

# First News

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## Dennis the Minister

### Great Plan, Tough Economy, New Timeline

#### Great Plan

After the "Pathway to the Future" campaign last October and the "We're So Close" follow-up effort last February, we were short of our needed commitments to pursue the original concept proposed in December 2009. Since March the Pathway Team and a subcommittee have worked to create a revised plan, using the existing and pledged funds, which would: 1) avoid impacting our current operating budget for three years and 2) simplify the design and reduce the scope of the new facility and thereby reduce costs to stay within the available pledged total.

#### Tough Economy

Even though the economy continues to languish and keep construction costs down, the construction estimates for the revised plan have finally come in and, regrettably, are still a few hundred thousand dollars more than what we have committed. And as we're all aware, the fallout from the economic downturn has impacted our basic and essential giving to our operations, hence, the further reductions in our program and personnel budget.

#### New Timeline

The Pathway Team is presently recommending to the Church Council for presentation to the Church Conference on September 12<sup>th</sup> the following:

Fall '10 thru Summer '11 -- using accrued and regularly received Pathway funds, proceed now with some of the Pathway improvements which were planned for the existing facility (for example, new carpet in sanctuary; upgrade Sunday School classrooms, especially for the youth; porte cochere); restore our lost program and operating funding by strengthening our fundamental discipleship as a church family with regard to our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

Fall '11 thru Summer '12 -- continue accruing Pathway pledges; continue to strengthen our fundamental discipleship using a program called "Commitment to Christ".

Fall '12 thru Summer '13 -- complete necessary funding, design and bidding to proceed with the new construction phase of the Pathway vision.

#### Vision Tempered by Realism Yields Balance

I believe the Pathway vision is well thought-out and will be very important to this church's future. I believe that this plan is a faithful and prudent way to proceed allowing us to hold on to future hope while not ignoring our present reality. The ministries of this church are strong. They continue to be a vehicle through which God changes lives. What happens here matters. Let's move into the future with confidence.

Please come to the Church Conference on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the sanctuary to help us reset our course and begin to throw some coal into the fire.

Grace and Peace,

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES NEEDING MORE SPACE – Bear with us. Our Pathway vision provides for more large classrooms but its going to take us a while longer to get those. Squeeze in ... and smile!!



### Looking Ahead to Worship

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion Served  
Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Rotunda, 9:00 am; Sanctuary, 11:00 am

Heartfire Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner, preaching  
Sanctuary, 9:00 am

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Rotunda, 9:00 am; Sanctuary, 11:00 am

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## Care & Support

### People Staying Alive Together

A support group for persons living in acute hopelessness or despair begins Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Sit down in the discreet setting of a private home with other people struggling with overwhelming life challenges. Discover that you're not alone. Hear again that you are a beloved child of God. Encourage each other to stay alive together for the next week. If coming, please RSVP to [dwilkinson@fumccoppell.org](mailto:dwilkinson@fumccoppell.org).

### Heroes is a Support Group ...

for caregivers, where people can find a sympathetic ear from others who are going through their own caregiving time in life. Information is shared and experience is passed on. Heroes meets the first Wednesday of every month. Next meeting is September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in Room 302. For more information contact Marilyn Horton, 972-393-1304, [marhorton@gmail.com](mailto:marhorton@gmail.com).

### Touched by Suicide (TBS) Support Group ...

meets at Vista Ridge UMC in Lewisville at 7:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Led by Martha Giles. For more information, contact Jerry or Bianca Coker at 972-393-2887.

### Career Development Network ...

meets every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Library. It serves the needs of members or non members by Business Development Networking, Career Transition Advice, and Recruiting needs of area companies. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Doug Powers ([hdpowers@tx.rr.com](mailto:hdpowers@tx.rr.com)).

### Professional Services Needed - Helping Hold the Mat for Others

Some members of our church family are going through difficult times, and are in need of help from the help from these professions: Attorneys, Financial Advisors, Counselors/Therapists, etc. If you are willing to give of your time to help consult with members of our church in your area of expertise, please contact Rev. Susan Bryan ([sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org) or 972-462-0471).



