



First United Methodist Church Commerce

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Shop for the Gift That Gives on December 9th

The **Handmade Holiday Bazaar** on Sunday morning, **December 9**, is the perfect way to celebrate the season and help those in need. When you purchase one of the handmade items, you are making a donation to one of the missions supported by our congregation. For every item purchased, you will also receive a card to explain to the recipient that a meaningful gift was made in their name.



We're still seeking donations! Do you bake, carve, or craft? Consider offering your talent to benefit your favorite mission. To get involved, contact Jamie Moore (903.413.2882) or Angela Roberts (903.886.2142).

Look for a preview of select items in the Gathering Area this Sunday and on Facebook.



UMW is offering Soup in a Jar to benefit the Commerce Food Pantry.



M&M is bringing back the beloved llama and sheep ornaments as well as a new ornament, all to benefit Heifer International.



Show your pride in FUMC-Commerce by donning one of these hats. A portion of proceeds will benefit the mission fund.



Here is one of three unique small blankets up for silent auction. Scarves & hats will be for sale too. All proceeds benefit Prayer Shawl Ministry.



Christmas Food Basket Distribution

On behalf of FISH - Hunt County Shared Ministries and Hunt County Coalition of Pantries

Saturday morning, December 22nd

Volunteers needed to unload, assemble baskets, direct traffic, and much more!

To sign up, call Angela Roberts (903.886.2142) or church office (903.886.3220).

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Ushers' Stew Luncheon

Benefiting Food Assistance Programs



Upcoming Worship

Theme:

"Joy to the World"

December 2

Revelation 12:1-6

"A Magnificent Reversal"

December 9

Mark 1:1-8

"Preparing Room"

December 16

Matthew 1:18-25

December 23

Luke 1:26-45

"Yearning Fulfillment"

December 24

Candlelight Christmas Eve

Service

December 30

John 1:1-14

8:45am ~ Chapel

9:45am ~ Chapel

10:50am ~ Sanctuary

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Between donations received at the Ushers' Stew Luncheon and from October's drop-a-dollar giving, \$900 was raised to support food assistance programs. The proceeds were shared amongst the Commerce Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Commerce Food Distribution/Manna Movers, and FISH – Hunt County Shared Ministries.

Special thanks go out to many! Prior to the luncheon, members of the University Chorale of Texas A&M Commerce shared their talents during the 10:50 am worship service. Bob Mills & Jim Latham prepared their hearty chicken and beef stews, which fed not only the 150 in attendance but also 50 of the Meals on Wheels clients served Thanksgiving Day. Joe Milligan baked up his signature peach cobbler, and many wonderful bakers brought their family-recipe cornbread and desserts: Alta Fay Peden, Anna Blohm, Anna Wells, Carole Walker, Donna Tavener, Harriet Williams, Judy Anderson, Kay Jensen, Lee Riddle, Loretta Kibler, Luann Huffman, & Susan Patton. Janet Latham, Anne Mills, & Laura Milligan provided festive decorations and managed the dining area along with Judy & Dennis Anderson, Susan & Jim Patton, Frances & Mark Sartwell, and Harriet & Wyman Williams.

The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the beginning of the month. Inputs may be submitted to the Church office to Bonnie Smith, Communications Specialist, at communications@fumccommerce.org, or call the office at 903-886-3220. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

****The next deadline is Monday, December 17 by 9:00am****

Prison Ministries Angel Tree Project How Can I Help?



- You can take an angel off the tree and purchase the clothing or toy requested.
 - Fill out the green tracking card and leave it in the basket.
 - The item should cost between \$15-30.
 - Return the item unwrapped by December 9th with the angel attached to the gift with scotch tape or staple.
- You can donate supplies:
 - Boxes
 - Wrapping paper
 - Scotch tape
 - Bows
 - Ribbon
 - Gift bags and tissue paper
- You can bake cookies which we give to each family on behalf of FUMC-Commerce.
- You can help deliver packages on Sunday, December 23 from 1:30-5:00pm or another mutually accepted time.
- You can pray for the incarcerated parents and their families.



