

First United Methodist Church Commerce, Texas



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November 2022 Newsletter

All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022

November 6th is All Saints' Sunday. On that day, we remember and celebrate the lives of those loved ones who have died and gone on to join the communion of saints. Please join us in remembrance of our saints on Sunday, November 6. Come worship with us as we celebrate their lives, and offer support and prayers to their family members.

Our Saints are:

- Jean Arnold 1-10-2022
- Paul Johnson 1-10-2022
- Bill Peek 2-7-2022
- Ray Patton 3-7-2022
- James Teel 3-14-2022
- Glenna Julian 6-4-2022
- Jayne Williams 8-27-2022



- Family members and dear friends
- Military service men and service women
- Those who have generously left gifts to the church Foundation

Charge Conference

Wednesday, November 9

6:00pm in the Family Ministry Center

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER HOSTED AT OMEGA'S NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

by Amy Stark

Free Thanksgiving Lunch For Anyone
Thursday 11/24/22 | 9am-2pm
1814 Monroe Street | Commerce, TX 75428 | 903.246.3002

Volunteers are welcome! Please arrive by 8am, prepare at 8:30am, doors open at 9am.

MEAL INCLUDES: 6 oz of roasted turkey, 8 oz of homemade dressing (stuffing), fresh mashed potatoes, corn, small salad mix with ranch dressing, roll and a side of cranberry sauce. A free drink and piece of dessert to choose from. With a bag of fruit to take home as you leave.

SPONSORED BY: **LATSON'S**, **DON'S**, **Cypress Bank**, **KEITH**, **CHARTER**, **COMMERCE CHAMBER**, **Ralph & Janis Strappo**, **FAMILY AUTO + COMMERCE**, **Commerce Financial Home and Cremation Service**, **Stamps**, **Garvey**, **United Methodist Church**

This year we are joining many other local churches and organizations to help sponsor a **Free Thanksgiving Day Community meal hosted at Omega's Restaurant**. Our donations will help cover the cost of the meal. Please make a donation in the offering plate, mail a donation to the church office or donate online via our website: <http://new.fumcccommerce.org>.

A Community Thanksgiving Day meal has been hosted at Omega's for several years with lots of success. Last year, 1000 free meals were served.

The meal will be hosted at Omega's Restaurant, located at 1814 Monroe Street, on November 24. The free Community Thanksgiving Day meal will begin at 9am and end at 2pm. The meal will include turkey, all the traditional trimmings, dessert, and a bag of produce to take home! Folks are welcome to eat inside the restaurant OR pick up a meal to-go.

If you are interested in helping to serve at the meal, please contact Amy Stark at 903.246.1487.

Notes from Pastor Cheryl



“What are you thankful for?” I remember being asked the question at the Thanksgiving table with my extended family and maybe a stray friend or two. I always hoped my turn would be first because I couldn’t think of anything original to say after someone else had said, “family and friends.” If you have trouble thinking of things to be thankful for, here’s a tip: have a Bible handy and read Psalm 103:8-11: *The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love. ...God won’t be angry with us forever. God doesn’t deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing because as high as heaven is above the earth, that’s how large God’s faithful love is for those who honor him. (CEB) I for one am glad God doesn’t stay angry with us forever! Have a blessed November and count your blessings each day!*



Pastor Cheryl



The tradition continues on December 3, 2022! On Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., we will once again host our Merry Marketplace & Lunch for Missions in the Family Ministry Center. This fundraiser benefits general missions, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the Youth. It’s also a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community! The Merry Marketplace will offer beautiful handiwork from the Prayer Shawl Ministry, as well as your donations of antiques and vintage finds, Christmas decorative items, gifts for giving, and homemade baked goods and treats. And following our strong tradition of alternative gifts, donors can contribute to missions in Commerce and beyond in honor of family and friends.

The Youth will sell spaghetti lunches to enjoy along with live music and fellowship. We will also have our online auction December 1, 2, & 3, with fabulous items donated by local businesses. Together, we can make it merry!

We need your help to craft, bake, donate, promote, set up, price, sell, and clean up. Please contact Amy Stark at 903-246-1487 (cell) to get involved or look for the sign-up sheets in the gathering area.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR LOCAL TURKEY TROT

For many, Thanksgiving Day is about family, friends, football and food. But for some, the day is also about getting in some exercise, enjoying the outdoors, and supporting a good cause.