## Children

### Upcoming Important Dates for Children

- Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Acolyte Dedication in worship
- Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Children's Carnival (play games, eat hot dogs, wear your costume for a parade through Good to Go café)
- Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles in worship (with Bible learning lesson at 12:15 pm)
- Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Birthday Party for Jesus

### Important Back To School Notes

Please contact Rev. Jennifer Scott with any questions, [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org).

- If you did not receive a backpack tag on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have more available on the children's tables in the narthex
- School age kids have moved to their new class in Sunday school. We will have greeters in the narthex, Wesley Hall, Rotunda hallway and Smartt Hall helping you find your way!
- We have Wee Worship (ages 3-7) at the 11:00 am service ONLY. Please sign up in Wesley Hall at 10:50 am. If you have a need for 9:00 Wee Worship, please email [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org). It will take some time to get this organized, but we will need to work out a rotation of parent volunteers in order for it to happen.
- Acolyte Training for 5<sup>th</sup> graders – if you are interested in serving and were unable to attend one of the training sessions, please contact Terah Paolini (972-745-3507, [TLPaolini@yahoo.com](mailto:TLPaolini@yahoo.com)).
- *Kids in Mission* will begin 4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades. We do special mission projects each week to help our kids learn what it means to follow Jesus by loving and serving others. Please join us!
- *Kids of Hope* and *Kids of Peace* (Grief and Divorce groups for kids) – September 26<sup>th</sup>-November 7<sup>th</sup> (no class October 10<sup>th</sup>) from 5:00-6:30 pm.

### Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats are Planning to CHANGE the World!

A new season of fun, fellowship, and mission awaits our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 pm as the kick off date for CC's and JJ's. We will gather in the Rotunda for a brief orientation meeting regarding our Heifer Project emphasis for the year followed by another great performance by Nana Puddin' and Nancy Burks Worcester!

Crazy Christians are 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children meeting together bimonthly during the school year for recreation, fellowship and mission. One monthly meeting is held at the church in conjunction with the Jumpin' Jehoshaphats and the other monthly meeting for CC's is purely for fellowship at an offsite location. CC's also enjoy an annual retreat to Sky Ranch in the spring.

Jumpin' Jehoshaphats are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children meeting together on a monthly basis at the church for recreation, fellowship and mission. Although meeting at the same time as the Crazy Christians, JJ's and CC's rotate separately through the various activities.

Registration packets will be mailed to all 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children in early September. Watch your mailboxes for the calendars and registration forms! Friends are always welcome to attend, so please contact the church office at 972-462-0471 if you wish to include a child on our CC's and JJ's mailing list.



### Stringfellow School News

a Children's Day Out and Preschool program  
for children ages 12 months to 5 years

### Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year!

- Meet the Teacher will be held on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- First Day of School will be Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Blessings to all our families.



## Adults

### Marriage Encounter - Refresh Your Relationship

Save October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> now on your calendar to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend - Dallas area.

- Take a new look at your marriage, priorities, and lifestyle
- Learn simple, effective communication techniques
- Enhance the love that you share
- Rediscover your hopes and dreams

For information and to register: [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org) or contact Mickey and Linda Wheeler - [jamesw3681@aol.com](mailto:jamesw3681@aol.com), 972-594-0232.

### Financial Peace ...

will be meeting on Thursdays, starting September 9<sup>th</sup>. Preview this Sunday morning in Wesley Hall. Please join us! For more info, contact Bill Smothermon.

## Adult Grace Groups Fall 2010



Grace Groups are our small groups for adults that offer participants opportunities to gather and grow in grace together through fellowship, prayer, study, reflection and small-group discussion.

