

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMERCE, TEXAS
January 1, 2023**

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

CONNECT

Prelude	“Dawn”	C. Jenkins
Enter with Acolytes		The Bourcy Family
Welcome		Pastor Cheryl
* Hymn	“There’s a Song in the Air”	UMH 249
* Words of Worship		
	<i>Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.</i>	
	People: You are the one true God who reigns forever.	

GROW

Opening Prayer		
* Hymn	“We Three Kings”	UMH 254
Children’s Place		Pastor Cheryl
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	
Message	*Home by Another Way (based on a sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor)	Pastor Cheryl
Offertory	“The Old Year Now Hath Past Away”	J. S. Bach
The Confession		
Wesley Covenant Prayer		
The Lord’s Table		
Invitation to Christ’s Table		Pastor Cheryl
The Great Thanksgiving		
Holy Communion		
Prayer after Receiving		
* Hymn of Invitation	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	UMH 251

SERVE

* Opportunities to Serve		
* Sending Forth		Pastor Cheryl
Postlude	“Now Let Us Come Before Him”	J. Pachelbel

**You are invited to stand.*

Worship Leaders

*Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor
Dr. John Burkett, Organist
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech*

Prayer List

- Tom Bailey
- Sam Elwell
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Carlos Rickman (M.D. Anderson Hospital)
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, sister of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea
- Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton’s grandson)

Our January Mission of the Month is the Pastor's Benevolence Fund. These funds are set aside for Pastor Cheryl to use to help others. In the past, it has been used to pay bills, buy gas, buy groceries, and/or buy a one night stay at the Commerce Inn for individuals in need.. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with “Pastor’s Benevolence Fund” in the memo line) will benefit this mission. You can also “Give Online” on the website by selecting Mission of the Month.

Children’s Sunday School meets during worship after Children’s Place in the Family Ministry Center. Children ages 4-8 are invited to attend Sunday School. Nursery is not available today, but it will resume on January 8.



Upcoming Activities

- January 2-Church Office Closed
- January 3-Men's Breakfast at Omega's at 8am
- January 3-Exercise class at 10am
- January 4-Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- January 4-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- January 5-Serve team meeting at 10:30am
- January 5-First Thursday Luncheon at noon
- January 6-Exercise class at 10am
- January 15-Gathering & fellowship at 11 in the Family Ministry Center
- January 15-Confirmation Class begins
- Contact Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375 or by email at CherylMurray2020@outlook.com

Ministers

Pastor
 Church Administrator
 Communications Director
 Children's Director
 Youth Director
 Little Ark Director
 Choir Director
 Organist
 Custodians

All Members of the Congregation

Rev. Cheryl Murray
 Mariann Andrews
 Sharon Duncan
 Amy Stark
 Ashlyn Woods
 Jennifer Knight
 Gene Lockhart
 Dr. John Burkett
 Sandra & Fernando Medrano



Epiphany Sunday

First United Methodist Church

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 10:00am Sanctuary