



# First United Methodist Church Commerce

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 4 5:00 to 6:00pm

On March 4, dinner is ready! Come and get it!

Join us in the Family Ministry Center for a hot meal of pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday, which is also called Fat Tuesday. It is the last day before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

This all-you-can-eat pancake supper is brought to you by the Matthew 7:7 Sunday school class and the Connect Team. A love offering will be collected to defray cost of meal and to benefit missions.



## Eucharist @ 5:30pm in Chapel Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 5 @ 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

**A powerful service of repentance,  
reflection, and imposition of ashes**

## Fast. Pray. Give. *A Lenten Discipline for Good*

Your Serve team invites you to accept Bishop Michael McKee's challenge to practice a Lenten discipline for good. We're asking you to:

- **Fast one meal** a week during Lent.
- **Pray during that mealtime** for your church, those who are hungry, and the North Texas Food Bank and its partner agencies.
- **Give to the North Texas Food Bank** through the Lenten offering, using the funds that would have been spent on those meals given up.



A Member of Feeding America

Beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lenten offering containers and envelopes will be available in the gathering area for you to take home and use as a reminder to follow the spiritual discipline. On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will dedicate our gifts to the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB).

The NTFB is not only one of our nation's largest food banks but also the lifeline to food assistance programs here in Commerce. The Food 4 Kids backpacks that go home every Friday with food-insecure elementary school children and the boxes of food that the Bread of Life Food Pantry distributes monthly come from the NTFB. Hunt County Shared Ministries – FISH in Greenville is also a NTFB partner agency.

Know that your gift will be used wisely. 93 cents of every donated dollar goes fulfilling the NTFB's mission. 7 cents goes toward administration and fundraising.

**Would you like to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the operations of the NTFB?** On Saturday afternoon, April 5, FUMC-C volunteers will go to the NTFB warehouse in Dallas to sort and box foods for distribution to partner agencies. Contact Angela Roberts for more information or to sign-up at [AQRoberts@hotmail.com](mailto:AQRoberts@hotmail.com) or 903.886.2142.

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Dear FUMC Friends:

“What if 10,000 Methodists in North Texas fasted one meal a week during Lent and gave the money saved to a local food ministry?”

Bishop Mike McKee asked this question at last summer’s annual conference. What if, indeed?

What if each of us fasted one meal per week during Lent this year?

What if we each felt the insistent rumbling in our tummies telling us we’re hungry? Might this be something the Spirit could use to help us grow into more faithful disciples?

What if we helped feed that rumbling with just a few more minutes of prayer time each week during Lent – say, spending seven minutes in prayerful silence once a week in our midweek Eucharist service during Lent?

What if each household in our congregation placed a Lenten devotional calendar on the fridge in the kitchen, and we each took just a minute or two to reflect on the thought for that day?

What if all this happened?

What if enough of us participated in fasting, giving, and praying that it would cause a groundswell of revival (*dare we say that word?*) in our community?

What if, indeed? We’ve got the season of Lent to find out. Will you join me?

God’s peace be with you –

Valarie



**March 2**  
*Matthew 17:1-9*  
 “Who We Are: Serve II”  
**Ash Wednesday, March 5**

**March 9**  
*Matthew 4:1-11*  
 “An Encounter to Remember”

**March 16**  
*Genesis 3:8-24*  
 “Back to the Beginning”

**March 23**  
*Exodus 17:1-7 ~ “Divine Presence”*

**March 30**  
*Pastor Marc preaching*  
**8:45am ~ Chapel**  
**11:00am ~ Sanctuary**

**Midweek Eucharist**  
*Wednesdays*  
**@ 5:30pm ~ Chapel**

# Spaghetti Lunch & Kite Flying Event

**Sunday, March 23**

**Lunch starting @ 12:00pm**

**Kite Flying @ 1:00pm**



**Spaghetti Lunch  
 Fundraiser**

**All proceeds will go toward the purchase  
 of a minibus for our Church Ministries  
 and Little Ark**

**Let's Go Fly a Kite!!!**

**Bring your own kite**

**Kids of all Ages**

**Join the fun in the field behind our  
 church**

**Don't have a kite or a kid?**

**Bring your lawn chair and watch the fun!**

**Make memories for a lifetime with  
 your children, grandchildren  
 and church family.**

Kite Flying Event sponsored by the  
 Connect Team and Children's Ministries

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**Sound Techs Needed**  
 Our Sound Tech Team has recently lost a few members. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the church office at 903-886-3220 or Dennis Anderson at 903-886-7432 or 903-886-3312.



