

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 COMMERCE, TEXAS  
 March 19, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

*We Gather*

Prelude "Fantasie with Imitation in B Minor" J. S. Bach  
 Enter with Acolytes The Bourcy Family  
 Choral Call to Worship "Surely, The Presence of the Lord"  
 Welcome Pastor Cheryl

*We Praise*

\* Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH 381  
 \* Words of Worship Psalm 95

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd; we will have all that we need; we are released from fear.

**People: The Shepherd guides us in fruitful living, giving us healing and pardon.**

Leader: Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead, we do not need to fear.

**People: God's love and strength are as a rod and staff for us.**

Leader: God will give us abundantly from God's own love.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy will be with us all of our days, and we will dwell in God's loving care forevermore. AMEN.**

\* Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454

*We Proclaim*

Children's Time Amy Stark  
 [You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]

Anthem "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" S. Curry  
 Gospel Lesson John 9:1-41 Look for the Shepherd Pastor Cheryl

*We Respond*

Confession & Assurance  
 Choral Call to Prayer "Lead Me Lord"  
 Prayers of the People  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Offertory "Take Time to Be Holy" V. D. Thompson  
 \* Doxology UMH 95  
 \* Hymn of Invitation "Spirit Song" UMH 347

*We Go Forth*

\* Opportunities to Serve  
 \* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl  
 \* Choral Benediction "God Be With You"  
 Postlude "Toccata in C Minor" J. Pachelbel  
 \*You are invited to stand.



Altar flowers given for Sandy Hutton with memories of love, joy, laughter and song from the Chancel Choir.

**Prayer List**

- Family of Sandy Hutton
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother (advanced Parkinson's)
- Family of Randy Butler
- Bill Knutson
- Emma Dean, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader fighting a severe staph infection, named by Chance Webster
- Scott Prather, fighting stomach cancer
- Sam Elwell
- Lynette Gill, Lee Riddle's daughter
- Tom Bailey
- 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

### Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech

*Our Lenten Mission of the Month is the Blessings Table. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Blessings Table" in the memo line) will benefit this mission.*

*You can also give online. Get started today by visiting the church website at [www.fumccommerce.org](http://www.fumccommerce.org) or by scanning the QR code below and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.*



### Upcoming Activities

- March 20-Finance meets at 6pm.
- March 21-Men's Breakfast at Omega's at 8am
- March 22- Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- March 22-Pastor's Lenten Bible Study at 6pm in the Friendship Room
- March 22-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- March 23-Prayer Shawl Crafting time at 9:30am
- March 25-Operation Blue & Gold Workday 9am-1pm
- March 25-Celebration of Life for Sandy Hutton at 2pm in the Family Ministry Center

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



## Fourth Sunday of Lent



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March 19, 2023  
10:00am Sanctuary