

First News

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Dennis the Minister

Thanksgiving

From the sermons last Sunday, remember not to “curb your Thanksgiving”! Don’t diminish it even though it has been a tough year. Unlike the TV show, “Curb Your Enthusiasm”, in which the cup is always half empty, decide how your life-cup is half full! For example, in our church many of us have decided that our cup is half full after our *Pathway for the Future* campaign! We are now beginning conversations to decide what we can do very cautiously and prudently over the next year or two with the commitments we’ve received. Pray for our building committee as they revise the immediate vision and then watch for a church conference in late January to confirm our plans.

ELF

Join us for some great worship in the coming weeks. After a difficult year of recession, unemployment, reduced pay and benefits, and some general bah-humbag, we’re going to reflect on **Expectation, Laughter and Family**. We’re going to discover our Inner ELF in light of the Christmas story. Along the way we will enjoy some wonderful gifts: the Messiah, the UMW Cookie Jamboree, the children’s Birthday Party for Jesus, Christmas Pops, the youth Christmas Party/ONE Worship, CCA/Christ’s Foundry Angel Tree, Austin St. Shelter breakfast, Rotunda screening of the movie “ELF”.

Tree Lot

Here’s an exciting first time thing! Our youth ministries, both fellowship and music, are working together to provide to Coppell a Christmas Tree Lot. Proceeds go to youth ministries, to CCA and to Trees for Troops. Watch for details.

Invite, better yet, **bring someone to church** each Sunday through Christmas!

Grace and Peace,



Looking Ahead to Worship

Sunday, November 29th

1st Sunday of Advent

Traditional Service

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

Contemporary Service

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

Sunday, December 6th

2nd Sunday of Advent

Traditional Service

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

Contemporary Service

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

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ELF Movie Night

Sunday, November 29th, 6:00 pm in the Rotunda

Join your church family for the showing of ELF - our sermon theme for this Advent Season! Bring the kids and lawn chairs, beanbags or blankets. Feel free to bring your own dinner. The FUMC staff will be your hosts. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served. Enjoy Expectation, Laughter and Family together at our movie night! Childcare for children 3 and under is available - reservations needed by Friday, November 27th - 972-462-0471, ext. 226.



Advent

Discover Your Inner ELF ...
Expectation Laughter Family



November 29th

Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
ELF Movie Night, 6:00 pm

December 5th

In the Garden/Chapel for Advent, 9:30 am

December 6th

Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 am
23rd Annual Cookie Jamboree, 9:30 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Christmas Fellowship Meal, 5:00-6:15 pm
Christmas POPS! Concert, 6:30 pm

December 13th

Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 am
with special music from Handel's Messiah
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Birthday Party for Jesus, 4:00 pm

December 16th

Holiday Healing Service, 6:30 pm

December 20th

Traditional Worship, 8:30 and 11:00 am
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am

December 24th, Christmas Eve

Family Service, 4:30 pm
Candlelight and Communion, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 pm
Note: Nursery at 4:30 and 7:00 pm only

December 27th

(no 8:30 worship)
Contemporary Worship, 9:45 am
Combined Sunday School, 10:00 am
Traditional Worship, 11:00 am

Making Room for God While Getting Ready for Christmas

In the Chapel, Saturday, December 5th, 9:30-11:30 am

Advent is often the busiest time of the year, and yet, we are called to make time and space to prepare our lives for the coming of the Christ child again into our hearts and lives. What a challenge. ...No matter how busy we may become, God is waiting to break through our endless tasks and preparations to remind us that God is with us. Come for prayer and medication, community and alone time to ponder how to draw close to God in this busy season. No charge – Please RSVP to Rev. Susan Bryan (sbryan@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 215).



Hark the Herald Angels Bake?

That's right, it's almost time for the 23rd annual UMW Cookie Jamboree! This great FUMC Coppell tradition will be held on Sunday, December 6th.



What is the Cookie Jamboree? It is a giant cookie exchange! Each church family is asked to bake cookies or candy and bring them to the church for the huge sale. Then, everyone is invited to line up, and for only \$10/box, you get to select the cookies that go home with you!

Where does the cookie money go? The cookie money proceeds allow UMW to support missions such as Christ Foundry, Wesley Rankin, Christian Community Action and others. This is UMW's biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help.