Giving Thanks for Thanksgiving!



The Commerce community had much to be thankful for during the annual Thanksgiving meal hosted by FUMC-Commerce. This year over 50 volunteers from area churches including Mt. Moriah Baptist, 1st Baptist, Disciples of Faith Bible Fellowship and FUMC-Commerce came together to create a meal that served love and fellowship along with delicious turkey and dressing to a total of 276 people. Many hands came together to slice homemade pies, assemble packages of Soup for the Soul, and deliver over 100 of these meals to people homebound on the holiday. Willing volunteers organized drivers, picked up and sliced turkeys, moved furniture, took pictures, washed dishes and ensured the leftovers were transferred to the faithful cooks for Meals on Wheels. The delicious food provided nourishment for the day, but the experience for all who participated will provide warm memories for the year to come.



Advent 2012 Poinsettias

Orders for poinsettias will be taken until Monday, December 10th. They will arrive on December 16th, and you may take them home after the December 24th Worship Service.





Hunt County Coalition of Pantries 2012 Christmas Project

Do you need some extra help with food for Christmas? Hunt County Shared Ministries will be accepting applications for Christmas food assistance

Monday, November 26th through Friday, November 30th at Crossroads Mall in Greenville between 9:00 am and noon each weekday, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 until 7:00 pm.

Please use the main mall entrance.

And

Monday, December 3rd through Friday, December 7th at 2805 King St. between the hours of 9:00 am and noon each weekday, and

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 until 7:00 pm.

No late registration forms will be accepted.

Please read the following carefully:

1. Come in person and complete a registration form.

**You will need to show a picture ID, a current lease agreement and a current utility bill that matches the address on the registration form.*

2. Distribution will take place on the morning of **Saturday, December 22nd** in Caddo Mills, Commerce and Greenville. You must choose a location for pickup. If you do not choose, one will be chosen for you based on your address. Locations may not be changed once they are chosen.

3. **There will be no alternative dates or times for pickup**, so if you're not available the morning of the 22nd, please do not sign up. If you sign up, but fail to pickup on the 22nd, you will be ineligible for holiday assistance in 2013.

**You may list one other person who lives at your address to pickup your food.*

4. A confirmation card will be mailed out to each qualifying household with an assigned time and location for pickup. Please keep your card until the day of the event.

**There will be one confirmation card per address. Duplicate addresses will not be accepted. Please do not attempt to register if someone else at your address has already registered.*

5. Present your original confirmation card on **Saturday, December 22nd** at your assigned time and location. Please be on time and be prepared to present a picture ID along with your confirmation card.

Please note: Confirmation cards for qualifying households will be mailed no later than December 13th. If you do not receive a card and would like to check the status of your application, you may call (903)455-0545 December 19-21st between 9:00 am and Noon.

Please do not call before the 19th as we will not have the information available for you.



UMW will meet **Tuesday, December 18** at 12:00pm for our covered dish holiday luncheon and Christmas carols. Our December project is gifts and donations to church special projects. **All women are invited to join us!**

In memory of...

Jerry Lambert

By: Lena Faulkner

Gary Kibler

By: Floyd & Martha Dekle
 John & Jean Miller
 Lan & Sharon Raney
 Cathy & Richard Younger
 Bob & Anne Mills
 Jim & Jan Ainsworth
 Dennis & Judy Anderson
 Roger & Jean Arnold
 Fred & Anna Blohm
 Robert & Betty Brown
 Robert & Amanda Brown
 Steve Siebenhausen
 Joe & Laura Milligan
 Lewis & Faye Jackson
 WB Kibler
 Mark & Melinda Reid
 Emerson & Becky Adams
 Steven & Joyce Huggs
 Carole Walker