Childcare is offered for Wednesday afternoon/evening groups, with 48 hour advance reservations – 972-462-0471, ext. 226

You may register online at [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org) under "Connect", "Adults", "Study/Grace Group Registration", 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

#### What it Means to be United Methodist

Wednesdays, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Leaders: Rev. Ashleigh Joyner and Rev. Susan Bryan

#### Invitation to New Testament, starts September 19<sup>th</sup>

Sundays, 2:00-3:30 pm, Leaders: Jerry Coker and Tom Smith

#### Financial Peace University, starts September 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Leader: Bill Smothermon

#### Women's Reading Group, starts September 9<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

#### Morning Men's Bible Study (ongoing)

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

#### Mid-Week Reflections, starts September 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 pm, Leader: Calista Hall

### Long-Term Study Groups

#### Disciple 1, starts September 7<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, Leader: Bill and Brenda Hightower

#### Disciple 4, starts September 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Leaders: Sandra Crawford and Julia Moomau

#### Christian Believer, starts September 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm OR 6:30-8:30 pm,  
Leader: Rev. Dennis Wilkinson,

### Divorce and Grief Support Groups

#### Divorce Recovery (6 weeks), starts September 26<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Grief Support Group (6 weeks), starts September 26<sup>th</sup>

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm,

### Special Offerings

#### As Stewards of God's Creation

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00 pm, Leader: Amanda Vanhoozier

#### Yoga (10 sessions), starts September 13<sup>th</sup>

Mondays, 9:00-11:00 am, Leader: Lucinda Bordonaro  
OR Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm, Leader: Patti Carpenter

#### Spiritual Direction Group, starts October 4<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm, Leader: Rev. Susan Bryan

#### Knitting Group, starts September 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 pm, Leader: Bianca Coker

#### Women's Morning Apart: Listening to Your Life

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am-12:00 pm,  
Leaders: Rev. Susan Bryan and Peggy Sham

#### In the Garden: Centering on God in the Midst of the Holidays

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 am, Leader: Rev. Susan Bryan

#### Women's Retreat

April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Prothro Center, Texoma, Contacts: Ellen Diers,  
Lisa Hancock or Rev. Susan Bryan



## Confirmation

### Several of our Confirmands are Seeking Mentors ...

to share in their faith journey. A mentor is an adult member of our church who has a solid faith in God, a commitment to the tenets of the United Methodist Church, and a desire to encourage a youth throughout the confirmation experience. Please contact Kelly Williams ([kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org) or 972-393-0069) if you are willing to serve as a mentor to one of our sixth grade confirmands.

### Mentors ...

are asked to attend a brief training meeting on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm in Wesley Hall followed by the Confirmation Covenant Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Together confirmands, parents, and mentors will share in this special worship experience.



## United Methodist Women

### UMW Circles Are Up and Running!

If you are already involved in UMW, welcome back! If you are interested in visiting or checking us out, welcome-welcome! Below are the first of the monthly 2010-2011 Circle meetings. And, you don't have to be prepared for anything except for great fellowship with wonderful women.

The Circles provide an opportunity to meet women from the church in an atmosphere that fosters close friendships. We learn and grow in our faith journey together, and we also reach out through many mission opportunities. Not sure which Circle might be the best fit for your needs? Call Rebecca Davis at 972-462-7777 or email her at [rebecca.davis7777@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.davis7777@gmail.com). Also, you can learn more about UMW on the church website.

**Hannah Circle:** The first meeting will be held on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, at the home of Brenda Olson, 477 Wales Ct., Coppell. Contact Melissa Smith (972-393-3898) or Kari Rose (972-393-1721) for more information.

**Mary Martha Circle:** The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm, at the home of Shirley Pezzillo. Contact Betty Wymore (972-304-5975) for more information.

**Lydia Circle:** The first meeting will be held at the church on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Contact Shelley Minnis (972-393-3833) for more information.

**Kairos Circle:** The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at the home of Patty Disen, 838 Mallard, Coppell. Contact Patty Disen (972-393-3931) for more information.

**Rachel Circle:** The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Location TBD. Contact Calista Hall (919-599-3902) or Kelly Mobley (972-393-7163) for more information.

