

First United Methodist Church

Commerce

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Potluck Lunch

Family Ministry Center
Sunday, February 3, at Noon

Bring your favorite soup, stew, bread or dessert to share and kick off game day and the February missions of the month!

Supporting
Bread of Life Food Pantry | Commerce Food Pantry

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Patience

One said that patience is the art of enjoying what I have while I wait for what I want. While that seems true and maybe very wise, it is also incomplete. We can't exactly "muster up" patience. I admit that when I have tried to "become more patient" I have often become very impatient waiting on myself and even waiting upon God.

I have been enjoying this season of teaching and preaching on the fruit of the spirit from Galatians 5 in the New Testament. Teaching and preaching the same texts has allowed me to process with groups, focus my thoughts, and also to include some of your ideas in the sermon. The sermon, after all, is and ought to be the work of the people. If its not relevant, its not very helpful.

It's not too late to jump in to one of our Bible Study groups Wednesday at noon or 6pm. You might find your comments influencing the Sunday sermon! Please get in the habit of inviting folks to worship!

I am starting the Commerce Leadership Institute this week and looking for connections with our community. I am determined to welcome all in our community to find a faith home and hopefully here. We can say that, but it is really not possible for any one of us to get there--to "Welcome Everyone". Together we can each invite SOME--our own friends, neighbors, business connections, neighborhood families, people we meet. It is simple to say, "Do you have a church home?" If they do, affirm it and if they don't, then tell them about yours! "Go!" (Matthew 28:19a). And "Go!" is a verb.

Proud to be your Pastor,



Sam Caldwell



SERMON SERIES

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Ongoing through March 10

Pastors Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 4pm
at The Lion's Den

Wednesdays @ 12pm & 6pm
in the Friendship Room

*We will pray together and establish a covenant for each segment! No costs except time.
Open to anyone.
Childcare available by request.*

THE LIGHT

FUMC COMMERCE

Contemporary Service

Sundays @ 6pm

At the Wesleyan Campus Ministry (1504 Lee St)

The Light Contemporary Worship Service is in full swing at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry! You're invited to join us on Sunday evenings for the Kin-dom Dinner at 6:00 and worship at 6:30. The Kin-dom Dinners are about providing space to have holy conversations about real world issues, which are chosen in advance by the congregation. Through discussion, we have the opportunity to reach across ideological, theological, and generational divides in order to live into the idea of the Kin-dom of God and discern how the Word of God would have us faithfully respond.

And just like the Kin-dom of God, each person is welcome! In fact, having experienced FUMC members participate will help college students expand their world view and learn how to be guided by God's Word in their everyday lives. We hope you can join us for dinner at 6:00 and worship at 6:30!

The Light Contemporary Worship Service at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry has been made possible in 2019 through generous grants from the FUMC Commerce Foundation and the Center for Leadership Development of the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Worship

Sunday, February 3

Sunday, February 10
Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 17

Sunday, February 24

8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary
6:00pm ~ Wesleyan
Campus Ministry

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SAVE THE DATE

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST
COMMERCE

Be included in our
upcoming directory

Photography dates:
April 2 - April 3, 2019



FIRST
THURSDAY

Potluck
Luncheon

February 7
@ 12pm

The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the end 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 Tuesday, February 20 by 9:00am****



This month in Sunday School our Bible verse is "Love the Lord your God with all you heart, all your being, and all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5). Each lesson in February will be about wisdom.

On February 3, we will talk about how different families remember God. We will talk about the commandments outlined in our Bible verses. We are going to make a scripture box, have a healthy snack and share what it means to you to love the Lord with all your heart, all your being and all your strength.

On February 10, we will read Daniel 1:1-21. We will play a "choices" game, have a Daniel snack and discuss choices we can make to live like God wants us to live.

On February 17, we will read Acts 16:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:5-7. We will read our Bible story about a family's faith, play a "blob tag" game, try pitas with hummus and talk about the wisest people we know!

On February 24, we will move to Proverbs 10:1; 17:17. We will talk about what a proverb is, pick our favorite and create a design to go with it. We'll make an owl snack and read our Bible story about family proverbs.

We hope you can join us for some or all of our lessons this month!

Special thank you to our Sunday School teachers: Linda King, Kristen Poe, Bonnie Smith and Amy Stark!



Bishop's Rally

Our middle school youth have the opportunity to attend the Bishop's Rally on Sunday, February 17, at Christ United Methodist Church in Plano.

