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What is UMCOR? United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR was originally founded in 1940 in the wake of World War II.

UMCOR provides relief assistance both nationally and internationally. I was surprised to learn of all the ways UMCOR provides assistance in the world. I naively thought they were pretty much restricted to the familiar hurricane/flood clean-up buckets. Their relief efforts go FAR beyond that. UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters across the globe every day. UMCOR provides aid and assistance in Ukraine along with other locations worldwide.

Closer to home, UMCOR is supporting local relief efforts for the communities affected by the California wildfires, Hurricane Helene recovery as well as tornado and flooding recovery in Oklahoma, Missouri and North Georgia. UMCOR is there!

Hunger, poverty, global health, water and sanitation, disaster response and recovery, migration, sustainable development, specific health needs for women and children—whatever is called for, UMCOR's US and International Response Teams provide it. They are the hands and feet of Jesus doing good in the world.

How can You help?

Please prayerfully consider generously giving to this very worthy effort that is our Mission of the Month for May. There's no better way to show God's love and to be the hands and feet of Jesus when you yourself can't be there. Please either designate a separate offering by writing "Mission of the Month" in the memo line of your check or when giving online from fumcccommerce.org choose Mission of the Month to give to UMCOR.

Matthew 25:40 "...just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

CPR Class - Interested in a class taught by emergency responders? The class would need to be during a weekday. Please call the office if interested and if we can get 8 or more interested we will facilitate a class at our church.

A colorful poster for a "YARD SALE AND CARWASH". The text "YARD SALE" is in large, bold, green letters, and "AND CARWASH" is in smaller, bold, green letters below it. The poster is surrounded by various items including headphones, a video game console, a car, a van, a backpack, a hoodie, a cup of coffee, and a book. At the bottom, it says "MAY 17TH, 2025" in bold, green letters, followed by "Rain Date: May 24" in smaller text, and "8am-3pm" in bold, green letters. Below that, it says "COME GET YOUR CAR WASHED WHILE SHOPPING TO SUPPORT MISSIONS!" in bold, green letters. At the very bottom, it says "First United Methodist CHURCH COMMERCE" in black text, followed by "1709 HWY 24 COMMERCE, TX" in bold, black text.

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MAY 2025

Notes from Cheryl

I will be out of church recovering from surgery until mid-June. Our substitute preachers will be Rev. Dr. Rita Sims (Retired Elder from Texas Conference UMC and resident of Cumby) Lori Massey (Certified Lay Speaker from Bonham), and Rev. Mike House (former pastor here at FUMC Commerce) and native of Commerce who serves as associate pastor at Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas.

I was so blessed by the Palm Sunday service! Everyone stepped up and did a great job! It is always good to hear the detailed stories instead of skipping right over Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter! Thanks to Music & More kids and families and the Section Leaders from the music program at East Texas A&M University, as well as our loyal long-time choir members. The choir will sing in worship through May 4, then we'll get back together later this summer to kick things off for the new school year.

Remember to look around at Worship and greet anyone you've never met or haven't seen for a while!

Thank you for your prayers!

Pastor Cheryl



A big **Thank You** to Fix and Feed for providing bottled water for our Blessings Table. If you go there, mention the gift of water they provide and Thank them!

A Huge THANK YOU to all that helped move things from the Stinnet house to our storage space! Our church members and several college men participating in the Big Event worked hard. The items will be sold at the yard sale on May 17th. Are you getting ready for the Yard Sale? We have a little room for storage now or you can bring your items starting May 14th. For more information, contact Amy Stark at 903-246-1487.



Prayer List 4/29/2025

Recent Concerns:

- ♦ Our world, country and leaders
- ♦ All affected by the war in The Middle East
- ♦ Judy Rudoff (Hospice care)
- ♦ Nancy Doughty
- ♦ Willie Blow
- ♦ Katie Cline
- ♦ Wally Jeffers (FISH) Heart transplant
- ♦ Blake Cooper, Heart transplant
- ♦ Mary Beth Sampson
- ♦ Wyman Williams
- ♦ Lisa McGuyer
- ♦ Pastor Cheryl Murray
- ♦ 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

- May 8 —Serve Team at 10:30
- May 12—Prayer Shawl Meeting at 9:30
—Little Ark mtg. at 5:00
—Pastor Cheryl's surgery
- May 13 —Women's Study Group at 3
—Trustees at 6:30
- May 15 —Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30
- May 17 —Yard Sale at 8:00 to 3:00
—Youth Car Wash 10:00 to 1:00
- May 19 — Finance at 6:00
- May 22 — Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30
- May 24 —Rain out day for Yard Sale
- May 26 —Office closed for Memorial Day
- May 27 —Women's Study Group at 3:00
- May 29 —Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30
—Little Ark Graduation at 8:30
- May 30 —Little Ark End of year parties
- June 2 —Informational Mtg. about VBS after Church.

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



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

Fun at Little Ark

Pre School fun for
Easter!!!

We will have Open House
and graduation on May
29th at 8:30 in the sanc-
tuary. We would love
cookies and juice dona-
tions for after!

**For emergence
pastoral care,
call Pastor
Cheryl at
940-613-5375.**



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