### The Rachel Circle ...

is looking for some new faces to join us in the Fall. We have changed our format to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We will be alternating our meetings at a member's home for dinner one month, then we will be out at a restaurant the following month. We also will not be doing a book study this year. We are going to try a "strictly discussion" group to talk about pre-determined faith issues instead. There is no need to read before meetings, just come and discuss with us and enjoy fellowship with other fabulous ladies in the church community. To join this group, please contact Calista Hall at [Calista.Hall@yahoo.com](mailto:Calista.Hall@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Bunting at [jen.bunting@verizon.net](mailto:jen.bunting@verizon.net).



## Joys

Congratulations to Sam and Kate Duff on the birth of their son, William Bryan, on August 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Visitor Outreach

Are you a people person? Would you like to help our guide visitors through our church on a Sunday mornings? Our new Visitor/Outreach team is working to make sure visitor's feel more at home when they come to FUMC Coppell. If you would be willing to contact visitors and answer questions about our church and help get them plugged in or meet them at a door on a Sunday morning to be their personal tour guide, then this team is for you. Contact Visitor/Outreach leader Ellen James ([a0003054@airmail.net](mailto:a0003054@airmail.net) or 972-462-9067).

### Nursery Story Time

Do you love to read? How about sharing that love with the children in the Nursery. We are looking for volunteers to spend a few extra minutes on Sunday morning to share a short bible story with nursery kids. If you are interested in sharing your love of reading and God email Beverly Gemmell at [beverlygemmell@verizon.net](mailto:beverlygemmell@verizon.net).



### Altar Design/Set Up

If you have ever wanted to help with the altars for worship, please join us Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm starting in the Sanctuary to learn the particulars of being part of the altar team. Contact Marcia Mares, [marciamares5@gmail.com](mailto:marciamares5@gmail.com).

### Worship Team



### for the Fall!

We Need You! With changes to our worship service times and locations, and addition of the new eleven<sup>10</sup> youth service (starting September 12<sup>th</sup>), we are in need of more people to help with worship support in different areas including:

- Rotunda Set-up
- Altar Design/Set-up
- Pew Clean-up/Stocking
- Scripture Readers
- Ushers – 9:00 and 11:00 am
- Advent/Lent Set-up

If you would like to help with any of these areas, please contact Betty Kirton, Worship Team Co-Chair ([bjkirton@verizon.net](mailto:bjkirton@verizon.net), 972-462-8198) or Rev. Susan Bryan ([sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org), 972-462-0471 ext 215).

### Advent Decorators Needed

Come use your passion for the holidays and your gifts for decorating to serve your church as we prepare for the Advent season. We are looking for individuals, families, Sunday School Classes and groups to help us decorate the Sanctuary and Rotunda. We need people to help us: plan for décor for the season, gather needed supplies, and decorate on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you will help, please contact Betty Kirton, Worship Co-Chair (972-462-8198 or [bjkirton@verizon.net](mailto:bjkirton@verizon.net)).



## Music

### Children's Choir

Hey, kids! Join 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-6:30 in Wesley Hall.** Make plans now to come register for choir, meet your choir director and enjoy a free dinner! We have some fun, new surprises planned! 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 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-6:15 pm. Join us as we learn that we are *Here by Design* this year in choir! Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or [dgoodman@fumcoppell.org](mailto:dgoodman@fumcoppell.org) for more information.

### Chancel Choir

Rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 pm in the Choir Room led by Deanna Goodman. All adults are welcome to join us as we serve God and our Church through music! Childcare is available by reservation by calling 972-462-0471, ext. 226. If you are a long-time member, a former member who has not sung for a while, or a new member, please join us as we make new friends, renew old friendships and make a joyful noise together! We hope to see you there! Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or [dgoodman@fumcoppell.org](mailto:dgoodman@fumcoppell.org) for more information.

### Children's Beginner and Intermediate 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 8<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 6:15-7:00 pm. Please contact Deanna Goodman for more information. Come and ring handbells with us!

