

**Our Vision Statement**

We are a community of faith changing lives through invitation, equipping and action.



**FIRST NEWS**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:15 AM**  
**WORSHIP - 10:30 AM**



This will be the third time I've announcement my intention to retire from active ministry at the 2012 New Mexico Annual Conference. I told the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the church staff and the congregation in worship. Each time I share this, I have a queasy feeling deep inside. I am convinced that it is the right thing to do and that retirement will be a great opportunity for new life adventures, but...

Linda (who is not retiring) and I will be moving to our new home in Las Cruces. It will be our first home that we can call our own and that is in itself very exciting—mortgage and all. For the first time since I was a student associate pastor at Aldersgate UMC in Abilene in 1974 while attending McMurry College (University) I will not have a church to serve. There will be no demands on my time for church meetings. Life will indeed be very different.

Over the next few months as we make closure as pastor and congregation, we will celebrate God's many gifts to us as we have worked together in ministry for almost four years. First UMC in Roswell has had an impact on my life and I hope that I've impacted the lives of those for whom this is their church home. As always I am certain I will leave things undone that I had hoped to accomplish, but those are for the future.

Until June I will continue to serve this community of faith to the very best of my ability. We will continue to plan for a bright and exciting future here at First UMC and we will prepare to celebrate our 125 years of ministry in Roswell.

I solicit your prayers over the next months as we transition to the leadership of a new pastor; prayers for our church, prayers for Linda and me, and prayers for the Bishop and cabinet as they discern continuing pastoral leadership at FUMC.

Let us give God thanks and praise for all God's blessings,

Gorton



**COMMUNITY KITCHEN  
SUPER BOWL COLLECTION**

The Mission Team is asking everyone to help the Community Kitchen this year by collecting items they need and bringing them to the church on "Super Bowl" Sunday, February 5, 2012. Items needed are: powdered drink mixes (kool-aid, gator-aid, etc.), canned fruits and vegetables, pinto beans and shell macaroni, elbow macaroni, bow ties, etc. Monetary donations are also accepted, just indicate Super Bowl Community Kitchen on the memo portion of your check. Thank you for supporting this local outreach!



# A New Year - Let Us Pray...

January is fast disappearing for another year. Individual lives, our church, our city, our state, our nation and the whole world all need God's touch and His guidance. Praying for all these sounds like a task much too big for one person to take on, doesn't it?! Soooo..., let's choose some specific people and projects to regularly support with prayer. Choose a few from the list below or make your own list:

1. Choose one or two specific children under 10-years-old and pray for their safety and for their daily activities.
2. One or two specific children (ages 10-99), praying that God will bless and guide.
3. Choose a certain school or class (like 4th grade or high school algebra class, etc.) and pray daily that God will touch the students involved.
4. Pick out one specific person involved in government at local, state, or national level and pray that this person will hear and act on God's guidance rather than the directive of mankind.
5. Choose a certain country or area of the world and pray for the leadership of that area - that these leaders would seek and receive God's guidance and find peace, not war.
6. Pray that the citizens of the United States (both leaders and followers) will seek God's love and His guidance and that they will be willing and able to "Follow Him".

These are only a few suggestions. DO NOT overload. Choose a few from this list or any list God shows you. Note the needs exposed in the newspaper, television, or radio. Observe the needs you see each time you drive or walk around Roswell or wherever your activities take you.

Have a wonderful year in 2012...a year blessed and guided by God.

Caroline Lovelace



The first meeting of the new year for this over 50 group is scheduled for Monday, January 23, at 11:30 a.m., in room 111. There is a catered lunch for \$7.00 per plate. The menu will be: chips & salsa, chicken fajitas, rice, beans, drinks, and chocolate cake for dessert.

Emma, the CASA dog will come for a visit with her handler, Natasha Sing. Come meet Emma, enjoy a delicious lunch, and the wonderful company of others in this over 50 group! Be sure to invite a friend!