This is the largest gathering of middle school youth in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church each year. The afternoon will be packed with a large group gathering, worship, an address from Bishop Mike McKee, and, of course, plenty of fun games and activities. The church will pay the \$5.00 per person registration fee, and we will eat lunch at the church before leaving. To register, go to the church website (www.fumcccommerce.org) or contact Nevin. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, February 7.

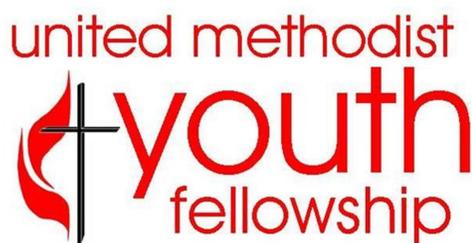
Summer Camp



Registration for Summer Camp at Bridgeport is now open! The dates for camp this year are (based on grade completed):

- o **Children (3-5th grades) – June 24-28**
- o **Junior High (6-8th grade) – June 17-21**
- o **Senior High (9-12th grade) – July 1-5**

To register and pay the deposit, parents can go to www.bridgeportcamp.org. We will be working on fundraisers to help offset the remaining cost. Camp is a formative experience for so many young Christians seeking to deepen their faith, and it's a lot of fun too! Don't wait—register now!



This month at UMYF we're continuing to talk about Jesus, the Light of the World. We're looking at the way Jesus lit up and changed individual lives through acts of healing and compassion as we discover ways to be light in the world today.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00. Each week we have games and fellowship, snacks, worship, Bible study, and small group discussion. If you know any

middle school or high school youth, please invite them to come and see what UMYF is about. There is always room for more, and each student is welcome!

Wesleyan Campus Ministry's
Valentine's Dinner



*Sunday, February 17 @12pm
in the Family Ministry Center*

*Suggested donation of \$10/plate
Benefiting the Wesleyan Campus Ministry
Enjoy an Italian meal cooked by the students, get to know the
Wesleyan students, and support our campus ministry!*

2018 Mission Dollars in Review

During 2018, we gave our \$1 bills and designated gifts and held the Merry Marketplace & Lunch for Missions to assist financially the missions supported by our church. Our direct giving plus fundraising, rather than a line item in the general operations budget, fund these missions. Your Serve team is responsible for administering these mission funds. Below is a summary of the gifts received and the gifts made in 2018.

Inflow	
2017 Carry Over Balance <i>Includes 2017 Merry Marketplace & Lunch for Missions Proceeds</i>	6,482
Drop-a-Dollar & Designated gifts to Missions of the Month during 2018	6,133
2018 Merry Marketplace & Lunch for Missions Proceeds	6,448
Inflow Total	19,063

Summary	
Inflow	19,063
Less Outflow	12,584
2018 Carry Over Balance	6,479

Merry Marketplace proceeds allow the Serve team to respond to special needs for assistance, supplement Mission of the Month giving and fund mission activities.



Outflow	
Serving Our World	
Proyecto Abrigo	514
Heifer International Alternative Gifts	180
Subtotal	694
Serving Our Region	
U.M. ARMY	1,000
UMCOR (<i>Serve Donation for flood buckets</i>)	525
Subtotal	1,525
Serving Our Community	
Wesleyan Campus Ministry <i>Merry Marketplace Lunch proceeds & Mission of the Month</i>	1,465
Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>Merry Marketplace proceeds</i>	813
Community Thanksgiving Dinner	1,030
Community Pancake Breakfast <i>Thanksgiving Holiday Food Distribution</i>	228
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	281
Raffa Clinic	200
Commerce Clothe-a-Child	500
Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp	500
CISD Adopt-a-Tiger	1,139
Bread of Life Food Pantry at Church of the Nazarene in Commerce <i>Souper Bowl of Caring & Mission of the Month</i>	500
Commerce Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church of Commerce <i>Souper Bowl of Caring & Mission of the Month</i>	500
Hunt County Shared Ministries- FISH <i>(Lenten Offering and Serve Donation)</i>	1,500
North Texas Food Bank in Dallas	700
Food 4 Kids Fall Break & Spring Break Snacks	509
Senior Center Resources and Public Transit (SCRPT) <i>Nutrition Programs in Commerce</i>	500
Subtotal	10,365
Outflow Total	12,584



FUMC COMMERCE 2018 FINANCIAL REVIEW

WHAT A YEAR! Coming into 2018 the Finance Committee was confronted with a history of declining attendance and as a result, declining income. There were no indicators of this trend changing anytime soon. A budget is normally presented in the fall for the coming year but due to uncertainty, budget discussions continued well into the year. Every possible place to make spending cuts was discussed and the budget was presented with several reductions that had little chance of success. Still when compared to anticipated income the budget had a short fall of over \$20,000.

