



## **Sunday Worship Services**

**8:30 am, 9:45 & 11:00 am**

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**September 4, 2011**

**Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33**

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A historical FYI...the communion table being used today has been a part of our church since before 1957. (When the church building was located on Church St. in old town)

The story goes...There were grates in front of the pulpit leading down to the boiler in the basement. Mr. T.J. Turner once stepped on the grates and they gave way under him and he dropped through to the basement. "We all rushed downstairs, he didn't have anything broke but he had soot all over him," Mrs. Martha Stockard said. Not long after that, the Scott Ready family donated an oak communion table which was placed over the grate to prevent further mishaps.

What is "First Church: A United Methodist Community" and where did it come from? This began as a response to directives from the General Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Transformational Church process sponsored by the North Texas Conference of the UMC. We are being challenged to make changes to the way we reach out to the unchurched, to become more effective in ministry to the growing majority who claim no church home. After considerable discussion the staff concluded that to those outside the church, referring to ourselves as First United Methodist Church Lewisville communicates a church that is traditional, formal, even "high church." However, we don't believe that's the way most people in the church would describe us. We are not the traditional downtown church. As one person put it, "If you described our church as a room it wouldn't be your formal living room but rather your family room where you can put your feet up." As we talked about what better defines us as a church, there was mutual agreement that "First Church: A United Methodist Community" seemed to fit best. It gives us an abbreviated way to refer to the church (First Church) and ties us back to our history. Both staff and members have referred to this church as "First Church" for years. Why community? We are both a faith community and a community church. While our church consultant responded that this still sounded "very churchy," the staff and I believe the emphasis upon community instead of "traditional" will be more widely received by the "fish" Jesus is teaching us to "catch."

The residents of Lewisville/Flower Mound sees us as a community church. For the last two years readers of The Lewisville Leader and The Flower Mound Leader have voted us the Church with the best Choir Music program, youth group, VBS, and Pastor. This ad campaign is not changing the church name. It continues to officially be First United Methodist Church. This is about how we talk about ourselves to others....intentionally using language that more clearly describes who we are. We will continue to be very intentional about our educating the congregation about our unique UM identity within the larger Christian community of faith. We are more intentional than we've ever been about the vows of membership, the meaning of the sacraments and the primacy of grace. In other words, First Church: A United Methodist Community was not something we came up with on a whim. We've thought about it, and prayed about it and we hope you will join us in doing the same! Your pastor and staff love this church and are trying to let that love guide us in this endeavor.

Blessings! Don

### Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:17

If you have a prayer request, fill out a PRAYER CARD found in the pew or at the Welcome Center. **Please write your name and indicate if the prayer request is to be published.** Bring it to the church office, or drop it in the collection plate. Names are published for 3 weeks.

### *In our Thoughts and Prayers*

All our troops on US and foreign lands  
All those effected by war, manmade and  
natural disasters.

Alyssa Keller  
Andrew Benevidez  
Avonne Tetrick  
Brenda Coleman and Family  
Bruce Lowery  
Carleen Lockard  
Carol Knizner  
CCA  
Charlotte Canthen  
Chelsea Johnson  
Cordelia Johnson  
Dawn McRae  
Debbi Foresee McCord  
Diana Grace  
Donald Bergeron  
Dr. Richard Williamson  
Ed Lowery  
Edmund Myers  
Frank Bridges  
Fred Whaley

Greg Dodson  
Helen Penn  
Jack Johnson  
Jha'Kyric Nixon Family  
Joann Furguson  
Julia Owens  
Kellye Johnson  
Ken Adair  
Leigh Byrd  
Lynn Lee  
Madl Family  
Michael Zarate  
Mike Kral  
My Family  
My Office  
Nandiata Phillips  
Nick Rich  
Ord Boenig  
Pat Smith  
Phil Faulconer  
Roger Faulconer  
Rosie Trego Family  
Teri and Sami Clark

Vera, Sandra and Casey  
Verna Chandler  
Vince Smith  
Wanda Baker



#### Staff Blogs:

Pastor Don: [www.theos-offroading.blogspot.com](http://www.theos-offroading.blogspot.com)  
Dell Smith: [www.2000yearsbehind.blogspot.com](http://www.2000yearsbehind.blogspot.com)  
John Hames: [www.johnsbeautifulcollision.blogspot.com](http://www.johnsbeautifulcollision.blogspot.com)  
Jacqueline Hammer: [www.chaosinministry.blogspot.com](http://www.chaosinministry.blogspot.com)

## God's Project begins on Sunday, September 11

#### Worship Attendance August 28

8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
140	222	178	540

New Hope Learning Center needs you to bring flat sheets.  
Volunteers will make them into cot sheets!  
We will collect them in the church office.