UMW will meet **Tuesday, March 18** at 10:00am.  
 Our February project items for the Nursing Home.  
**All women are invited to join us!**

UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education.



**Attendance**

	Early	5:30	Late	SS
Jan 29		9		
Feb 2	25	—	96	84
Feb 5		10		
Feb 9	32	—	96	74
Feb 12		10		
Feb 16	37	—	110	90
Feb 19		9		
Feb 23	34	—	112	96

**Financial Update**  
**General Operating Fund**  
 as of January 31, 2014

Income:	\$ 29,460
Expenses:	\$ 30,988
	-\$ 1,528



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



**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, Mar 1	2 Peter 1:16-21
Sunday, Mar 2	Matthew 17:1-9
Monday, Mar 3	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Tuesday, Mar 4	Genesis 3:6-7
Wednesday, Mar 5	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday, Mar 6	Psalms 32
Friday, Mar 7	Romans 5:12-19
Saturday, Mar 8	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, Mar 9	Matthew 4:10-11
Monday, Mar 10	Genesis 12:1-4a
Tuesday, Mar 11	Genesis 12:1-4a
Wednesday, Mar 12	Psalms 121
Thursday, Mar 13	Psalms 121
Friday, Mar 14	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Saturday, Mar 15	John 3:1-17
Sunday, Mar 16	John 3:1-17
Monday, Mar 17	Psalms 95:1-7a
Tuesday, Mar 18	John 4:5-30
Wednesday, Mar 19	Exodus 17:1-7
Thursday, Mar 20	Psalms 95:7b-11
Friday, Mar 21	Romans 5:1-11
Saturday, Mar 22	Exodus 17:7
Sunday, Mar 23	John 4:5-42
Monday, Mar 24	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Tuesday, Mar 25	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Wednesday, Mar 26	Psalms 23
Thursday, Mar 27	Psalms 23
Friday, Mar 28	Ephesians 5:8-14
Saturday, Mar 29	John 9:1-12
Sunday, Mar 30	John 9:13-41
Monday, Mar 31	Psalms 130:1-2, 7-8



# Prayer Lists



**We pray for those who have experienced a loss.**

**Condolences to...**

Family of Virginia Gibbs (Donna Tavener's mother)  
Angel Miller and Family in the loss of her grandmother  
Lynette Gill and Family in the loss of her daughter-in-law  
Family of Roberta Causey  
Family of Jimmy Spurlock

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

Glenda Parks, Jack Boyd (Julie McLeroy's father), Bobby Phipps (Julie Sweat's father-in-law), Norma McNew, Glenna Anderson, Bob Mills, Janice Currens, Rebecca Leos (Ruth Warren's mother), Clyde Robnett, Harry Icenhower, Clay Yeager, Doris Kerbow, Lewis and Faye Jackson, Jaron and Tiffany Peek (Jim Peek's son and daughter-in-law), Gene Casselberry, Pat Skauge, Sue Taylor, Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother), Lois Cranford, Betty Morton, Robert Seay, Jessie Short

**Others to Remember in Prayer...**

**Draughn's/Country Home Estate:** Ahtrell Dalton, Helen Dickson, Dorothy Ingram, Edna O'Quinn, Lucy Potts, Pete Robinson, Ruby Vander Velde, and Euple Walker

**Briarcliff:** Glenna Siebenhausen

*"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).*

**Remembering those serving in our military...**

2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division  
Col. Peter Bailey  
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey  
Lt. Col. Keith Williams  
Lt. Col. Jeremy Quatacker-Mark and Frances Sartwell's son-in-law  
Tyler Craig(Afghanistan)-Brad and Vickie Boynton's son-in-law  
Chief Robert Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
Ensign Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother  
Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son  
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson  
Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law  
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-Ladonna & Chris Patterson's cousins  
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith  
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Monday, March 17 by 9:00am**

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