

# First United Methodist Church Commerce, TX



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October's Mission of the Month is Hunt County Clothe-a-Child, which this year is celebrating 28 years of providing clothing to children in need. All \$1 bills and designated gifts placed in the offering plate during October will benefit this important program. Last December, 250 Commerce students referred by teachers and counselors each shopped for \$50 worth of clothing and shoes at our local Wal-Mart. Also throughout the year, Clothe-a-Child provides help to families in distress, due to fire, flood, tornado or other natural disasters.



For more information contact Belinda Miller, Commerce Elementary School counselor, at 903.886.3757.



Our 2025-2026 Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 6PM. We would love to have you. If you would like to join stop by for rehearsal or contact Choir Director Kristin Wood at [Kristindelaney24@gmail.com](mailto:Kristindelaney24@gmail.com)



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# Notes from Cheryl

**“Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.”-- (Robert Frost, The Death of the Hired Man, Great American Poets New York: Clarkson N. Potter, Inc., 1986, p. 19)**

In the book of Genesis, chapter 18, we read about Abraham who was sitting at the entrance of his tent at the edge of the desert. He saw three strangers approaching. He offered them what every traveler wants – sanctuary and hospitality. Thus the strangers received shelter from the desert sun, water to wash away the dust of the road, and a sumptuous feast to enjoy with the very best that Abraham and Sarah could offer.

Our church is in the hospitality business. We exist for people who aren't even here yet. The essence of hospitality is to be known, welcomed, needed, and loved.

How do guests experience our church? Do they feel warmly welcomed when they enter the building? Are they greeted by smiling strangers? Does anyone attempt to go deeper into conversation and get to know more about them?

**“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”** has long been the mission statement of the United Methodist Church, taken straight from Matthew 25:19: *Go... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

At the outset, we are welcomed and offered a relationship with our Creator, the one who loves us abundantly and unconditionally. This relationship is mirrored by the actions of those who are already here.

Hospitality is a climate of inclusiveness. It is a way of being the church. It is practicing what we preach. It is how we share our faith in God's great generosity revealed in Jesus. How can you participate in this climate of welcome? Check our brochure listing many of the volunteer opportunities in our church.

Join us monthly for Dinner and a Deep Dive into Scripture on Wednesdays at 5:30 This month's session will be held on the 22nd where we will look at what the Bible says about homosexuality.

Pray for our church and for the people who are not here yet. Let's be ready!

Pastor Cheryl



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Prayer List 9/23/2025

Recent Concerns:

- Our world, country and leaders
Family of Michael Beane
Family of Joey Short
Family of Ernest Murray (uncle of Pastor Cheryl & Alex)
Priscilla McFarland
Marcia Hakala
Mark & Donna Streetman
Kyle Smith
Becca Rowe
Patricia Mulkey, Jim Patton's sister
Mike Clay
Debbie Dunham

Continued Prayers (long term):

- Bill Heitholt
Jack Gray
Richard Young
Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
Georgia Gholston
Melanie and Judy Corteaal
Robert Seay

Ft. Worth:

- Mary Louise McMahan

Those serving in our military:

- Sgt. Kyle Ray Capps
MMN 1 Chandler Teague grandson of Lee Riddle
1st Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
Lt. Dan Barton
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

- Oct.5—World Communion Sunday & Luncheon
Children's Choir Performance 10am
Oct. 6-12—CISD Fall Break
Oct. 7—Women's Study 3pm
Oct. 8—No Music & More
—Youth Ice Cream Social Bible Study 5:30pm
Oct. 9— Serve Team Meeting at 10:30am
Oct. 13—Prayer Shawl Meeting at 9:30am
—Admin. Council Meeting at 6:00pm
Oct. 14—Trustees at 6:30pm
Oct. 16 —Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am
Oct. 21—Women's Study 3pm
Oct. 22 —L.A. Pumpkin Auction Starts
— Deep Dive Pastor's Bible Study & Dinner 5:30pm
Oct. 23 —Prayer Shawl Crafting at 9:30am
Oct. 25 —Trunk or Treat 5-7pm

Ongoing Activities

- Men's Breakfast at Omegas @ 8am on Tuesday Mornings
Country Home Estates Service on Weds. at 2:00 pm
Music & More on Weds. from 4:00-5:30pm
Choir rehearsals Weds. at 6:00pm

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Financial Update as of August, 2025

Table with 3 columns: Category, Current, YTD. Rows include Budget Income (15,621 / 157,268), Budget Expense (21,392 / 201,233), and Diff. (-5,771 / -43,965).

Your Finance Committee



If you are interested in giving flowers for the altar, please contact Luann Huffman in person on Sundays, at 903-366-2899 or email lhuffman01@cumbytel.com

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