Will you be an angel? You may not think of yourself as an angel, but we do! We are asking for any and all baking angels (female or male) to bring any amount (1 dozen to 8+ dozen) of baked goods for the Jamboree. Your time and materials will be a blessing to many.

What do you do next? Simply put your baked goods in a foil lined box and include a card that lets us know what kind of goodies you made. Then drop them off in Room 315 (off Wesley Hall), either Saturday between 9:00 am-2:00 pm or Sunday morning by 9:00 am. The sale starts at 9:30 am on Sunday, and continues until the cookies are gone.

For additional information or questions, please contact Rebecca Davis at 972-462-7777 or rebecca.davis7777@gmail.com.

Christmas POPS!

The music Ministry of FUMC Coppell presents Christmas POPS! at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary on December 6th. This hour and half long family concert that includes performing groups such as the Coppell High School Madrigals, Brava! Bel Canto, Miss Melva's Dance Studio, Coppell Community Choral, our special guests the "Gig-impaired" sextet and many ensembles from FUMC Coppell. You will not want to miss this evening that has been heralded as "The Christmas Event" of Coppell.

Also, a Fellowship Dinner is offered at 5:00 pm in Wesley Hall prior to the concert. Both the dinner and concert are free, but a love offering will be taken. Christmas POPS! is December 6 at 6:30 pm.

Healing Service for the Christmas Season

Christmas time is supposed to be the most merry and joy-filled time of the year. But, for many persons, it's a painful, difficult time of year for those who dealing with difficult life situations - grief, divorce, illness, etc. Come for a peace-filled time of healing prayer and meditation in this busy season on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 pm in the Rotunda.



Adults

Why I'm a Member of the United Methodist Women

Over the next few months, we will be sharing input from women who are part of the UMW here at FUMC Coppell. We asked them why they chose to be members of this organization, and here is what they said.....

"My mother had always been active in UMW so I tried it. These women quickly became my best church friends. The UMW enables me to help others through mission work, whether local, like making the Thanksgiving baskets, or global, like saving my change for the world mission projects."

"My mother recently moved to Coppell to be closer to her children. She joined a Circle and had instant friends and activities."

Please join us! For more information, contact Rebecca Davis at 972-462-7777 or rebecca.davis777@gmail.com.

Career Transitions Group ...

for those in the church family and community who may be in job transition or underemployed meets Mondays 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) or Doug Powers (hdpowers@tx.rr.com). Upcoming guest speakers are:

11/30	Lynn Guillory	Foxworth Galbraith Lumber	VP HR
12/7	Rich Morris	SPCA	VP HR
12/14	Jim Biggerstaff	Sally Beauty Co.	SVP HR

Got Passion?

We will be stating new adult groups in January. If you have interests, hobbies and skills and would like to lead or be part of a new interest group, We are always seeking to start new small groups of folks interested coming together for Christian fellowship around a common interest or purpose. After the new year would be a great time to bring people together in new small groups! Please contact Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471, ext. 215 or sbryan@fumccoppell.org.

Looking for an Adult Sunday School Opportunity this Christmas Season?

The Seekers class is doing an Advent study this season entitled *The Advent Conspiracy*. This is a study inviting us to worship Christ more meaningfully this Christmas by giving relationally. Join pastors Rick McKinley and Chris Seay as we learn how to restore the meaning and celebration of Christ's birth by substituting compassion for consumption. Join us in Room 306 Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Please note that due to many members' Thanksgiving travel plans there will be no class November 29th. Topic schedule is as follows:

December 6 th	Spend Less
December 13 th	Give More
December 20 th	Love All

Are You Going Bonkers?

Join the Grace and Peace class as we let the kids play on December 6th at *Going Bonkers*. After the 11:00 service the class will meet at Jason's Deli for lunch and then head over to *Going Bonkers* for a fun afternoon of play. We would love for you to join us for class that day too at 9:45 in Room 308. If you would like more information please contact Melissa Potter, melissajpotter@verizon.net or 972-956-9318.

Need Someone to Talk to?