### Sunday Music Rehearsals

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| • First Church Orchestra                                    | 2:00-3:00 pm | Choir Loft |
| • Youth Handbells (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade) | 3:00-4:00 pm | Choir Loft |
| • Youth Choir (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)     | 4:00-5:00 pm | Choir Room |
| • Shalom Ringers (adult)                                    | 5:00-6:00 pm | Choir Loft |

### Fine Arts Academy Now Enrolling For Fall



Offering private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, flute, and strings. Group lessons offered in piano and guitar. Lessons began August 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information please contact Elizabeth Parker at [eparker@fumcoppell.org](mailto:eparker@fumcoppell.org) or call 972-462-0471 x203.



## Youth

### LAST CHANCE!

### Back to School Retreat (BTS)

September 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>



You won't want to miss this annual retreat at Sky Ranch. This year we are bringing in a hired worship band and a guest speaker. Open to all students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. The cost is \$200 if space is still available. Contact the church office ASAP.

### Youth Disciple Bible Study

In depth exploration of the Bible - what's there and what it means. For high school youth. Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 206. For more info contact Chris Mobley, 214-280-1031 or [christopher.mobley@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.mobley@gmail.com).



### A Student Worship Experience

Starts Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:10am in the Rotunda

#### What will this worship service be like?

It will be a place where students can connect with God through their own style of music, message, and fellowship.

#### Who will be leading this service?

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner-associate pastor, Drew and TJ-youth ministers, youth band, other great youth musicians, and youth in general

#### Who is invited to come?

It is student worship for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and college age students.

#### Are parents and other family members welcome?

Yes, but you do need to know that we are going to be dealing with youth/college age topics for sermons. The place will also be rocking (meaning loud). Our youth band will be playing songs they listen to on the radio. It will also be a very relaxed atmosphere, which means laid back, people wearing shorts and flip flops with food/drinks around.



## New Members

### Joined August 22<sup>nd</sup>



Tom, Karla and  
Jordan Grissom



Sharon Henson

### Joined August 29<sup>th</sup>



David and Lisa Allston  
Garrett Gamball and Hank Allston



## Bits & Pieces

### 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 September 26<sup>th</sup>-November 7<sup>th</sup> (no class October 10<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.

Please note that you do not have to be a church member to participate in these ministries. We want to reach out to our community, so please invite your friends to contact us.



Join us for our **KICKOFF SURPRISE** on September 8<sup>th</sup> in Wesley Hall from 6:00-6:45 pm. Price is adults \$6 and children \$5.

Reservations required by 12:00 pm on Monday.

You can pay on Sunday morning in Wesley Hall or **NEW** this year, **ON LINE REGISTRATION**. You may make your reservations online and even pay in advance if desired. Go to the church website ([www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org)) and click on "connect", then "Good to Go Reservations" or click [here](#).

**We Need Your Help.** Think about how long it takes you to prepare a meal for your family and then multiply it by 25. That's what we do each week. Can you spare even one Wednesday a month? Below are ways that you can help

- Meal preparations and set up on 4:45-6:00 pm.
- Meal service and cleanup 6:00-7:15 pm.

Contact Susie Briscoe at [timnsusiebriscoe@verizon.net](mailto:timnsusiebriscoe@verizon.net) or 972-745-4610 to discuss how you would like to get involved in this vital, important ministry of our church!

### Evangelism Potluck

All Evangelism Team members and those who wish to serve on our team that deals with church hospitality and invitation, please join us on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting and eating from 12:15-1:30 pm in Wesley Hall. This will be a time of fellowship and where we gear up for Fall. Come and bring your favorite dish because this is an old fashion potluck. Hope you can join us! Contact Chair, Brenda Hightower ([brenda.hightower@cleanese.com](mailto:brenda.hightower@cleanese.com)) or Rev. Ashleigh Joyner ([ajoyner@fumccoppell.org](mailto:ajoyner@fumccoppell.org)) for more details.

### And Little Children Shall Lead Them...

Sunday after the children's time there was a brother and sister team walking up the aisle. They had their back to you so you didn't get to see this. He was the older brother and she was the younger sister. She had her arms wrapped around his and was just looking up at him like he was the neatest big brother in the whole world. It was really neat. Hope it lasts throughout their lifetime. Every once in a while we get to see really neat stuff!

