiences!

Registration forms are available in the church office. The cost is \$20 per child. Sign up today!

All children will meet in the Rotunda each morning. Children will be picked up outside by the Stringfellow door with the blue awning. We hope to see you there!



 **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)
Deanna Goodman	Director of Children's Music	(228)
Tiffany Ogdon	Accompanist	
Mark Cozart	Heartfire Band Leader	
Drew Sher	Director of Youth Ministries	(217)
Christina Cavener	Youth/Missions Intern	
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)
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 Rd  
Coppell, TX 75019

Return Service Requested

# SCRIP ORDER FORM

Revised 4/21/2009

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.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amt Each</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choir Profit</u>	<u>Rcvd</u>
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<b>Automotive</b>					
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amt Each</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choir Profit</u>	<u>Rcvd</u>
Chevron		\$ 50		1.5%	
Exxon/Mobil		\$ 50		1.5%	
Shell		\$ 25		1.5%	

### Travel

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

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amt Each</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choir Profit</u>	<u>Rcvd</u>
<b>Restaurants</b>					
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		\$ 10		20%	
Fat Daddy's		\$ 25		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%	
On The Border		\$ 25		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%	

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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%	

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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%	