

# First United Methodist Church

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A graphic for a yard sale and carwash. It features various items for sale: headphones, a game console, a car, a van, books, shoes, a backpack, a hoodie, a stool, a coffee cup, and a game console. The text reads: **YARD SALE AND CARWASH**, **MAY 17TH, 2025**, Rain Date: May 24, **8am-3pm**, **COME GET YOUR CAR WASHED WHILE SHOPPING TO SUPPORT MISSIONS!**, and **1709 HWY 24 COMMERCE, TX**. The First United Methodist Church Commerce logo is in the bottom left corner.

As you are doing your Spring Cleaning, please save some things for the church yard sale!!! The proceeds will go to missions of the church. You can also call Amy Stark for questions. (903-246-1487)

You can also volunteer to help the day of the sale. We will need strong arms to carry goodies to the cars, the clean cars, washed by the youth while you shop!

Hope you can make it!!!

A graphic for a Lenten offering to the U.M. Army. It features a stylized white tree with several red and white patterned Easter eggs hanging from its branches. The text reads: *Lenten Offering*, **U.M. ARMY**, **Please consider making a donation at our Lenten Tree**, and **To learn more go to [umarmy.org](http://umarmy.org)**.

Our Lenten Offering is the U. M. ARMY. Your dollar bills in the collection plate will also go to this worthy mission. There is not a group coming here this year, but there are groups going all over Texas to help others.

Please consider a donation to the U. M. ARMY, you can put it in an egg and hang it on the tree in the gathering area.



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Notes from Cheryl

APRIL 2025

Palm Sunday (April 13), Holy Week (April 13-20), Easter Sunday (April 20) are upon us! Regular choir rehearsals for kids and adults will take place at 4 – 5 and 7-8 respectively on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to prepare for Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms and Christ's Passion during the Morning Worship Service on April 13<sup>th</sup>.



After this 10 a.m. worship service, the kids will hunt Easter eggs, then we will proceed to potluck lunch in the Family Ministry Center.

Choose one of the four gospels to read all the way through in the next few weeks. All four contain stories of Holy Week from different perspectives.

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> is Maundy or Holy Thursday. We will have a Communion service in the Sanctuary starting at 6:30 pm.

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 Wesley UMC Greenville (1200 Joe Ramsey Blvd., Greenville 75402) has invited us to participate by singing in the choir, or just come and worship a musical setting of the season.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for my surgery which will follow Easter Sunday on Wednesday, April 23 at Baylor Scott & White Heart & Vascular Hospital Dallas. More on that later!

**Pastor Cheryl**

Candy is needed to fill Easter Eggs!  
Please be sure that the candy is small enough to fit in an Easter egg. Please bring candy before April 15th.



We will be joining Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenville for a Good Friday service at 6:00 on April 18, 2025. We hope to see you there.

## Prayer List 3/26/2025

### Recent Concerns:

- ◆ Our world, country and leaders
- ◆ All affected by the war in The Middle East
- ◆ Family of Rose Stapleton
- ◆ Michael Sundeen. Mariann's Son-in-law
- ◆ Willie Blow
- ◆ Katie Cline
- ◆ Wally Jeffers (FISH) Heart transplant
- ◆ Blake Cooper, Heart transplant
- ◆ Mary Beth Sampson
- ◆ Wyman Williams
- ◆ Lisa McGuyer
- ◆ Pastor Cheryl Murray
- ◆ Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
- ◆ Mike Clay
- ◆ Debbie Dunham
- ◆ Judy Rudoff
- ◆ Diane Garcia

### Continued Prayers (long term):

- ◆ Bill Heitholt
- ◆ Carlos Rickman
- ◆ Betty Martin
- ◆ Rita Thompson
- ◆ Jack Gray
- ◆ Richard Young
- ◆ Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- ◆ Georgia Gholston
- ◆ Melanie and Judy Cortea
- ◆ Robert Seay

### Ft. Worth:

- ◆ Mary Louise McMahan

### Those serving in our military:

- ◆ Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- ◆ Chandler Teague grandchild of Lee Riddle
- ◆ 1st Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- ◆ Lt. Dan Barton
- ◆ Daniel Chamberlain
- ◆ Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- April 3 —Serve Team at 9:30
- April 8 —Women's Study Group at 3:00  
—Trustees at 6:30
- April 13 —Children's Choir to sing  
—Easter Egg Hunt after Service  
—Pot Luck to follow Egg Hunt
- April 14 —Prayer Shawl Meeting at 9:30
- April 16 —Last Day of Children's Choir
- April 17 —Little Ark Easter Parties  
—Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30  
— Maundy Thurs. Service @ 6:30
- April 18 —Little Ark Closed for Good Friday  
—Church Office Closed  
—Good Friday Service at Wesley
- April 21 — Finance at 6:00
- April 22 — Women's Study Group at 3:00
- April 24 —Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30

## Ongoing Activities

- Men's Breakfast at Omega's Tuesdays at 8:00
- Country Home Estates Service on Weds. at 2:00
- Music & More (Children's choir) Weds. at 3:45 (ends on April 16th.)
- WOW! Worship on Weds. Dinner and small group/youth at 5:45
- Weds. Adult Choir Rehearsals at 7pm



If you are interested in giving flowers for the altar, please visit with Luann Huffman before worship on Sunday or contact her at 903-366-2899 or [lhuffman01@cumbytel.com](mailto:lhuffman01@cumbytel.com)

# Fun at Little Ark



Pre School play;  
Toddler 1; Tummy  
time, Toddler 2



**For emergency  
pastoral care,  
call Pastor  
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940-613-5375.**

