

# GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



FUMC is a Spiritual Vision Partner for the Offer Them Christ Campaign



## 9-11 and Ground Zero

This Saturday we will remember 911 and no doubt fuel the debate concerning the proposed Islamic center near Ground Zero. I do not know where you stand on this issue but if you are like me it seems incredulous. But most things do at first.

I think I was sleeping in American History when the subject of the Arlington National Cemetery came up. Here is what I learned from the current debate: In 1864 General Montgomery Meigs ordered the burial of 1,800 Union soldiers in Robert E. Lee's rose garden which is the present site of Arlington Cemetery. It is said that Meigs was determined to make Lee's house uninhabitable. Therefore, the most hallowed ground in our nation is the result of retribution and reprisal.

I do remember the hullabaloo surrounding the Vietnam Memorial. In the beginning, opponents called it the black wall of shame. In a compromise, a statue of three soldiers was erected to ease the tension. Over time, the black granite wall with 58, 267 names has attracted millions of visitors. I have been several times and with each visit I am literally moved with emotion. I sense the anguish and sorrow as I see my reflection among thousands of names. At every visit, I have witnessed the tears of veterans as they collected paper rubbings of friends of fellow soldiers engraved upon the wall. This once controversial wall has now become a place of national honor.

Still, I cannot see how any good would come of an Islamic Center near Ground Zero. Maybe it is because I am still harboring anger because of that violent attack. I have to remind myself that anger is not always a bad thing, but anger nourished in the psyche/soul becomes contempt, and contempt always leads to Sin. Contempt is the reason for 911!

Time has a way of working its way out throughout the generations. Only God knows the end. One day our grandchildren will wonder what all the controversy was about.

Something to think about,  
Howard

## Called Church Council Meeting

**Monday, September 13th  
5:00pm  
Conference Room**

## **Want to join a book club?**

Faith Lit. is a group of people who enjoy talking about books and eating good food. If this sounds like you, join us!

The book we are reading this time is  
"South of Broad" by Pat Conroy.

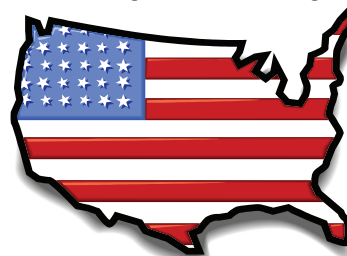
For more information contact Rachel Kammerer at [Rachel.Kammerer@sville.us](mailto:Rachel.Kammerer@sville.us) or 965-5112.



We will discuss this book on Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 6:00pm.

## **WE WILL NEVER FORGET!**

**Saturday is September 11th, Patriot Day.  
Let's remember the families of those lost  
and our country on that day in prayer!**



**9:00**



**11:00**

**September 12, 2010**

**RENEW SERVICE**

Bailey Deshmukh

Taylor Deshmukh

**September 19, 2010**

**RENEW SERVICE**

Jake Bagby

Peyton Barberee



### Youth Calendar

Wednesday, Sept. 15th 5:30pm

"ONLEASHED" Community Wide

Youth Event-Off Site

Friday, September 24th 5th Quarter—after the game, here at FUMC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 25th— "ONIFY" District

Youth Event-Off Site

For more info about these Youth activities call the church office, 965-5046.

### Totally JOY

Like totally for sure! We're "Totally JOY" (Just Older Youth) and we're calling all young adult ladies to join us in fellowship, friendship, and fun. We are beginning a group to share bible and book studies, prayer, and some TOTALLY meaningful "girl time". Our first meeting will be held at FUMC on **Thursday, September 9th @ 5:00pm** across from the nursery. Child care will be provided.

Find us on Facebook by the group name "Totally JOY", details of the group, including meeting times and locations can be found there.

*Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)*



4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

after school

## Worship on Wednesday

@ First United Methodist Church

4 years - 6th grade

\*\*\* Games \*\*\* Snacks \*\*\* Songs \*\*\*

Spiritual Lessons \*\*\*

*(Small Wonders, Friends of Jesus & Solid Rocks)*

### Beginning Today!

We will pick up kids from each campus, provide them with a snack, disciple them to have a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, and teach them to glorify God through music!

Kids can meet at Fellowship Hall after school or arrange to be picked up by the church van. Stop by the church office to complete a permission slip.

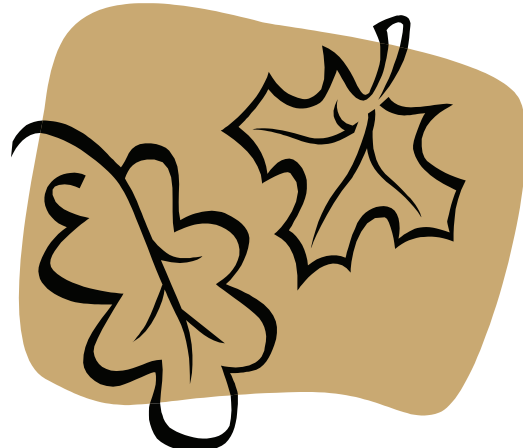
**Permission slips for school pick up are mandatory.**



Activities will conclude at 5:30 pm, at which time, parents will pick up their children in Fellowship Hall.



