

MISSION OF THE MONTH FREE THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL HOSTED AT OMEGA'S RESTAURANT

This year we are joining many other local churches and organizations to help sponsor a **Free Thanksgiving Day Community meal, to be hosted at Omega's Restaurant.** Our donations will help cover the cost of the meal. Omega's has generously hosted our Community Thanksgiving Day meal for several years with lots of success. Last year, 1000 free meals were served.

The Free Community Thanksgiving Day meal will be held on November 23rd and will be served from 9am to 2pm at Omega's. The meal will include turkey, all the traditional trimmings and dessert, as well as a bag of produce to take home. Omega's Restaurant is located at 1814 Monroe Street. Folks are welcome to eat inside the restaurant OR pick up a meal to-go. Everyone is welcome.

Please drop dollars in the offering plate, mail a donation to the church office or donate online via our website: <http://new.fumccommerce.org> to support November's Mission of the Month. If you are interested in volunteering during the meal, please contact Amy Stark, 903.246.1487. Let's come together with others in the community in the spirit of the season to make sure everyone has a Thanksgiving dinner this year.



All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023



November 5th 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 5th. Come worship with us as we celebrate their lives, and offer support and prayers to their family members.

Our Saints are:

- ◆ Virginia Collier 2-4-23
- ◆ Anna Knutson 2-13-23
- ◆ Sandy Hutton 3-11-23
- ◆ Helen Cole 8-18-23
- ◆ Family members and dear friends
- ◆ Military service men and service women
- ◆ Those who have generously left gifts to the church Foundation

Notes from Pastor Cheryl



I learned something in Sunday School this week. (Thanks, Wyman and Friendship Class!) Consider the last part of Psalm 23: *Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* Here we're talking about leaving goodness and mercy in our wake wherever we go. That changes the focus of our prayers a bit, doesn't it? If we think about walking the way of Jesus (who called himself "the Good Shepherd,") and leaving goodness and mercy, beauty and unfailing love behind us as we go, we might not see the goodness we're leaving behind but we can trust God's Word that it will be there.

This little detail is precisely the reason why intentional Bible study and/or spiritual discussion/accountability groups invigorate our spiritual growth as we walk the way of salvation with each other. My dream is to get at least one more study group going at 11 a.m. on Sundays, especially for young adults/university students.

As I pondered these things in my heart, our ministerial candidate/seminary student, David Kemp, contacted me about starting up a Zoom group on Sundays (or any time) again for this age group. I think God is working behind the scenes (stage managing) to get this started!

Be grateful – 'tis the season for gratitude!

Pastor Cheryl

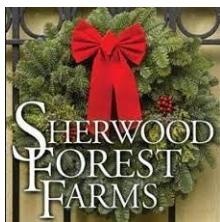


YOUTH NEWS



Thank you for all the help and donations for Fall Festival. We are so grateful for this congregation's devotion to helping make disciples of our children and youth. Wreath sales end on November 6th and will be available for pick up at the church after Thanksgiving.

Use this link to order: <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/evergreens4umyf>



The FUMC Youth (with adult volunteers*) are hosting a Parent's Night Out for the families in the community on December 9th from 6-9p.m. This will allow parents to be able to do any last-minute Christmas shopping, gift wrapping, or simply enjoy a quiet evening. While here, children will learn about the true meaning of Christmas through storytelling, games, science experiments, and crafts. A pizza dinner will be provided. Children are invited to wear their pajamas! Parents can pick up their child/children at any point during the evening. Registration will open up soon, so keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

Cost: 6 weeks-3 years-\$15; 4 years-11 years-\$10

***All adult volunteers have completed Ministry Safe training**

TROT TIME AGAIN!

Celeste Prather-Young pictured below is the founder and host of the Annual Maloy Road Turkey Trot. The 5K route starts Thanksgiving day at 9am rain or shine at 3920 FM 1568 (Maloy Road). Walkers, joggers, and runners of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to join this fun run which benefits the Commerce Food Pantry.

November 1 is the deadline to sign up as an event sponsor. Sponsorships are \$250 and include 4 shirts with your name or business on the back of the shirt.

Register to participate by Friday, November 10, 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/Venmo @celesteprather. 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.

Prayer List 10-31-23

Recent Concerns:

- ◆ Our world, country, & leaders
- ◆ All who are affected by the war in Israel
- ◆ Vance Underhill
- ◆ Jim Eschle, Nan Clay's brother
- ◆ The family of Court Stovall
- ◆ Glenda Helton
- ◆ Joe Milligan
- ◆ Madonna St. Clair
- ◆ Rob Lee
- ◆ Rita Thompson
- ◆ Suzanne Kizer Carter
- ◆ Michael Sandel, Tiffany Evans' father

Continued Prayers (long term):

- ◆ Priscilla McFarland
- ◆ Michael Vickers, Ginny Haight's father
- ◆ Jack Gray
- ◆ Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- ◆ Tom Bailey
- ◆ Pete and Ann Chamberlain
- ◆ Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- ◆ The leaders and citizens of Ukraine
- ◆ Bill Heitholt
- ◆ Janet & Jim Payne, Becky Coker's sister
- ◆ Georgia Gholston
- ◆ Manuel Henderson
- ◆ Melanie Cortea
- ◆ Judy Cortea
- ◆ Harold & Becky Coker
- ◆ Mabel and Carl Little
- ◆ Robert Seay
- ◆ Dudley Shaw (Robyn Elwell's brother-in-law)

Austin:

- ◆ Ruby Vander Velde

Ft. Worth:

- ◆ Mary Louise McMahan

Legacy Oaks (Midlothian):

- ◆ Jerry Hutton

Those serving in our military:

- ◆ Celeste Young, (Marines),
Chandler Teague (Navy), and Brayden Young
(US Navy) great-grandchildren of Lee Riddle
- ◆ 1st Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- ◆ Lt. Dan Barton
- ◆ Daniel Chamberlain
- ◆ Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

November 2-First Thursday Luncheon at noon in the Family Ministry center

November 5-All Saints Sunday

November 9-Serve team meets at 10:30am

November 13-Prayer Shawl meets at 9:30am

November 14-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm

November 14-Trustees meet at 6:30pm

November 16-Prayer Shawl crafting meets at 9:30am

November 18-District Budget Meeting at 2pm in the Sanctuary; Charge Conference from 3-5pm in the Family Ministry Center

November 23-Community Thanksgiving Meal at Omega's from 9am-2pm

November 23-Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28-Women's Study Group at 5:15pm

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays-Men's Breakfast Group meets at Texas Café Diner at 8am

Wednesdays-Little Ark Chapel at 11am

Wednesdays-Country Home Estates worship at 2pm

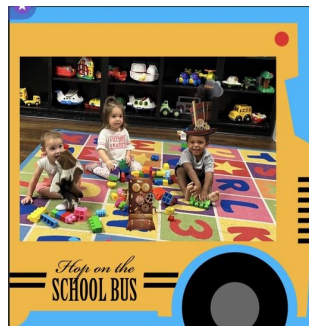
Wednesdays-Choir Rehearsals at 7pm.



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 huffman01@cumbytel.com.

Happy 
Thanksgiving

Fall Fun at Little Ark



Left to right: Pre-K Chapel, Toddler 2 checks out the fire truck; all smiles in Toddler 1; Pre-K at the pumpkin patch!

Mark your calendars!

November 9th: Pie with Parents. Classes will be singing songs, and we all have dessert at the end of the program. Little Ark would be so grateful for pie/dessert donations.

November 22: Little Ark closes at 3 and will be closed the 23rd and 24th. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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