Church Family,

We have an immediate need for a new air conditioning unit for the Soul Café. There are two units to heat and cool the Soul Café and one of them has not worked (it has actually been condemned) for quite a while.

The Soul Café is used by many groups and for various purposes in the church in addition to Sunday mornings such as meetings, meals, youth worship, scouts, children's weekday ministries, funerals, wedding receptions, etc.

Since our budget has no extra funds for a new unit, we are reaching out to our congregation. If you can help in any amount, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Church Staff and Board of Trustees

**2012 FUMC Women's Retreat**  
January 27-29 @ Prothro Retreat Center

Payment plans available.

"Finding Peace" with speaker  
Dr. Cindy Ryan

Contact Suzanne Smith (972) 355-7011

**Coping with Loss - Grief Seminar**

Mondays 7:00 - 9:00pm beginning September 26 for 5 weeks at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church in Flower Mound.

Provides participants with opportunities to: understand the emotional and physical dynamics of grief, decrease a sense of isolation in and increase a sense of normalcy through contact with others in similar situations and share experiences within a safe, caring, and understanding environment.

This seminar is available at no cost. For reservations call (972) 539-8547

## Christian Child Development Center...

Nurturing today, preparing for tomorrow



CCDC is a weekday ministry program of FUMC Lewisville and has been serving families with young children in the greater Lewisville area since the early 1970's. We offer classes throughout the week for children ages 18 months through Kindergarten.



YOTO, our drop-in center for homeless and at-risk teens, has started their school year schedule.

YOTO is open from 4:00-9:00 Monday-Thursday and 4:00-7:00 Fridays. For more information, contact Lynda Whitman at [lwhitman\\_fumc@yahoo.com](mailto:lwhitman_fumc@yahoo.com).

### Children's Handbell Group - Peals of Joy

Practice is Mondays 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Students in 3rd through 8th grade.

No music reading, handbell or handchime experience required.



## YOUTH

Sundays - "Compass Connect Groups" 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
Bible Study...same group, same story, different night!  
Current Events...we'll take a look at current events from the back side!

Tuesdays - Senior High Night at the Douglas House 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wednesdays - WOW "Worship on Wednesday"  
Come early and bring dinner to hang out before worship starts at 7:00pm.

2nd Tuesday of each month - Prayer Breakfast at IHOP 6:15 am

1st Sunday of each month - Community Mission Projects at noon

# ***Connect Groups Kicking off in September!***

***Registration begins September 9th online at [www.fumc-lewisville.org](http://www.fumc-lewisville.org)***

**Fitness** Meets on Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Parlor beginning September 22. Stretching, strength and cardio class ending with meditation and prayer. Led by Kathie Chiz ([kathiechiz@yahoo.com](mailto:kathiechiz@yahoo.com))

**Self Defense** Mondays 7:00 - 8:00pm in Soul Café beginning September 19. Self defense, awareness of your surroundings, how to protect yourself if attacked. 6 week class led by Troy Smith ([tsmith713@netzero.net](mailto:tsmith713@netzero.net))

**Going Deeper** Virtual Class on Wednesdays beginning September 21 and ends December 21. We will view and discuss chapel lesson from Dallas Theological Seminary online. Facilitated by Don Hamilton ([don55ham@yahoo.com](mailto:don55ham@yahoo.com))

**Safe Group** Mondays 6:30 - 8:00pm beginning September 12. Support/recovery group for those healing from sexual assault/incest experiences. Facilitated by Shay McNulty ([a2shay@gmail.com](mailto:a2shay@gmail.com))

**Bible Study** Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30pm beginning September 14. Four Week study on Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan led by Pastor Don Lee. This short term connect group is for people who are new to the church. The location is the home of Don and Susan Lee in Highland Village. Discussion will follow the talk points of the previous Sunday's sermon (bring your Bible). Group is limited to 12 people. Participants are invited to bring food (light supper type) to share. ([dlee\\_fumc@yahoo.com](mailto:dlee_fumc@yahoo.com))

**Homeschool Family Group** Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30pm at various parks. Homeschool parents and children of all ages (preschoolers through high school) sharing ideas and activities, raising our families with a deep love of Christ. Laughter, friends and fellowship! This group is coordinated by Jacqueline Hammer ([jhammer\\_fumc@yahoo.com](mailto:jhammer_fumc@yahoo.com)) and MeLissa Mullin ([mesantoad13@aol.com](mailto:mesantoad13@aol.com))

