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Senior Citizens Resources and Public Transportation (SCRPT) is June's Mission of the

Month. Most recognize it's low-cost transportation; but, SCRPT has programs designed to support seniors physical and cognitive needs. Its wide-ranging nutrition programs include 600 hot meals a day delivered to homes or served in a group setting, at a cost of \$5,000 a week. There are also frozen meals and food boxes available for weekends.

Congregant meals are served in Greenville and in Commerce (two days a week). Participants not only enjoy a hot meal, there are also programs. Mondays and Wednesdays seniors gather at First Baptist Church in Commerce for meals and programs.

The Connection, a free or low-cost bus service is another service of SCRPT. The buses accommodate people using walkers or wheelchairs. Many of you have seen the white and blue buses. Clients over 60 ride at no charge to grocery stores, pharmacies, and doctor's offices throughout Hunt County and pay just \$2.00 to other places in town or \$3.00. Same day service costs \$4.00 each way. SCRPT also coordinates with DART in Rowlett for those who need to go to the Metroplex. Riders under 60 may use the Connection for same fees.

SCRPT's funding comes from many sources in Hunt County and Commerce but regularly needs additional money to maintain its programs.

There are several ways to support this organization.

1. Pray for the continued success of its operation.
2. Drop dollar bills or a check with SCRPT on the memo line in the collection plate on Sundays in June.
3. Volunteer. They are always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen, the office, or making phone calls to seniors. Call 903-454-1444 to learn more.

Our Blessings Table is being visited often! Please consider donating. Frequently requested items are coffee, baby wipes, toiletries, protein, cat or dog food and fruit. Cans with pop tops are wonderful as some don't have a can opener.

Thanks to Fix & Feed for their contributions of water! And to Dick Latson for getting it to the church!



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2025

Notes from Cheryl

I have come through two surgical procedures (Open heart surgery and putting in a pacemaker) and I'm now spending time recuperating and resting.

Thank you for all the prayers and food! Alex and I feel loved. I look forward to returning full strength as soon as possible.

God bless you and keep you.

Pastor Cheryl

if you would like to sign up to provide a meal for Pastor Cheryl and Alex, please sign up for the Meal Train:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/3331gy/>

You will need to type in the link above, or just call Tricia at the church (903-886-3220) And she will sign you up for a date. Thanks!



It's summertime and giving is easy: Go to www.fumccommerce.org and click on "Ways to Give," or continue giving in your usual manner. Our online giving is through the United Methodist Church's preferred company, Vanco: it's secure and convenient. As of April 30th, we have completed four months of the fiscal year.

Total YTD Member Giving Received: \$51, 270

Total YTD Member Giving Needed to meet 2025 Budget: \$65, 336

So, even if you may take a vacation with family and friends, don't let giving to our church take a vacation. Expenses such as insurance, utilities and payroll don't go on vacation. Give like the life and ministries of our church depend on it:. They do!

Your Finance Committee



Thank You for supporting the Youth at their Car Wash!!! They have worked hard earning the fees for Camp at Bridgeport this summer!





Prayer List 5/29/2025

Recent Concerns:

- ♦ Our world, country and leaders
- ♦ All affected by the war in The Middle East
- ♦ Pastor Cheryl Murray
- ♦ Becca Rowe
- ♦ Orvis Wayne Reynolds
- ♦ Willie Blow
- ♦ Katie Cline
- ♦ Wally Jeffers (FISH) Heart transplant
- ♦ Blake Cooper, Heart transplant
- ♦ Wyman Williams
- ♦ Lisa McGuyer
- ♦ Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
- ♦ Mike Clay
- ♦ Debbie Dunham
- ♦ Diane Garcia

Continued Prayers (long term):

- ♦ Bill Heitholt
- ♦ Betty Martin
- ♦ Rita Thompson
- ♦ Jack Gray
- ♦ Richard Young
- ♦ Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- ♦ Georgia Gholston
- ♦ Melanie and Judy Cortea
- ♦ Robert Seay

Ft. Worth:

- ♦ Mary Louise McMahan

Those serving in our military:

- ♦ Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- ♦ Chandler Teague grandchild of Lee Riddle
- ♦ 1st Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- ♦ Lt. Dan Barton
- ♦ Daniel Chamberlain
- ♦ Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- June 2 —Informational Mtg. about VBS after Church.
- June 5 —Serve Team at 10:30
- June 6 —Donuts with Grown Ups at Little Ark
- June 9 —Prayer Shawl Meeting at 9:30
—Little Ark mtg. at 5:00
- June 16 --Finance at 6:00
- June 19 —Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30
- June 23-27 — Youth to Camp at Bridgeport
- June 29 —Celebration of John Burkett's 50 Years of service Pot Luck after service

Ongoing Activities

- Men's Breakfast at Omega's Tuesdays at 8
- Country Home Estates Service on Weds. at 2:00 (When Cheryl is back)
- No Choir rehearsals until Fall

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Vacation Bible School will be July 28 to the 31st. The theme is "Camp Firelight" A Summer Camp Adventure with God. (Psalm 56:3).

Find out how to help at the June 2 meeting!



If you are interested in giving flowers for the altar, please visit with Luann Huffman before worship on Sunday or contact her at 903-366-2899 or lhuffman01@cumbytel.com



Little Ark Fun!

June 6th is Donuts with Grownups from 8am-9am. If any church members would like to attend, please RSVP by email to littlearkcenter@gmail.com so we can make sure to have plenty of donuts.

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