

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
July 16, 2023

Welcome to First UMC Commerce!

*We Gather*

Prelude "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" G. Martin  
Enter with Acolytes The Webster Family  
Welcome and Opening Prayer Pastor Cheryl  
*[You are invited to sign our attendance register. Fill out your contact information to receive emails about activities going on in the church.]*

*We Praise*

\* Hymn "He Leadeth Me" UMH 128  
\* Words of Worship  
Leader: Who will be your people?  
**People: God's people will be my people.**  
Leader: Where will you go?  
**People: Wherever God leads.**  
Leader: What are you willing to leave behind?  
**People: Everything.**  
Leader: May our worship today lead us to a place where all of this may be so.  
**People: Let us worship God!**

\* Passing the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**  
\* Hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves" Cokesbury 165  
(See bulletin insert for music and lyrics.)

*We Proclaim*

Children's Time Pastor Cheryl  
Scripture Ruth 1:1-18 Chase Webster  
Hymn "Sanctuary" TFWS 2164  
Message **Heroes of the Bible: Ruth** Pastor Cheryl

*We Respond*

Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer  
Offertory "Pastorale in F Major" J. S. Bach  
\* Doxology UMH 95  
\* Hymn of Invitation "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129

*We Go Forth*

\* Opportunities to Serve  
\* Sending Forth  
Postlude

"Toccata in D Major"  
\*You are invited to stand.

Pastor Cheryl  
G. B. Martini

Worship Leaders

Rev. Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech

Prayer List

- Mike King
- Jerry Green, stroke
- Al Stapleton
- Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evan's father (cancer diagnosis)
- Wyatt Bourcy (upcoming surgery)
- Mel Fox (stroke)
- Priscilla McFarland
- Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- Kyle Smith
- The Elwell Family
- Jack Gray
- Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother (advanced Parkinson's)
- Tom Bailey
- Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- Carlos Rickman
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, family of Becky Coker
- Manuel Henderson
- Georgia Gholston
- Melanie Cortéal
- Judy Cortéal

*Our Wesleyan Roots class meets today in the Friendship classroom. Children's Sunday School meets in the Family Ministry Center after the children's sermon.*

*Our Mission of the Month for July is UMARMY. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "UMARMY" 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**

- July 18-Men's Breakfast Group at Texas Café Diner at 8am
- July 20-Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am

*Bread of Life Food Pantry needs drivers for food delivery to clients with disabilities-once a month for a maximum of 2.5 hours. If you're interested, please contact Jan Helton for information.*



Ministers  
Pastor  
Office & Communications  
Financial Secretary  
Children's Director  
Youth Director  
Little Ark Director  
Choir Director  
Organist  
Custodians

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



*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*



## **First United Methodist Church**

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July 16, 2023  
10:00am Sanctuary