**First Saturday Quilt Group** We will meet the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Denny's in Lewisville. After breakfast we will visit the Old Craft Store in Carrollton until 11:00am. This is a great opportunity to share a common interest in quilting. Coordinator of this group is Karen Howe. ([khowe\\_rn@verizon.net](mailto:khowe_rn@verizon.net))

**Women's Wednesday Fellowship** Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm beginning September 21  
Come share, pray and play in a relaxed and casual atmosphere! We'll start with a devotion and follow up with prayer. We'll end the evening with fellowship. Come build relationships with the people you worship with!! This group is hosted by Patti McClung in her home. ([mcclung.family@gte.net](mailto:mcclung.family@gte.net))  
743 Hummingbird Circle, Lewisville.

**Book Club** 2nd Saturday of each month. 7:00 - 9:00pm Discovery of belief and examination of world view by reading and discussing a wide variety of books. Fellowship, prayer concerns, discussion and dessert. Hosted by Steve and Chellie Adams in their home. ([sadams@masterthink.com](mailto:sadams@masterthink.com)) 1141 Taylor Lane, Lewisville

**Supper Club** We meet once a month for dinner at a restaurant or someone's home. If we meet at a home, we all contribute to the meal. This is a great way to get to know other members! This group is coordinated by Patricia Cross ([pl-cross@att.net](mailto:pl-cross@att.net)) and Sharon Ellis ([kentgellis@msn.com](mailto:kentgellis@msn.com)).

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** 10:00am in the Parlor. Sessions are led by Rev. Don Lee, our senior pastor and open to anyone. Currently we are studying *Job: Genesis to Revelation*.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** Tuesdays beginning at 1:30 in room 306. Studies include topical materials, bible studies, and books. Led by Lynda Whitman. Watch the bulletin insert for the next study topic! (lwhitman\_fumc@yahoo.com)

**Mission Life Group** First and Third Wednesday of the month at 7:30. We have fellowship, bible study and engage in periodic mission projects; such as Gift Bags for PediPlace, Birthing Kits for UMCOR, involvement in mission trips and fun activities. This group meets Sept 7, Oct 5 & 19, Nov 2 & 16 and Dec 7 in the parlor. Join us any time!! This group is lead by Larry and Dorothy Swalley. (lrsdas@verizon.net)

**Marriage Intimacy** Sundays 6:30-8:30 for 10 weeks beginning October 2. The goal of this time together is to help couples gain a better understanding of God's plan and purpose for their marriages. Specific Goals of the Study: 1. Learn the top emotional needs of you and your spouse. 2. Heal past hurts through forgiveness. 3. Place your expectations on God instead of your spouse. 4. Understand how your past influences your marriage. This class will be facilitated by Perry and Patti McClung. A workbook for each person is required and the cost is \$15. (mcclung.family@gte.net)

**Circle of Hope** First Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in room 303. We are a diverse group of women...all ages, attend different services, and have different gifts. We have one thing in common; we enjoy the fellowship and friendships that we have found. Each year we look for new projects that will enrich our lives and those of our church. We meet the first Thursday evening of the month. This group is coordinated by Barbara Krase (home@ksetex.com) and Shirley Mayer (shirleymayer2011@gmail.com)

**Men's Group** My Brother's Keeper supports and encourages the spiritual growth of one another through worship, study and activities. We focus on Christian fellowship and service for our church family and the surrounding community. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month for breakfast at 7:00 am at the church and mission projects. The leader's of the men's group are Perry McClung (mcclung.family@gte.net) and Nathan Buettner (savages\_fbl@yahoo.com)

**50 Plus** "PLUS" stands for Praying, Loving, Uniting Seniors. Despite what the name implies, all age groups are welcome to attend "50 PLUS" activities. Our activities include game nights, shows and plays, out of town trips, tours around the area, breakfast bingo, pot luck dinners, etc. Teresa Holcomb (bertholcomb@msn.com) coordinates this group.

***Watch for these groups coming in the future!***

**Astronomy led by Ron Anderson:** Share, study and learn about God's incredible universe; connection to Biblical verses.

**Fly Fishing with Tim Howe and Ron Anderson:** For experienced fly fishermen or those who would like to learn.

**Family Camping:** We'll get together quarterly for a family camping trip.