

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
July 9, 2023**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

*We Gather*

Prelude J. Stanley  
 Enter with Acolytes The Stark 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 UMH 77  
 "How Great Thou Art"

\* Words of Worship

Leader: Is there anything too wonderful for our God?

**People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who saves and calls us!**

Leader: We remember the goodness of God who promised Abraham a multitude of descendants and then showed up at Abraham's door to announce that the promise would be fulfilled.

**People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who promises and fulfills promises!**

Leader: We remember the compassion of Jesus and the invitation of the Holy Spirit to join in God's work of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

**People: Nothing is too wonderful for God who empowers us to transform strangers into community through active love.**

Leader: As we worship, may we remember God's promises for the transformation of our households, our community, and our world.

**People: Because nothing is too wonderful for our God! Amen!**

\* Passing the Peace UMH 369  
 Peace be with you. **And also with you.**  
 \* Hymn UMH 369  
 "Blessed Assurance"

*We Proclaim*

Children's Time Amy Stark  
 Scripture Christi Webster  
 Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7  
 Hymn TFWS 2164  
 "Sanctuary"  
 Message Pastor Cheryl  
**Heroes of the Bible: Abraham**

*We Respond*

Prayers of the People  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Offertory E. L. Diemer  
 "I Would Be True"  
 \* Doxology UMH 95  
 \* Hymn of Invitation UMH 374  
 "Standing on the Promises"

*We Go Forth*

\* Opportunities to Serve  
 \* Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl  
 Postlude J. Pachelbel  
 "Fuga in G Minor"  
 \*You are invited to stand.

**Prayer List**

- Mike King
- David Huffman
- Jerry Green, stroke
- Al Stapleton
- Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evan's father (cancer diagnosis)
- Tommy Baker, Alex Murray's uncle (under hospice care)
- 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 Cortea
- Judy Cortea

**Worship Leaders**

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

*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.*



- July 10-Prayer Shawl at 9:30am
- July 11-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm
- July 11-Men's Breakfast Group at Texas Café Diner at 8am
- July 11-Trustees at 6:30pm

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



*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*



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10:00am Sanctuary