**965-5046**

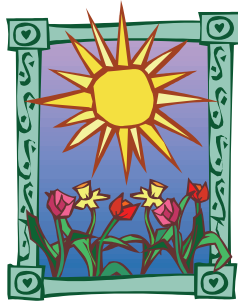


## Altar Flowers

Call or come by the church office today and ask how you can have the altar flowers placed in loving memory or in honor of that special someone in your life. The flowers are also a great way to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries!

Call us at 965-5046.

*If you call and designate the flowers in memory or honor of your loved one (s), please feel free to take them home with you after the 11:00am service.*



## Quilters Wanted

Come join us in the quilting room in Hutchinson Annex first and third Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. We visit and sew—and give our profits to Tree House. Now experience is necessary! If you have a favorite thimble, needle, or scissors, bring them.

For information, call Betty Chandler, 968-6796 or Norma Schwartzkopf, 968-5840.



## 90 Second Club

Church experts tell us that visitors in worship make their way out of the church in a mere 90 seconds after the service ends...and that their experience during those 90 seconds has an enormous impact on whether they come back.

So...we have an organization at FUMC called the 90-Second Club! Club members are friendly, caring people who make it a priority after every benediction to share a smile and a greeting with newcomers and to make them feel warmly welcomed. It's as simple and wonderful as that!

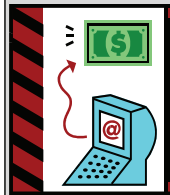
Be an active member of the 90-Second Club this week! Remember, a small investment of your time today can win you a friend for eternal life!

## Did you know???

- *You can have your contributions automatically drafted from your account by the church?*

OR

- *You can use your online banking to make your contributions?*



If you would like to utilize one of these convenient methods of giving just call the church office.





## Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns may be added to the list by calling or writing the church office. Names will run for four full weeks, and can be continued on the list with a simple call or email.

### **Hospital...**

Nancy Crouch-Baylor Dallas  
Jay Hamilton-Richardson Methodist (Brother of Heather Hamilton)  
Jim Perry-Regency FW  
Lindsey Lozano-Cooks  
Glenda Stephens-FW Rehab Center

### **Thanksgivings...**

For the life of David "Brack" Brackenridge (Son-in-law of Conley & Myrna Jenkins)  
For the life of Virginia Tull (Mother of Susan Spindor)  
For the life of Chris LeDeoux Watson (Son of Nathan Watson (food pantry volunteer) )

### **Others...**

Nursing Home Residents \* Our Troops in Harm's Way \* John Laird (Son-in-law of Don & Patti Douglas) \* June Herrod Aaron (Aunt of Linda Jones) \* Tom Malloy (Friend of Linda Jones) \* Dottie Stanley (Sister-in-law of Leslie Stanley-Stevens) \* Glen Cauble (Friend of Jill Burk & Janet Whitley) \* Ashley Walker (Friend of Sheri Magnani) \* Emily Ferreira (Food Pantry client) \* Mack Sorrells (Father of Connie Banks) \* Al Jones (Friend of Sheri Magnani) \* Ray Sisemore (Son-in-law of Bill & Betty Chandler) \* Kelly Oliver \* Rita Mason \* Dean McGee (Friend of Don Fulton & Larry & Helen Collins) \* Misty Elliott \* Libba Johnson (Mother of Marion Surles) \* Janice Carlson \* Jack Demetruk

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, September 8

\*10:30am ESL Classes-FH  
\*4:00pm "WOW" Activities (Van)  
\*5:30pm Peer Passion (Van)  
\*6:00pm Faith Lit-OS  
\*6:00pm Handbells-S  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 9

\*12:00pm TSU Lunch  
\*5:00pm Totally JOY-CL  
\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S  
\*6:00pm Nurture Cmte-CR  
\*6:30pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Friday, September 10

\*2:00pm Piano Recital Rehearsal-S

### Saturday, September 11

*Patriot Day*

\*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

### Sunday, September 12

*Stewardship Announcement*

\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Srv.  
\*10:00am Sunday School  
\*11:00am Traditional Srv.  
\*2:00pm Student Ldrshp Team Mtg-OS (Van)

### Monday, September 13

\*9:00am Staff Mtg-CR  
\*11:15am SSDS Bible Time-S  
\*5:00pm Called Church Council-CR  
\*6:00pm Trustees Mtg-CR  
\*6:30pm ESL Classes-FH  
\*7:00pm University Praise  
\*7:00pm Piano Recital-S

### Tuesday, September 14

\*6:30am UMM Breakfast-FH  
\*11:15am SSDS Bible Time-S  
\*5:15pm SPR Mtg-CR  
\*6:30pm Judges Bible Study-CR

### Wednesday, September 15

\*10:30am ESL Classes-FH  
\*1:30pm Busy Bee-QR  
\*4:00pm "WOW" (Van)  
\*5:30pm Unleashed Youth Event-OS (Van)  
\*6:00pm Handbells  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

# ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday in our church,

**83** people attended the 9:00 contemporary service

**162** people attended the 11:00 traditional service

## TELLERS

### September 12, 2010

Don Douglas, Molly Elliott, Scott Kunishige

### September 19, 2010

Vicki Cook, LaRue Weems, Van Evans

Please place Sunday School attendance envelope in offering plate during worship service.



Place Stamp Here

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