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MISSION OF THE MONTH IS THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year we are joining 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.fumccommerce.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 28. The free Community Thanksgiving Day meal will begin at 9am and end at 2pm. The meal will include turkey, all the traditional trimmings and dessert!

If you are interested in volunteering at the meal, please contact Amy Stark, 903.246.1487.



Prayer Shawl Ministries, along with the Connect Team, are currently compiling a list of those who might service our church in various ways . Often there is a need for helping with serving our bereaved families, at church wide meals (sharing your favorite recipe or purchasing food) or at special times we come together for food and fellowship. Would you like to be included? FUMC is full of wonderful cooks and hospitable friends. Please consider adding your name to a group of those who will help with this need. Your time and efforts are always appreciated. Please text Harriet Williams at 903-450-5290 , Laura Milligan at 972- 742-5566 , or Julie McLeroy at 903-453-5641 if

Youth



Youth are selling wreaths and greenery.
Order by Nov. 4th at: [https://
sherwoodfundraiser.com/fumccommerce/](https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/fumccommerce/)

Notes from Cheryl

It's not too soon to think about your spiritual growth during Advent!

Advent Study:

Wednesdays, November 13 & 20

December 4 & 11

6:00 pm (Join us for dinner at 5:15)

On the Way to Bethlehem

We're so often focused on the destination in our travels. "Where are you going? It is the most common question upon hearing that someone is heading out of town. While the destination may be the impetus for deciding to "go," it is often the journey itself that offers the most memorable moments – frustrating or delightful. This Advent season (and before!) we will pay attention not just to the destination of Christmas, but also to the places where events occurred that led to a starry night on which a child was born who would change the world. And we will ponder our own milestones – the progress and the potholes "on the way."

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. – Luke 7:27b. Rome: A Place of Longing (Hope)

Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting (Peace)

Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity (Joy)

Bethlehem: A Place of Humility (Love)



Fall Fest for Missions

is on November 9th, and needs baked goods for the bake sale. We need your yummy cookies, pies, cakes, breads, candies, and concoctions. Items should be in the church kitchen by Friday morning, November 8.



The Prayer Shawl group has been making Christmons for the Christmas tree that will be in the sanctuary in December. Christmons are ornaments made from Christian symbols, traditionally done in white and gold.



Prayer List 11/23/24

Recent Concerns:

- ◆ Our world, country and leaders
- ◆ All who are affected by the war in The Middle East
- ◆ Manolo Leos cousin of Ruth & Debbie
- ◆ Orvis Reynolds
- ◆ Diane Garcia
- ◆ Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts' mother
- ◆ Danny Duncan

Continued Prayers (long term):

- ◆ Bill Heitholt
- ◆ Lisa McGuyer
- ◆ Carlos Rickman
- ◆ Mike Smith
- ◆ Charles Webster
- ◆ Betty Martin
- ◆ Anna Blohm
- ◆ Wyman Williams
- ◆ Rose Stapleton
- ◆ Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- ◆ Glenda Helton
- ◆ Rita Thompson
- ◆ Jack Gray
- ◆ Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
- ◆ Georgia Gholston
- ◆ Manuel Harrison
- ◆ Melanie and Judy Cortea
- ◆ Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
- ◆ Robert Seay

Ft. Worth:

- ◆ Mary Louise McMahan

Those serving in our military:

- ◆ Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
- ◆ Celeste Young, and Chandler Teague grandchildren of Lee Riddle
- ◆ 1st Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- ◆ Lt. Dan Barton
- ◆ Daniel Chamberlain
- ◆ Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

November 1 –Little Ark Pajama Day

November 3 –All Saint's Day

November 4 –Finance Mtg. at 6:00

November 5 –Election Day (we are a voting site)

November 6 –No WOW! - setting up for Fall Fest

November 7 -Serve Team at 10:30

-NO First Thursday Lunch (Fall Fest prep)

November 9 –Blessing of the Animals from 10 to 11

-Fall Fest 10:00 to 3:00

November 10 –Doughnuts & goodies after church

November 11 -Prayer Shawl Meeting at 9:30

November 12 -Women's Study Group

-Trustees' Mtg. at 6:30

November 14 –Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30

November 15 - Pie with Parents at 2:30

November 16 -TAMUC-Choir Banquet 5-11

November 17– Friends Giving

November 21 -Women's Study Group at 3:00

November 26 --Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30

November 27 –Little Ark closes at 3:00

- No WOW!

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays– Men's Breakfast Group meets at McKay's at 8:00

Weds. -Country Home Estates worship at 2:00

Weds. -WOW! Worship on Weds. Dinner at 5:15, Youth at 6:00

Weds. -Adult Choir at 7:00



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



Top row: Babies with their fidgets, Tiny Tots playing with scarves
Bottom row: PreK farm week

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

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