Celeste Prather-Young is hosting the 11th Annual Maloy Road Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning to benefit the Commerce Food Pantry. The 5K route starts on Maloy Road in Campbell and follows along tree-lined county roads. Walkers, joggers, and runners of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to join this fun run. The Turkey Trot has become a family tradition for many.

Register by Monday, November 14, to guarantee a t-shirt. Cost is \$25. You may pay cash, check made payable to "Commerce Food Pantry" mailed to Celeste Prather-Young at 3920 FM 1568, Campbell, TX 75422, or PayPal at celesteprather@hotmail.com. Contact her at 903-450-5579 for more details.

The Commerce Food Pantry is located inside the First Presbyterian Church at 1216 Monroe Street and is open from 2 to 4 p.m. every Thursday.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

November 3-First Thursday Luncheon

November 6-Blessing of the Scarves during worship

November 8-Election Day

November 9-Charge Conference at 6pm

November 12-Community Recycle Event from 9am-1pm

November 14-Prayer Shawl meets at 9:30am

November 23-25-Church offices and Little Ark closed

November 24-Happy Thanksgiving!

Prayer List 10-27-22

Recent Concerns:

- Our world, country, & leaders
- Victims of hurricanes & weather events
- Victims of school shootings
- Churches that are leaving the United Methodist Church
- Bill Ogden
- Eric Ormen (Janeen Kvanli's nephew)
- Linda Walker Maples
- Brenda Newman
- Judy Chapman, Pastor Cheryl's sister
- Carlos Rickman (M.D. Anderson Hospital)
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Continued Prayers (long term):

- The leaders and citizens of Ukraine
- Bill Heitholt
- Janet & Jim Payne, sister of Becky Coker
- Rev. Payton Parker
- Georgia Gholston
- Manuel Henderson
- Melanie Cortea
- Judy Cortea
- Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson)
- Julie (Janeen Kvanli's sister)
- Harold & Becky Coker
- Jack Gray
- Mabel and Carl Little
- Brenda Mosley Longhoffer (Lisa McGuire's friend)
- Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's mother)
- Robert Seay
- Dudley Shaw (Robyn Elwell's brother-in-law)

Austin:

- Ruby Vander Velde

Harbor Chase-Southlake:

- Virginia Collier

Draughn's/Country Home Estate:

- Mary Louise McMahan

Legacy Oaks (Midlothian):

- Jerry & Sandy Hutton

Oak Manor:

- Helen Cole

Those serving in our military:

- Celeste Young, (Marines) & Chandler Teague (Navy), great-grandchildren of Lee Riddle
- 2nd Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- Lt. Dan Barton
- Daniel Chamberlain
- Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
- Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick Stogner
- Lt. Colonel Bob Farmer

Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

We are so happy to have welcomed 5 new members! Currently Prayer Shawl members are preparing for the blessing of scarves and hats for Operation Gratitude at the Sunday, Nov. 13 church service. At our meeting on Monday, Nov. 14 these items will be packed and mailed to a National Guard Armory in California for inclusion in Christmas care packages for our troops.



ANGEL TREE MISSION AT FUMC COMMERCE!



For 22 years FUMC-Commerce has lovingly embraced the Prison Ministries Fellowship mission to provide a merrier Christmas to children of incarcerated parents. It also strives to help prisoners feel God's love and acceptance.

Once again members can purchase gifts suggested by a parent in jail to be delivered to the youngsters in his or her name. Names will be available after Halloween for "angels" needing to be adopted.

We ask that those who adopt an angel to purchase a \$25 gift/toy and one clothing item. Please wrap these gifts and deliver them to the church, ready for distribution to families. Please deliver wrapped gifts to the church no later than December 10.

There are several ways you can support this mission.

1. You can pray for the children, their caregivers and incarcerated parents.
2. You can adopt an angel--or two. If you want to adopt an angel, please call or text Tricia Dempsey at 903-366-1055 to get a name and a wish list.
3. Bake cookies to give each family as a gift of love and support from our congregation.
5. Volunteer to help organize this year's event. Call Tricia at 903-366-1055 for more information on how you can help.

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.



Fall Fun at Little Ark!



Top row: The fire trucks came for a visit. The UPD visited Little Ark, too!

Bottom Row: Pre-K trip to the Pumpkin Patch; Princess Elsa came to visit our preschool class; Pumpkin science with Pre-K!



In case of emergency pastoral care need,
please call or text Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375.

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