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen. Everything is confidential and there is no charge. Contact Rev. Susan Bryan - 972-462-0471 or sbryan@fumccoppell.org

Save the Date

Women's Retreat April 9-11, 2010

Reflections: Connecting with the Gentle and Quiet Spirit Within is the theme of the 2010 Women's Weekend Retreat. Mark your calendar's for April 9-11, 2010 and plan to join us at the Prothro Center at Lake Texoma. This is a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship with women of all ages in the church. Sponsored by our United Methodist Women's group, the speaker this year will be Kathy Paxton from Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano. The retreat will offer several worship workshops, fellowship activities, food, and plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful and serene Prothro Methodist camp.

Accommodations are in the lodge with double occupancy hotel style rooms (some triple). Cost is \$140 if paid by February 14, 2010 or \$150 if paid by March 7, 2010. Registration forms are available Sundays in Wesley Hall or at the church office. For more information, contact Pastor Susan Bryan or Ellen Diers. Join us for spiritual fulfillment – make time for your spiritual Reflections April 9-11, 2010.



Prayer Corner

An Attitude of Gratitude

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.... 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 18a

The Thanksgiving season is the time of the year when we are intentional about being grateful and counting our blessings. What are some ways to cultivate this attitude of gratitude and give thanks all year round, not just at Thanksgiving?

- * Whenever you smile or feel joy during each day, pray a quick prayer of thanks, "God, thank you for..."
- * Have a large bowl and put a small stone or glass pebble in it each time you have a new blessing in your life.
- * Keep a gratitude calendar, listing 3-4 things every day that you're thankful for;
- * Have a gratitude journal, listing and giving thanks for your blessings;
- * Reflect on the blessings and joys of each day before going to sleep each night.
- * Have family prayers at the dinner table with everyone sharing one thing they are grateful for each day.

Thanksgiving Blessings to you, Susan



Children

Third Grade Bible Lesson

Please join us Sunday, December 6th at 9:45 am for our makeup Bible Learning Lesson with Pastor Jennifer. We will have a fun time learning about our Bibles. We will even have prizes! Please meet in your classroom and DON'T FORGET YOUR NEW BIBLE! We will be marking in them, so you need your own. If you were unable to pick up your Bible and nameplate, please check with the church office. Join us! Questions? contact Rev. Jennifer Scott jscott@fumccoppell.org.

First Annual Birthday Party for Jesus December 13th, 4:00-6:00 pm in Wesley Hall

This year we will start a new tradition at First UMC in place of *Come to Bethlehem* for children and families. At the *Birthday Party for Jesus* we will:

- 4:00-4:40 Crafts in Wesley Hall
- 4:45-5:10 Sanctuary time with Pastor Jennifer and Ms. Deanna
- 5:15-5:45 Caroling around the neighborhood
- 5:45-6:00 Birthday cake for Jesus and chocolate milk

You are invited to bring a gift for the angel tree and nonperishable food items for CCA holiday baskets (see note below about CCA needs).

Everyone is invited to join us in this simple, yet meaningful way to prepare our hearts for the birth of Baby Jesus. Questions, contact Jennifer Scott, (jscott@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 208).

CCA Holiday Baskets

Please help us help our friends at CCA! They will be making 1800 holiday food baskets this year. Can you help fill them? Please bring the following items to the box in Wesley Hall by December 13th.

all purpose baking mix (Jiffy, Bisquick, Pioneer, etc.); flour; canned fruit; canned vegetables (peas, spinach, carrots, asparagus); evaporated milk; chicken broth; can pie filling; stuffing mix; canned yams; Hamburger Helper rice or noodle mixes; canned meat; toilet paper; paper towels; toothpaste and tooth brushes; trash bags; personal care items; household cleaners; laundry soap; diapers; baby care items

Children's Service Christmas Eve 4:30 pm

All children Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Pageant. With traditional costumes for all, we share the story of the birth of the Christ child through music, Scripture and song. This service is a perfect way to prepare our children for the birth of Jesus Christ. All children who wish to participate will need to be at the rehearsal on Wednesday, December 23rd at 4:30 pm. If your child is interested in participating, fill out the registration form that is coming in the mail. Questions, contact Jennifer Scott.

Created by God/A Human Sexuality Seminar

This is a really important (and fun!) seminar for our 5th and 6th graders. Please mark your calendar now for February 11-13, 2010. You will receive an informational letter and registration sign up beginning of January.

Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats ...

are invited to attend FUMC's Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 13th. This event will replace our regular December meeting of the CC's and JJ's.

Hope in a Box!

Sunday School Intergenerational Mission Project December 27th, 10:00am in Smartt Hall

On Sunday, December 27th, all adult, youth and children's Sunday school classes will meet in Smartt Hall at 10:00 am for a special mission project. *Captain's Hope Kids* serves the critical needs of homeless children in North Texas by providing them with life's essentials. Putting together Birthday Boxes is a great opportunity for you to make a difference and give a gift of hope to a homeless child. All items must fit in a shoebox or plastic container. We will wrap/decorate our boxes during the Sunday school hour. Please bring the following items to help us make birthday boxes (please make sure all items will fit in a shoe box and DO NOT INCLUDE FOOD OR CANDY). **We will also be collecting diapers and training pants, as they are always a critical need for children.

Shoe box with detachable lid or plastic box; decks of cards; jump rope; art supplies; small book; Barbie dolls; Hot wheels cars; play dough; bouncy balls; bubbles; toothbrush/toothpaste; fun kids soaps; lotions; deodorant; hair accessories; make up/Chapstick; African American hair products; combs, brushes, hair gel



Youth

Sunday School Classes for 7th-12th 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.

Hey Middle Schoolers!!

On December 5th we are going paint crazy!

Paintball, 1:00-5:00 pm, meet at church
OR

Painting Pottery, 2:00-4:00 pm, meet at *Art from the Heart*

These trips are open to all middle school students 6th-8th grades, guys and girls. The cost of either trip is \$20. Sign up by November 29th with an event sheet, a current medical release form and your payment. For more information please contact Drew Sher (dsher@fumccoppell.org) or TJ Zimmerman (tzimmerman@fumccoppell.org).

Winter Weekend 2010

Winter Weekend on January 14-17 with our friends at First Baptist and Valley Ranch Baptist. We will have a guest speaker, some great worship time together, and a whole lot of fun! Registration begins November 29th. Volunteers are needed for host homes, co-host homes, registration and luggage transportation. Contact Drew Sher if you can help.



Confirmation

Confirmation Field Trips

Field trips are an important part of the confirmation experience as they allow our youth to participate in the worship traditions of other faith communities. While these field trips are not mandatory, they are highly encouraged for all confirmands.

Field trips to Temple Emanu-El, a Jewish Temple in Dallas, are scheduled for January 2010. This field trip is an opportunity to learn about the Jewish faith and appreciate the roots of Christianity in Judaism. The field trip includes a tour of the Temple and a worship service. You will have three dates from which to choose:

- Saturday, January 9th (9:30 am – noon)
- Saturday, January 16th (9:30 am – noon)
- Saturday, January 23rd (9:30 am – noon)

We can take up to 30 people each time (including adult chaperones) and will need adult volunteers to drive and chaperone. To sign up for this field trip, please contact Cindy Wylie at 972-393-6925 or cindy.wylie@hotmail.com.

Coming Soon!

Confirmation Retreat to Sky Ranch Conference Center on January 30-31, 2010. The \$100 retreat fees for youth and \$50 retreat fees for chaperones are due by December 15th for any who have not yet paid. Retreat details will be mailed to homes in early January.



Music

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.

Youth Choir

Come be a part of Youth Choir for youth ages 6th-12th 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.



Joys

Congratulations to Chris and Laura Kupcunas at the birth of their son, Haydon James, on November 9th. Proud sister is Allie.



Missions

Costa Rica Mission Trip – 2010

FUMC Coppell will be participating in a mission trip to Costa Rica again this coming spring, March 13-20, 2010 (coincides with CISD Spring Break). Registration has begun. This marks the 9th year for us to participate. This year, members of FUMC The Colony and Faith Bridge Church in Rockwall will be joining with us! Our purpose is to radiate Christ's love while serving him in whatever capacity we have been called to serve. We will work under the direction of the staff of the Centro Rural Metodista in Ciudad Quesada (Northwest of San Jose). Activities typically include: construction work on a new local Methodist church, putting on a vacation bible school for area children, and doing "fix up work" at the center.