The luminaria are down thanks to: Don Armstrong, Jim McDevitt, Tom Conner, David Wilcox, Kevin Roe, Charlene Roe, Diane Lynham, Ken Fresquez, Tamara Fresquez, Glen Craft, Dick Goodwin, Steve Wolfe and Mike Puckett. A special thanks to Gary Spreacker for his leadership during the installation and removal of them!

This proves willing hands make light work. In 45 minutes they were down and stored away! While some of us were drinking our second cup of coffee and "another" donut the Chrismon Tree was taken down. Great job everyone!

In Gods Love,  
Bob Pottle, Trustee Chair



We have wonderful news!! The church has paid the Shared Ministries for 2011 in full...100%. This church surely has a generous heart. Thank you for being faithful in your giving!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR...**

**SUNDAY, January 22 - LEND-A-HAND SUNDAY**

Praise & Worship - Youth Rm..... 9:00 - 9:15 am  
Sunday School .....9:15 am  
Morning Worship .....10:30 am  
Dine-a-Mite - FH .....11:45 am  
Heaven ConneXion - Choir Rm.....12:15 pm  
Youth PRIME TIME - Youth Lounge ..... 1:15 pm

**MONDAY, January 23**

Men's Prayer Breakfast.....7:00 am  
Los Cerritos - N. Main St.  
XYZ Luncheon - FH.....11:30 am  
Administrative Council - Rm 111.....7:00 pm

**TUESDAY, January 24**

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office .....10:00 am  
Silver Chords - Choir Rm .....2:00 pm  
Community Bible Study.....6:00 pm  
Boy Scout Troop 2 - Scout Hut .....7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, January 25**

Fellowship Dinner - FH.....5:15 pm  
Children Eat With Penny .....5:15 pm  
Classes and Activities For all Ages.....6:00 pm  
Esther - Rm 110 - *led by Jana Lessard*  
It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore  
Men's Bible Fellowship - Rm 212  
6 Amazing Bible Stories to Strangely Warm Our Hearts  
by James Moore - Rm 111 - *led by Bill Motto*  
Youth - Study of the Parables - Youth Room  
Wesley Singers - Rm 114 - *led by Michelle Olson*  
Kaler Bells - Rm 213 - *led by John Fuss*  
Chancel Choir - Choir Rm .....7:15 pm  
Rutter **REQUIEM** Choir - Choir Rm.....8:15 pm

**THURSDAY, January 26**

Weight Watchers - Rm 215 .....5:15 pm

**FRIDAY, January 27**

Yoga Class - FH .....8:30 am  
AI Anon - Rm 111 ..... Noon

**SATURDAY, January 28**

Weight Watchers - Rm 215 .....9:30 am

**CALENDAR WEEK OF JANUARY 29th**

**SUNDAY, January 29**

Praise & Worship - Youth Rm..... 9:00 - 9:15 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Dine-a-Mite - FH ..... 11:45 am  
Heaven ConneXion - Choir Rm..... 12:15 pm  
Youth PRIME TIME - Youth Lounge ..... 1:15 pm

**MONDAY, January 30**

Men's Prayer Breakfast .....7:00 am  
Los Cerritos - N. Main St.

**TUESDAY, January 31**

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office..... 10:00 am  
Silver Chords - Choir Rm.....2:00 pm  
Community Bible Study .....6:00 pm  
Boy Scout Troop 2 - Scout Hut..... 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, February 1**

Cherub Choir - Rm 204 ..... 4:30 pm  
Fellowship Dinner - FH..... 5:15 pm  
Children Eat With Penny ..... 5:15 pm  
Classes and Activities For all Ages ..... 6:00 pm  
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**THURSDAY, February 2**

Weight Watchers - Rm 216 .....5:15 pm

**FRIDAY, February 3**

Yoga Class - FH ..... 8:30 am  
AI Anon - Rm 111 ..... Noon

**SATURDAY, February 4**

Weight Watchers - Rm 215 ..... 9:30 am

First United Methodist Church acknowledges the following:

**COWBOY BELL MEMORIALS**

- In Memory Of : Dee Umberson  
By: Hervey Gilliland  
Glaze & Linda Sacra
- In Memory Of: Heather Ham  
By: Bill Bonham
- In Memory Of: Yvette Parker  
By: Allen & Caroline Lovelace  
Joe & Margaret Phillips
- In Memory Of: Lannie Dunham  
By: Allen & Caroline Lovelace
- In Memory Of: Carol Avery  
By: Clipper Sunday School Class  
Dorcas Damron  
Michelet Homestead Realty, LLC  
The Bill Thompson Family  
Anita McCollum  
Terrace & Mary Fletcher  
Brad & Elaine Houston  
Marlin Wells & Associates  
Robert B. & Nancy Corn
- In Memory Of: Betty Andrus  
By: Kent & Paula Reed
- In Memory Of: Wayne Baker  
By: Kent & Paula Reed
- In Memory Of: Max Ford  
By: Kent & Paula Reed
- In Memory Of: Robert Fred Corn  
By: William Bonham  
Dick & Pat Goodwin  
Bill & Kay Owen  
Edna Anderson  
Brad & Elaine Houston  
Mary Beth Tarter  
John & Lynn Allensworth  
Billy & Laura Nelson  
Bobbie Roberts  
Ray Noling  
Dr. Dennis Knoche  
Regene Cordes & Family
- In Memory Of: Kathryn Vaughn  
By: Vivian Willingham
- In Memory Of: Roger Covert  
By: Brad & Elaine Houston
- In Memory Of: Maxine Goodell  
By: Gayle Stokes
- In Memory Of: George Krsowski  
By: Bill Bonham

**GENERAL MEMORIALS**

- In Memory Of: Maxine Goodell  
By: Mary & David Roberts
- In Memory Of: Peggy Roger  
By: Curt & Sue Tarter

This Sunday, January 22, is Lend-A-Hand Sunday. Please bring non-perishable items for the food pantries of Roswell. Monetary donations also needed and can buy more food through the Roadrunner Food Bank. THANK YOU!



This fundraiser worked so well with the 40 in 40 last year, that we are going for a dollar a week in 52 weeks this year. If every member gave just \$1.00 a week, the youth would have enough money to cover camp scholarships, basic program needs, mission trips, etc. The youth have special envelopes in the pews for this program. Just mark your 52 in 52 in the memo portion of your checks.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 40 in 40 last year. You provided the means for the youth to do many things, including a mission trip!

Please prayerfully consider giving just \$1 a week to the youth...they are the future of this church!

THANK YOU!!!!



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Worship Times

Sunday School – 9:15 AM  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM

January 22 - Rev. Gorton Smith  
"What Now?"  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20  
January 29 - Rev. Gorton Smith  
Get Out!  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark  
1:21-28

**STILL TIME TO JOIN WEDNESDAY CLASSES!**

Our Wednesday Fellowship dinners, classes and activities have started! There is still time to join one of the three classes that are being offered.

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore - Room 110 - Led by Jana Lessard**

**Men's Bible Fellowship - Room 212 - Led by Gene Moore (On-Going meeting)**

**6 Amazing Bible Stories to Strangely Warm Our Hearts by James Moore - Room 111 - Led by Bill Motto**

**DINNER MENU FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

Fried Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Baked Beans  
Rolls, Drinks & Desserts  
Hosted by: The Come & Grow Class

**DINNER MENU FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Roast Beef  
Potatoes, Carrots, Salad  
Drinks & Desserts  
Hosted by: Brian & Paula Cooper



Join us downstairs in the Youth room for a short Praise & Worship before Sunday School!

Praise & Worship will be held every Sunday from 9:00 to 9:15 am. EVERYONE is invited! What a great way to begin your morning of worship!

**USHERS FOR 1/22/12**

Brian Cooper (captain), Paula Cooper, Glen Craft, Brad Houston, Veronica Puckett, Jim Valdes

Coffee Bar: Brian Cooper

**USHERS FOR 1/29/12**

Wes Holloway (captain), Jim Carter, Jaime Martinez, Gary Smith, Richard Van Winkle

Coffee Bar: Kristi LaBine

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