*Submitted by Tom S. (in an email to Jennifer Scott)*

\*\* 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).



We are making changes in an effort to reduce paper and postage costs and to connect to more members more quickly. This savings will enable us to better fulfill the mission and ministries of our church.

Please submit (update) your contact information to [swalsh@fumccoppell.org](mailto:swalsh@fumccoppell.org): address, home phone, cell phone and current email address. We will use the contact information to ensure you receive church news in a timely, accurate and efficient manner. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we transition to electronic communication.

**Did you know...**we now have on-line giving? Visit [fumccoppell.org/donations](http://fumccoppell.org/donations) for more information.

**Coming soon...**on-line payment, registration and church member directory.



# Calendar for September 1<sup>st</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

## Wednesday, September 1

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow In-service  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choir Kickoff  
 6:00 pm-7:15 pm Women's Retreat Planning  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Disciple Bible Study  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Rehearsal  
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, September 2

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow In-service  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer  
 3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy

## Friday, September 3

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow Meet the Teacher  
 3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy

## Saturday, September 4

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre  
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball  
 8:00 am-Monday BTS Retreat  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Girl Scout Gold Ceremony

## Sunday, September 5

9:00 am-9:45 am Traditional Service  
 9:00 am-9:45 am Heartfire Service  
 10:00 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am-12:00 pm Traditional Service  
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp



## Monday, September 6

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Development Network  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm eleven<sup>10</sup> Band Rehearsal

## Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg  
 3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Altar Guild Mtg  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm People Staying Alive Together Support Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Disciple 1

## Wednesday, September 8

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Christian Believer  
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission  
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers  
 5:30 pm-6:15 pm Children's Choirs  
 5:30 pm-6:15 pm Knitting  
 5:30 pm-6:15 pm Mid-Week Reflections  
 6:00 pm-6:45 pm Good to Go Café  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMW Board Mtg  
 6:15 pm-7:00 pm Celebration Ringers  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Christian Believer  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm What It Means to Be United Methodist  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Disciple Bible Study  
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, September 9

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  
 3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Financial Peace

## Friday, September 10

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy

## Saturday, September 11

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre  
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball

## Sunday, September 12

9:00 am-9:45 am Traditional Service  
 9:00 am-9:45 am Heartfire Service  
 10:00 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am-10:45 am Church Conference  
 11:00 am-12:00 pm Traditional Service  
 11:10 am-12:00 pm eleven<sup>10</sup> Student Service  
 12:15 pm-1:45 pm Evangelism Potluck  
 2:00 pm-3:00 pm First Church Orchestra  
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp  
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Youth Handbells  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Choir  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers



## Monday, September 13

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Coppell Moms Grp  
 3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Evangelism Mtg  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Development Network  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm eleven<sup>10</sup> Band Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm-8:30 pm Yoga

## Tuesday, September 14

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 4  
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg  
 3:30 pm-7:30 pm Fine Arts Academy  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm People Staying Alive Together Support Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Trustees Mtg  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Disciple 1

**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**

**Year to Date at August 27<sup>th</sup>**

	2010	2009	2008
General Offerings	\$ 1,174,260	\$ 1,206,371	\$ 1,227,547
Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts	\$ 254,854	\$ 246,585	\$ 316,056

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**Loving Jesus**

A large portion of disciples, it seems, are being attracted to Jesus because of what He can do for them and they appear to have little interest in considering what they should do for Him. Many of today's Christians appear to follow Christ for the same reason they frequent their favorite restaurant; they both give them what they want. They love Jesus the same way they love the restaurant.

-- Selwyn Hughes, speaker and author (from *Sound Bites*)

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

First United Methodist Church, Coppell wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

There are two ways to set up electronic donations. You can visit the church website at [www.fumccoppell.org](http://www.fumccoppell.org), locate the "Giving" link and follow the instructions or, if you wish, you can simply complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

**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.

**Don't Forget New Worship Times**

9:00 am	Traditional Worship in the Rotunda
9:00 am	Heartfire Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:10 am	eleven <sup>10</sup> Student Service in the Rotunda

**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)
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 Ministries	(237)
Kelly Williams	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Kathy Braem	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Dena Nichols	Stringfellow School	(972-393-0698)
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)
Matt Shinn	Operations Assistant	

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  
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Return Service Requested

# SCRIP ORDER FORM

Revised 8/26/2010

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.

