FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMERCE, TEXAS March 5, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce! We Gather

Prelude

The Bourcy Family Enter with Acolytes

Choral Call to Worship "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Pastor Cheryl Welcome

* Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **UMH 117**

* Words of Worship Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills –from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and

earth.

Leader: The Lord will not let your feet be moved;

the One who keeps you will not slumber,

People: The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper;

People: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Leader: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

People: The Lord will keep you from all evil;

Leader: The Lord will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore.

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" * Hvmn **UMH 175**

We Proclaim

Amy Stark Children's Place

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

"God So Loved the World" Anthem J. Stainer John 3:1-17 Monty McGuyer Scripture Pastor Cheryl Message Look for the Helper

We Respond

Offertory	"A Communion Invitation"	J & M Martin
Invitation to Communion		UMH p. 12
Confession & Words of A	ssurance	
The Great Thanksgiving		UMH p. 13
The Lord's Prayer		
Prayer After Receiving Communion		UMH p 15
* Hymn of Invitation	"I Surrender All"	UMH 354
We Go Forth		

* Opportunities to Serve

* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

* Choral Benediction "God Be With You" Postlude "Standing on the Promises"

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders

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

Praver List

- Sandy Hutton
- Bill Knutson
- Emma Dean, 3rd grader fighting a severe staph infection, named by Chance Webster
- Scott Prather, fighting stomach cancer
- Sam Elwell
- Lynette Gill, Lee Riddle's daughter
- Randy Butler, named by Sue Massev
- 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 Corteal
- Judy Corteal

If you are age 25 or younger and a college student, we invite you to contact David C. Kemp, a seminary student in Denver, Colorado. David began his journey to ministry at the Wesley Campus Ministry here in Commerce. Send him an email with your contact information if you are interested. davidckemp117@gmail.com

Our Lenten Mission of the Month is the Blessing Table. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Blessing 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 or by scanning the QR code to the right and select Mission of the Month. It's easy! Try it today.

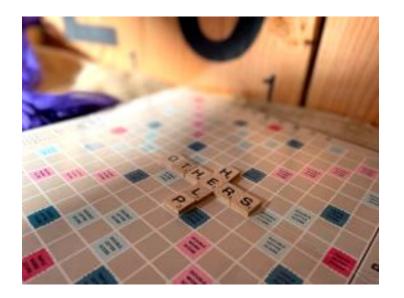


Upcoming Activities

- March 7-Men's Breakfast at Omega's at 8am
- March 7-Pastor's Lenten Bible Study at 10am
- March 8- Oak Manor worship at 10am, Little Ark chapel at 11am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- March 8-Grow team meeting at 6pm
- March 8-Choir Rehearsal at 7pm
- 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



Second Sunday of Lent



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> March 5, 2023 10:00am Sanctuary