The total trip price will be \$1,300 per person. We will need to limit the number of travelers to 22. A \$100 deposit and completed registration form are all you need to reserve your spot on the trip! Please mail or drop off your checks to the church office, 420 S Hartz Rd, Coppell, TX 75019. Checks should be made out to FUMC Coppell, with "Costa Rica Mission Trip Deposit" in the memo field. **The deadline for deposits and registration is January 3rd.**

This trip can be an incredible blessing for families with older children! Ninth grade and older youth accompanied by parents are invited, as are sophomores and older youth who have an adult sponsor accompanying them on the trip. Information brochures are available in the church office and on the Mission table in Wesley Hall. A short video of last year's trip is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJJ3HdCBw14>. If you have any questions, please contact any of the team leaders (Billy Fought, 972-393-7235 or Amanda Glassey, 214-536-8100).

Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree this Christmas Season will benefit both CCA and Christ Foundry. The tree will be up beginning November 29th. CCA has provided us with tags now in order to get the store inventory ready, so if you're going shopping this week, come by the church and pick up a tag before the weekend. **Please bring the items back to the church unwrapped with the gift tag attached by December 13th.**



Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas Volunteer Opportunity?

The Single Pathfinders Sunday School Class has taken on the task of managing the CCA Christmas Giving Tree at Vista Ridge Mall all day on Saturday, December 5th. Smiling "tree sitters" are needed from 10:00 am-9:00 pm to take in gifts, record donations, give tax receipts, etc.

We need 2-3 people at the tree all day so you can volunteer an hour or maybe more or bring a friend to share in the fun. For more information or to volunteer for a time slot contact Terri Bacot at tbacot@tx.rr.com or 214-543-6618.



Bits & Pieces

Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order poinsettia plants to decorate the chancel area for Christmas. They can be given in honor or memory of loved ones. Pick up an order form in the Church Office or the table in Wesley Hall. **Deadline to order is November 29th** and the cost is \$20 each.

Get on Board the Bandwagon! Don't Miss Out!

In order to be better stewards of our money, we have implemented the option of emailing quarterly contribution statements. If you would like to have your giving statements sent to you electronically via a secure PDF file format, please send an email granting your permission to Anne Hinkle, ahinkle@fumcoppell.org. The email must include: your name, home phone number and your preferred email address.

If a majority of families in the church participate in this endeavor we will save in three ways - the money from postage, paper from printing, and time from the administrative staff preparing the large mailing. Won't you help the church be good stewards and hop on the bandwagon?

And A Little Child Shall Lead Them...

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@fumcoppell.org.

Congratulations Nancy Monroe!

Did you know Nancy is now the new North Texas Conference Vice President of United Methodist Women? Way to go, Nancy!



Stephen Ministers Retreat

Our Stephen Ministers have been busy caring for people in the congregation and community, so Saturday, November 14th was a day of rest, renewal and inspiration on their annual Nov. Retreat. Twenty-one Stephen Ministers enjoyed a day of fellowship in the country in Poetry, Texas. The focus was on taking time to rest and find balance, and on providing spiritual care.

If you are interested in knowing more about Stephen Ministry – either having a Stephen Minister or becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471 or sbryan@fumcoppell.org. Training for new Stephen Ministers will begin next fall.

Charity Christmas Tree Lot

The Youth and Music departments are co-sponsoring a Charity Christmas Tree lot on November 27th-December 13th. The moneys raised will go to fund for the combined summer mission trip to Atlanta, GA and other local missions such as Christian Community Action of Lewisville and Trees for Troops. Our goal is sell 250 trees and donate 50 trees to charity. We will be selling Douglass and Noble Firs that come from the Washington state and will be the best and greenest trees in town. The tree lot will be open weekdays 6:00-9:00 pm, Saturdays 10:00-8:00 pm and Sundays 1:00-6:30 pm. **We will have extended hours on Friday, November 27th from 1:00 pm-8:00 pm.** We are currently looking for volunteers or groups to join in on the fun. If you or your family would like to sign up please see Drew Sher or TJ Zimmerman.



Join us for the last dinner of 2009 on Wednesday, December 2nd 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. The *Good to Go Café* will resume in January.