**We carry an inventory of many of the items listed. Please check the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings or come by the church office during the week.**

\*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>Automotive</u>			
Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
Chevron	\$ 50		
Exxon/Mobil	\$ 50		
Shell	\$ 25		

<u>Grocery Stores</u>			
Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
HEB / Central Market	\$ 25		
Kroger	\$ 25		
Kroger	\$ 100		
Tom Thumb	\$ 25		
Tom Thumb	\$ 100		
Wal-Mart	\$ 25		
Wal-Mart	\$ 100		

<u>Restaurants</u>			
Vendor	Amt Each	Qty	Rcvd
Applebee's	\$ 25		
Arby's	\$ 10		
Boston Market	\$ 10		
Cheesecake Factory	\$ 25		
Chili's / On The Border	\$ 25		
Chipotle	\$ 10		
Chuck E Cheese	\$ 10		
Cracker Barrel	\$ 10		
Denny's	\$ 10		
Domino's	\$ 5		
Fat Daddy's	\$ 10		
Jack in the Box	\$ 10		
Kentucky Fried Chicken	\$ 5		
Mimis Cafe	\$ 25		
Ole's Tex-Mex	any size		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	\$ 25		
Outback Steakhouse/Carraba's	\$ 25		
Panera Bread	\$ 10		
P.F. Chang/Pei Wei	\$ 25		
Pizza Hut	\$ 10		
Saltgrass/Rainforest Café/Landry's	\$ 25		
Starbucks Coffee	\$ 10		
Starbucks Coffee	\$ 25		
Subway	\$ 10		
TGI Fridays	\$ 25		
Wendy's	\$ 10		

**Retail Stores**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amt Each</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Rcvd</b>
Ace Hardware	\$ 25		
AMC	\$ 25		
Amazon.com	\$ 25		
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	\$ 10		
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton	\$ 25		
Bass Pro	\$ 25		
Bath & Body Works	\$ 10		
Bath & Body Works	\$ 25		
Bed, Bath and Beyond	\$ 25		
Best Buy	\$ 25		
Best Buy	\$ 100		
Blockbuster Video	\$ 4		
Blockbuster Video	\$ 10		
Borders/Waldenbooks	\$ 10		
Borders/Waldenbooks	\$ 25		
Cinemark Theatres	\$ 25		
Claire's	\$ 10		
Container Store	\$ 25		
Crate and Barrel	\$ 25		
CVS Pharmacy	\$ 25		
Dillards	\$ 25		
Dillards	\$ 100		
Express/Structure	\$ 25		
Family Christian Stores	\$ 25		
GameStop	\$ 25		
Home Depot	\$ 25		
Home Depot	\$ 100		
Home Depot	\$ 500		

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amt Each</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Rcvd</b>
iTunes	\$ 15		
J C Penney	\$ 25		
J C Penney	\$ 100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	\$ 20		
Kohl's	\$ 25		
Kohl's	\$ 100		
Land's End	\$ 25		
Limited	\$ 25		
Lowe's	\$ 25		
Lowe's	\$ 100		
Macy's	\$ 25		
Macy's	\$ 100		
Michaels	\$ 25		
Office Depot	\$ 25		
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic	\$ 25		
Payless Shoes	\$ 20		
Pier 1	\$ 25		
Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma	\$ 25		
Radio Shack	\$ 25		
Sears	\$ 25		
Sears	\$ 100		
Sephora	\$ 20		
Sports Authority	\$ 25		
TJMaxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods	\$ 25		
Toys "R" Us/Kids "R" Us/ Babies	\$ 20		
Wal-Mart	\$ 25		
Wal-Mart	\$ 100		
Walgreens	\$ 25		