The year started badly. January had a loss of \$4,059; February, \$2,816; March, \$4,078. A quarter of the year gone and we were over \$10,000 in the hole. This would double our projected short fall for the year. April came in with a \$10,260 shortage and we had to take action. It was decided to appeal to the congregation to make "Special Giving" to raise the \$40,000 it looked like we would need by year end. Thankfully, over \$9,000 came in fairly quickly and added a buffer to our declining operating account.

May turned out to be a blessing. We operated at almost a breakeven which was a huge improvement. This was followed by a plus month in June and after a bad month in July we were on the plus side again in August and September. More losses occurred in October and November but December was another good month with a positive income of over \$11,000.

What A Year! After the ups and downs we were blessed to end the year with a deficit of \$9,052, which is less than half the amount forecasted in the 2018 Budget.

Financial Update: Sacred Business

Sunday, February 3
@ 9:45am in the Chapel

The Finance Committee will be hosting a financial update for church members on Sunday, February 3rd, at 9:45 in the Chapel. We will review the 2018 financial results, and discuss the highlights of the 2019 budget.



Our financial gifts make it possible to support God's work and the life of our church. Thank you for your continued support of FUMC-Commerce through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



- * Our Bible verse for February: Luke 12:34—"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- * Our Preschool and Pre-K will have their Valentine's Day parties on Thursday, February 14.



connect grow

Connect Grow

Monday, February 11
@ 6pm



Give Online

Remember, you can always give your monthly contributions securely online. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at www.fumccommerce.org, and click on "Ways to Give" and create a profile if you haven't already.



Dear FUMC Congregation,

On behalf of the 13 families and 34 children who received gifts from the Angel Tree Ministry, we want to thank you for your ongoing support of this project. Thanks go to:

1. The church for underwriting the cost of the mailouts.
2. Pastor Sam and Cathy for attending the party. Pastor Sam welcomed our guests and then played the guitar as we sang both secular and sacred Christmas songs. He also talked about Jesus being the greatest gift.
3. Barbara Gish, Susan Lampe, and Kevin Jackson whose generous donations helped underwrite the expenses of the program.
4. All of you who adopted angels for lovingly—and sometimes painstakingly—buying their requests.
5. Amy Stark and her helpers, Joanna Thrift and her helpers, Mike Dempsey, and Nicole Cohoon for beautifully wrapping the packages. And to Mike who carried them back to the work area.
6. Karla Roffey whose yummy “Happy Birthday, Jesus” cake reminded all of us the reason for the season.
7. Frances Sartwell and the Merry Marketplace bakers whose excess provided delicious snacks for the party.
8. Jenny Dempsey and Jordan Hampton who tested our crafts to see how best to put them together and then helped our guests assemble them.
9. Rockey Reid who organized our games, allowing kids to try to ring Santa’s hat or Rudolph's antlers (which he was wearing) and serving as the cheering section for their efforts. He also served as Santa’s helper when he dispensed the gifts.
10. Mike Elwell for listening to children's last minute requests and dispensing gifts with a hearty “Ho, ho, ho!”
11. Nevin Jackson and youth Rachel, Lauren, and Rockey who willingly did whatever was asked of them including lugging the gift wrapping supplies back to the room behind the organ, helping the kids with crafts, and cleaning up after the party.
12. Robin Elwell for capturing the activities of the party on film, photographing the children on Santa’s lap, and making families feel at home.
13. Melinda Reid for delivering packages to families who could not attend the party.



Thank you to the congregation that made Christmas a little brighter and, we pray, more meaningful for some children and their parents!

Thank you,
Tricia Dempsey and Judy Rudoff

Commerce Community Garden Association 2019 Spring Kickoff Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

@ 12 noon

Magnuson Hotel Conference Room

Bring your own brown bag lunch and learn more about our 45-plot community garden. Experienced and first-time gardeners are invited to join us.



For more information, please contact Bob Johnson (903-468-2659) or Royce Lee (903-366-6047).

In memory of...