Crafts & Fellowship

The next Crafts & Fellowship will be FRIDAY, December 4th from 5:00-10:00 pm. Come and take a much needed break and work on whatever craft project you have going on or any Christmas gifts you may be working on. We will have tables set up in Wesley Hall 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 bring your own snacks. RSVP to Jen Bunting at jen.bunting@verizon.net to let us know you're coming!



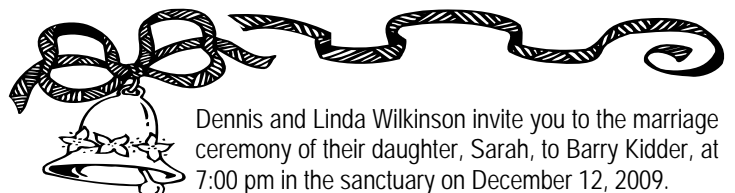
Loving Hands

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 more friends and more volunteers for our next Saturday Evening of Rest, otherwise referred to as "church camp" by a couple of our kids. December 12th is our next night and we would love to have you come join us for a few hours of fun! Questions please contact Kathy Braem at kbraem@fumcoppell.com or kbraem@msn.com.

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.



Dennis and Linda Wilkinson invite you to the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Sarah, to Barry Kidder, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary on December 12, 2009.



Calendar for November 25th - December 8th

Wednesday, November 25

Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed
1:00 pm-8:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot

Saturday, November 28

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
10:00 am-8:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot

Sunday, November 29

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-6:30 pm Christmas Tree Lot
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp
3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Older Kids of Peace
6:00 pm-8:00 pm ELF Movie Night
7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, November 30

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
5:30 pm-7:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transitions Grp
8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

Tuesday, December 1

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 Lessons
5:30 pm-6:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Church Charge Conference
7:00 pm-8:00 pm 8th Grade Girls Cell Grp
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal
7:00 pm-8:30 pm UMW Rachel Circle

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2
10:00 am-12:00 pm Creating Altars Workshop
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
6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Café
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
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 7th Grade Bible Study
7:00 pm-8:00 pm 8th Grade Guys Cell Grp
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration
7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 3

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
11:30 am-12:30 pm Stringfellow Christmas Luncheon
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
4:00 pm-9:00 pm Texas Arts Academy
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Knitting Workshop

Friday, December 4

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
5:00 pm-10:00 pm Crafts & Fellowship
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
7:00 pm-10:00 pm Texas Arts Academy

Saturday, December 5

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
9:00 am-11:00 am Scout Buck Auction
9:30 am-11:30 am Making Room for God While Getting Ready for Christmas
10:00 am-8:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
11:00 am-2:00 pm Texas Arts Academy

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
Worship Services
9:30 am-12:00 pm Cookie Jamboree
9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am-10:45 am Third Grade Bible Learning Lesson
1:00 pm-2:30 pm Hungry for the Word
1:00 pm-6:30 pm Christmas Tree Lot
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
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells
5:00 pm-6:15 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Christmas POPS!
7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, December 7

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
9:00 am-12:00 pm Texas Arts Academy
2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons
5:30 pm-7:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
6:30 pm-7:30 pm Hearthstone Worship
7:00 pm-8:00 pm UMW Lydia Circle
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transitions Grp
8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

Tuesday, December 8

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 Lessons
5:30 pm-6:30 pm Texas Arts Academy
6:00 pm-8:00 pm Spiritual Direction
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Christmas Tree Lot
6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal
7:00 pm-9:00 pm Trustees Mtg

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



Happy Thanksgiving



First Church Finances At a Glance

Year to Date at November 23rd

	2009	2008	2007
Offerings and Other Income	\$ 1,695,121	\$ 1,716,227	\$ 1,633,982
Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts	\$ 165,336	\$ 204,149	\$ 192,247

Thank you for your generous support!



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. Go to "Giving" and select "Donations".



Capital Campaign

As of Monday, November 23rd, we have 253 pledges totaling \$2,150,000 our goal of \$4,500,000).

Church Charge Conference
Tuesday, December 1st
7:00 pm

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
- Discipleship Ministries - www.gbod.org
- Daily Devotionals - www.upperroom.org
- Cokesbury Books - www.cokesbury.org
- North Texas Conference - www.ntcumc.org

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.



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Return Service Requested

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.

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%	