Tom Walker

By: Dennis & Judy Anderson
 Loretta Kibler

Attendance

	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25
Early	29	19	26	22
9:45	7	7	13	8
Late	137	182	96	110
SS	72	67	57	52



Financial Update: General Operating Fund

as of October 31, 2012	Year-to-Date
Income: \$ 30,483	\$317,042
Expenses: \$ 35,926	\$331,681
	-\$ 14,639



Reading the Bible Daily



As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: What does this text say about who God is?" "What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Saturday, Dec 1	Psalm 25:4-5
Sunday, Dec 2	Psalm 25:6-10
Monday, Dec 3	Luke 1:68-71
Tuesday, Dec 4	Luke 3:1-3
Wednesday, Dec 5	Malachi 3:1-4
Thursday, Dec 6	Philippians 1:3-11
Friday, Dec 7	Luke 1:72-75
Saturday, Dec 8	Luke 1:76-79
Sunday, Dec 9	Luke 3:4-6
Monday, Dec 10	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Tuesday, Dec 11	Isaiah 12:2-3
Wednesday, Dec 12	Isaiah 12:4-6
Thursday, Dec 13	Philippians 4:4-7
Friday, Dec 14	Philippians 4:4-7
Saturday, Dec 15	Luke 3:7-14
Sunday, Dec 16	Luke 3:15-18
Monday, Dec 17	Micah 5:2a; 7:1-7
Tuesday, Dec 18	Micah 5:2-5a; 6:8
Wednesday, Dec 19	Psalm 80:1-7
Thursday, Dec 20	Luke 1:39-45
Friday, Dec 21	Luke 1:29-38, 46-49
Saturday, Dec 22	Luke 1:46-55
Sunday, Dec 22	Hebrews 10:5-10
Monday, Dec 24	Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20
Tuesday, Dec 25	John 1:1-14
Wednesday, Dec 26	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Thursday, Dec 27	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Friday, Dec 28	Psalm 148
Saturday, Dec 29	Colossians 3:12-17
Sunday, Dec 30	Luke 2:41-52
Monday, Dec 31	Matthew 2:1-12



Prayer Lists

We pray for those who have experienced an illness...

Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother), Craig Dagenhart, Becky Bosque (the Englerts' friend), Braden Murray (little boy with leukemia in Waco area), Henry & Jeannette Heiberger (Mary Dagenhart's grandparents), Ralph & Alma Moyer, Michael Klinck (Ryan Klinck's brother), Josh Madena, Pat Reid (Mark Reid's mother), Helen Dickson, Sandy Rudoff (Judy Rudoff's brother-in-law), Clay Yeager, Lana Fallis, Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's daughter-in-law), Gene Casselberry, Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Louella McIntyre, Sharon Brewton, Amy Sallstrom Smith (Bill Heitholt's cousin), Sam Duckworth, Ray Sandifer, Jim and Diane Price, Billy Guinn, Chris Sterzik (Shelley Jackson's son-in-law), Sondra Feduccia, Frederick Lucas, Dorothy Ingram, Pam Allgood, Kay Webber, Judy Greenwood, George O'Kelley

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Those affected by Superstorm Sandy
Draughn's/Country Home Estate:
Helen Dickson, Pete Robinson, and Jessie Short



Remembering those serving in our military...

2nd Marine Division
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
Lt. Dan Barton
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker (Korea)-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law
Tyler Craig(Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law
Jason Timmons-seriously injured
Ensign Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son
Christopher Kendrick-Navy (Helen Rowe's friend)
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Travis Miller-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe- Ladonna & Chris Patterson's cousins
Garrett Johnson
Col. Peter Bailey
Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Nathan Grove

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
James 5:16*

Help us hold each other in prayer by contacting the church office with new prayer concerns and updates on existing prayer requests.

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Articles for the next newsletter are due
Monday, December 17 by 9:00am**

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