

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMERCE, TEXAS  
August 13, 2023**

**Welcome to First UMC Commerce!**

*We Gather*

Prelude *"I Thank Thee for Thy Son"* D. Buxtehude  
 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 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* UMH 384  
 \* Words of Worship  
 Leader: God of Love, we need you now.  
**People: Teach us to love those we have learned to hate.  
 Teach us to pray for our enemies  
 To love you even in those we despise.**  
 Leader: God of Peace, we need you now.  
**People: Teach us how to reconcile.  
 Teach us to speak when we are silenced.  
 Teach us to give up power when our power renders others powerless.**  
 Leader: God of Joy, we need you now!  
**People: Receive our burdens, they are many.  
 Lift our spirits, they are weighed down.**  
 Leader: God of Life, we need you now.  
**People: God bless us as we gather,  
 in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.**

\* Pass the Peace Peace be with you. **And also with you.**  
 \* Hymn *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* UMH 420

*We Proclaim*

Recognition of Amy Stark SPRC  
 Children's Time Pastor Cheryl  
 Scripture Matthew 5:38-42 Pastor Cheryl  
 Message "But I Know They Deserve God's Punishment!" David Kemp

*We Respond*

Prayers Pastor Cheryl  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Offertory 3 Canons on "Jesus Loves Me" S. Bingham  
 \* Doxology UMH 95  
 \* Hymn of Invitation "Just When I Need Him Most" Cokesbury 175

*We Go Forth*

\* Opportunities to Serve  
 \* Sending Forth David Kemp  
 Postlude "Fuga 2" G. P. Telemann  
 \*You are invited to stand.

*Worship Leaders*

*Cheryl Murray, Pastor  
 David Kemp, Guest Pastor  
 Gene Lockhart, Choir Director  
 John Burkett, Organist  
 Dennis Anderson, Sound Tech  
 Claire Floyd, Video Tech*

*Prayer List*

- Resa Smith
- Amy Casselberry Williams (upcoming surgery)
- Suzanne Kizer Carter
- Ruth Warren
- Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evans' 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 Corteaal
- Judy Corteaal

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

*Our August Mission of the Month is CISD Family Services. Every dollar bill dropped in the collection plate (or check with "Stuff the Bus" in the memo line) will benefit this mission.*

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



### Upcoming Activities

- August 14-Prayer Shawl meets at 9:30am
- August 14-SPRC meets at 6:30pm
- August 15-Men's Breakfast group meets at Texas Diner Café at 8am
- August 16-Oak Manor worship at 10am, Country Home Estates worship at 2pm
- August 16-Choir rehearsal at 7pm
- August 17-Prayer Shawl Crafting meets 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. There are other urgently needed volunteer opportunities for a variety of jobs. If you're interested, please contact Jan Helton for more 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



## *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*



### **First United Methodist Church**

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10:00am Sanctuary