

# First United Methodist Church

## Commerce, Texas



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## Mission of the Month— The Blessings Table

The Blessings Table has been selected by the Serve Team to be the July Mission of the Month.



The idea of such a table grew out of the Pandemic when churches had closed their doors, and those seeking help could not appeal directly to the minister for aid. Former Pastor Sam Caldwell went to Farmersville to visit former Pastor Greg Neal. Pastor Sam was intrigued by a table at the entrance with a sign that read, "Take what you need, Leave what you can." He brought the concept back to FUMC-Commerce, and our Blessings Table was launched. Today it has expanded to include clothing and personal items, along with food and water, all of which are available 24/7. There are, indeed, other food and clothing resources in Commerce open on certain days and times that people can use, provided they have transportation to get to the to the distribution point AND can prove they live in Hunt County, which is sometimes not possible. The Commerce Police estimate that there are 20-25 homeless people in our town (the closest shelter is in the metroplex) who have no permanent address and, therefore cannot meet the criteria that many other resources require. Few FUMC-Commerce members characterize themselves as wealthy; however, what a luxury it is to have a roof over your head to shield you from extreme weather or to have clean clothes that you washed in your own washing machine or to have 3 meals a day or to take a soothing bath or shower. The Blessings Table attempts to provide those simple things often taken for granted for our unhoused neighbors.

### **There are several ways you can support this mission.**

1. You can pray for our neighbors who are struggling.
2. You can drop dollar bills or a check with "Blessings Table" in the memo line in the offering plate during Sundays in July. If you give online, just click on the appropriate button.
3. You can leave cans of food with pull-top lids on the table. Water or Gatorade bottles are always appreciated. (Summer) Clothes, including shoes, and toiletries are sought after.

# Vacation Bible School

FUMC-Commerce

Presents



July 13-16 9AM-NOON

Grades: Pr-k-6th Participants & Grades: 7th-12th Helpers

Scan here to  
sign up



Scan here to  
Volunteer



For information, call or contact

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or visit our website at [fumccommerce.org](http://fumccommerce.org)

## Trustees News



The photo looks a little plain, a water fountain. But, if the half dozen people that made this possible were in the photo it would be a little more interesting. Those members of our church family did not really care about the individual recognition but rather to be a testament to what happens when a need is brought to the attention of people in this wonderful congregation. They came together to make the need a reality at no cost to the church. If your paying attention, you see it everywhere. Add this one to the list, nice cold filtered water and a sanitary bottle filling station. Come on down the hall and get you a sip next time you are around.

## Prayer List

### Recent Concerns:

- ◆ Our world, country and leaders
- ◆ Family of Catherine Lynn Dye
- ◆ Sharnice Green
- ◆ Velma Durham, Sister of Al Stapleton
- ◆ Family of Mary Lambert Smith
- ◆ David Curry, Son-in-law of Dale & Sue Massey
- ◆ Family of Richard Norton
- ◆ Chris Wilcoxon, Son-in-law of Dale & Sue Massey
- ◆ Pete Smith
- ◆ Carter McLeroy (received a heart transplant), Grandson of Julie and Bob McLeroy
- ◆ Priscilla McFarland
- ◆ Donald & Marcia Hakala
- ◆ Becca Rowe
- ◆ Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
- ◆ Debbie Dunham

### Continued Prayers (long term):

- ◆ Bill Heitholt
- ◆ Richard Young, Lee Riddle's grandson
- ◆ Georgia Gholston
- ◆ Melanie and Judy Cortea
- ◆ Robert Seay

### Those serving in our military:

- ◆ Chandler Teague (US Navy)  
great-grandson of Lee Riddle
- ◆ Captain Cameron Lehr
- ◆ Lt. Dan Barton
- ◆ Daniel Chamberlain
- ◆ Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

### Upcoming Activities

- July 3-6– Little Ark closed
- July 9- Serve Team Meeting 2PM
- July 13- Prayer Shawl Meeting 9:30AM
- July 13-16- Vacation Bible School 9AM-Noon
- July 14— Trustees 6:30PM
- July 16– Prayer Shawl Crafting 9:30AM
- July 19- V.B.S Sunday Service  
-Carter Blood Care Blood Drive 9AM-1:30PM
- July 20- Finance 6PM
- July 23- Prayer Shawl Crafting 9:30AM

### Ongoing Activities

Men's Breakfast ( Omega's): Wednesdays 8AM

Country Home Estates: Wednesdays at 2:00PM

Friendship Class: Sundays at 9:30AM

If you are interested in giving flowers for the altar, please contact Luann Huffman at

903-366-2899 or email

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### Financial Report

	<u>Current</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget Income:	\$26,944	\$104,767
Budget Expense:	\$26,677	\$112,339
<u>Difference:</u>	+267	-\$7,572

# Fun at Little Ark



## Save the Date

Little Ark Closed July 3 & 6



**For emergency  
pastoral care,  
call Pastor  
Cheryl at  
903-468-7178.**



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