Fred Blohm

By: Gayle Shumate
 David & Luann Huffman
 Judith Ward
 Jeff & Jan Helton
 Gilbert & Tammy Naizer
 Pat & Janet Skauge
 Al & Rose Stapleton
 Sheryl & Paul Zellhart
 Dorothy Ward
 Tor M Arterbury
 Jim Ainsworth
 Weldon & Sharlene
 Freeman
 C.E. Formby
 Neil & Michelle Morris
 Eddie & Mickie Smith
 D.K. Nelson
 Alta Fay Peden
 Susan Lampe
 Sandra Elmore

Lena Faulkner
 Austin Hoover
 Betty Philpot
 Homer & Mary Smith
 Nila McQuary
 Joan & Rich Lawrence
 Helon Razniak
 Keith & Nancy McFarland
 Dwight & Mary Bowden
 Sharon Porter
 Edna O'Quinn
 Jim & Nell Brown
 Howard Lambert
 Mariann Andrews
 Dr. Norris Russell
 Bob & Sally Grove
 Bobby & Kathy Hill
 Jim & Anne Stahl
 Ben & Nancy Doughty
 John Poteet & Shirley
 Rushing
 Danny & Janet Duncan
 Frank & Freda Benton

By the Numbers

Attendance

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>SS</u>
Dec 23	33	85	—	28
Dec 24	48	*	—	—
Dec 30	30	47	—	25
Jan 6	41	77	—	41
Jan 13	38	80	—	44
Jan 20	43	82	18	47
Jan 27	33	85	22	45

* Unknown

**Financial Information
 General Operating Fund**

as of December 31, 2018 Year-to-Date

Income:	\$ 36,361*	\$355,034
Expenses:	\$ 24,880	\$364,086
	\$ 11,481	-\$ 9,052

*includes extra giving

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:

Friday, Feb 1	1 Corinthians 13:1-8
Saturday, Feb 2	1 Corinthians 13:9-13
Sunday, Feb 3	Psalms 71:1-6
Monday, Feb 4	Isaiah 6:1-8
Tuesday, Feb 5	Isaiah 6:9-13
Wednesday, Feb 6	Psalms 138:1-3
Thursday, Feb 7	Psalms 138:4-8
Friday, Feb 8	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Saturday, Feb 9	Luke 5:1-7
Sunday, Feb 10	Luke 5:8-11
Monday, Feb 11	Luke 6:17-26
Tuesday, Feb 12	Jeremiah 17:7-8; Psalm 1:1-3
Wednesday, Feb 13	Jeremiah 17:5-10
Thursday, Feb 14	Luke 6:17-19
Friday, Feb 15	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Saturday, Feb 16	Psalms 1; Luke 6:22,26
Sunday, Feb 17	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Monday, Feb 18	Genesis 45:3-7
Tuesday, Feb 19	Genesis 45:8-11,15
Wednesday, Feb 20	Psalms 37:1-6
Thursday, Feb 21	Psalms 37:7-11,39-40
Friday, Feb 22	1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50
Saturday, Feb 23	Luke 6:27-31
Sunday, Feb 24	Luke 6:32-38
Monday, Feb 25	Exodus 34:29-35
Tuesday, Feb 26	Exodus 34:29-35
Wednesday, Feb 27	Psalms 99
Thursday, Feb 28	2 Corinthians 4:1-2



Prayer Lists

Recent Concerns

Kaylee Jensen (Clarence & Kay Jensen's granddaughter)
 Celeste (Lynette Gill's granddaughter)
 Bob and Sally Grove
 Alfredo Muniz
 Claire Reynolds
 Bonnie Willet (Joe Spinato's sister)

Continued Prayers (long term)

Healing and peace for our hurting country and world, our world and country's leaders, Wayne Bruno, Debra Burton, Gene Casselberry, Kenneth & Carol Cline (Tammy Naizer's parents), Harold Coker, Garrett Cramer, Lois Cranford, Carol Davis, Corky Drinkard, Rev. Tom Dudley, Bill Ray Ellis (Luanne Huffman's cousin), Jack and Gladys Gray, Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother), Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson), Rheba Icenhower, Zachary Madden, Allen Martin, Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents), Betty Morton, Richard Norton, Mary Ogletree (Mimi Dobbs' mother), William Pemberton, Grayson Prewett (Bill and Sharon Prewett's grandson), Michaela Prussack, Mary Sartin, Robert Seay, Billy Stocker (J.D. Short's uncle), Beverly Becker Wood (Mary Shumway's mother)

Oak Manor: Mary Elizabeth Channon, Helen Cole, Barbara Gish and Euple Walker

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Roger and Jean Arnold, Joe and Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn, and Gayle Shumate

Austin: Ruby Vander Velde



Remembering those serving in our military...

Lt. Dan Barton
 Daniel Chamberlain
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 IT2 Patrick Stogner (Janelle Stogner's grandson in Japan)
 Col. Keith Williams
 Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law

*"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).

**In case of emergency pastoral care need,
 please call or text Pastor Sam at 214-842-9252.**



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
 NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 Articles for the next newsletter are due
Tuesday, February 19 by 9:00am