

All Saints' Day

November 1 is All Saints' Day on the church calendar. On that day, we remember and celebrate the lives of those loved ones who have died and gone on to join the communion of saints. FUMC's remembrance of our saints will be in worship on Sunday, November 4. Come worship with us as we celebrate their lives, and offer support and prayers to their family members.

Our All Saints are:

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| * Jack Roberts | * Mary Beth Tuck | * Family members and dear friends |
| * George McFarland | * Nadine Yeager | * Military service men and women |
| * Madeline Sullivan | * Hugh Hanby | * Those who have generously left gifts to the church |
| * Loretta Kibler | * Clay Yeager | foundation to carry out the missions of our church |





Charge Conference

Sunday, November 11

3:00pm Combined Worship at Wesley UMC in Greenville



Share and Receive the Blessing of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The November Mission of the Month is the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be hosted Thanksgiving Day, November 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center. All \$1 bills placed in the offering plate during worship and designated gifts during the month will help cover the cost of the dinner (previously ~\$1,000), which includes turkey, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, and homemade pies. Volunteers and participants are also needed to support this annual tradition.



Ways to Serve

- Soup Making – Make your favorite soup or stew to provide an additional meal to a home-bound neighbor over the holiday weekend.
- Pie Baking – Bake either a regular or sugar-free pie.
- Hospitality – Assist with meal preparation, serving, and clean-up on Thanksgiving Day.
- Home Deliveries – Deliver a Thanksgiving meal, soup and a blessing to a home-bound neighbor.
- Attendance – Be our guest and strengthen our community! Conversations during the meal provide opportunities for neighbors to connect and learn from one another.

Visit the Thanksgiving sign-up table during the Sunday School hour and before and after worship on November 4, 11, and 18 to volunteer. Please contact Amy Stark or Chester Robinson, our Community Thanksgiving Dinner coordinators.

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From the Pastor:

It always helps to consult the dictionary to make sure you're using the correct word. Especially if you're the preacher! Words are important and vital. While Renovation and Reformation have a lot in common, they are also very different.

Words can give life or take away life. And they don't have to be fancy words. How about simple words that have profound meaning: "I do." or even... "I don't!" Small words make big differences that matter. Think of these little words... I, ...you, ...we!

We have some really big words going on here at FUMC. How about the word "RENOVATION?". This has been in the plans for a long time and now it is happening! It is exciting and inconvenient and will give us an face-lift and a new enthusiasm in our neighborhood. "RENOVATION" means a restoring of something old, especially a building, to a good state of repair. Refreshed and reinvigorated! Our building needs it *and our spirits need it!* *It is exciting to see our dreams of building renovation beginning to bear fruit!*

Come, Holy Spirit, and renovate our hearts!

The other big "R-word" for this weekend is REFORMATION. On October 31, 1517, a little over 500 years ago, Martin Luther started the Reformation by nailing [his "95 Theses"](#) to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This weekend we remember and celebrate (and maybe channel!) that wave of new thinking that makes us all want to become reformers.

On November 4, we celebrate All Saint's Day when the church honors those who have gone before us and paved the way. We will name our saints during our communion service and then celebrate our communion with Christ, with those who have gone before. "All Hallows Eve" emerged as an unholy response to this holy day of Saints.

So whether change comes in our house, our faith home, or our hearts,, let's pray that we can welcome such change that causes us to grow! As we remember the past and those who have gone before, let us always have the confidence to go where God is calling us! Let us move beyond renovating our building, and reforming our own ways, to transforming our world with the hope of Jesus Christ!



Rev. Sam Caldwell, Pastor



Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 6:00-6:50 pm

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

Childcare available by request.

Segment 1: Advent 2018 The Borning of the Messiah (Birth Stories from the Gospels)

- Nov 28 Matthew (the story of the Kings)
- Dec 5 Mark (the story of the Baptism)
- Dec 12 Luke (the story of the Shepherds)
- Dec 19 John (the Eternal story)
- Dec 26 (holiday)



THE LIGHT

FUMC COMMERCE

Our Contemporary Service is going on the road!

The Light worship will be hosted at the Wesleyan on 10/28 and 11/4. Everyone is invited to the Wesleyan Campus Ministry (1504 Lee St) for these two special worships!

Sunday, November 4: All Saints Day

Kin-dom Potluck Dinner 5:30p: Everyone is invited to bring a family dish that has fond memories, and we'll share joyful memories of a beloved saint that we've known during the meal.

The Light Worship 6p: We will celebrate Holy Communion during our special worship service for All Saints Sunday, where we will remember the saints we've lost in the past year. We will also have a special time of remembrance for those we've known who were lost by suicide, including former Texas A&M University-Commerce president Dan Jones and A&M-Commerce student Alejandro Cifuentes. Please plan to join us at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry for this service, which reminds us that nothing, not even death, separates us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39).

If you haven't already, be sure to join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/thelightworship/ for the latest information about The Light, including news, upcoming events, and a weekly preview of the songs we'll be singing each Sunday.

Upcoming Worship

*Sunday, November 4
All Saints Sunday*

Sunday, November 11

Sunday, November 18

*Sunday, November 25
Christ the King Sunday*

*8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary
6:00pm ~ Family
Ministry Center*

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FIRST THURSDAY
Potluck Luncheon
November 1 @ 12pm



Luigi's Gives Back Sunday November 18

If you take your bulletin after church, Luigi's will send us 10%. Help support our church by eating some good food!

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@fumcommerce.org, or call the office at 903-886-3220. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

****The October deadline is Tuesday, November 20 by 9:00am****

Children's Ministry

Please join us for Children's Sunday School every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:40am.

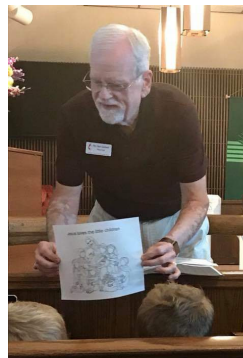
Our Sunday School Bible Verse for November is: "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." (Ruth 1:16)

The Children's Council would like to thank EVERYONE who donated candy and/or money that will help us participate in our second Trunk or Treat!

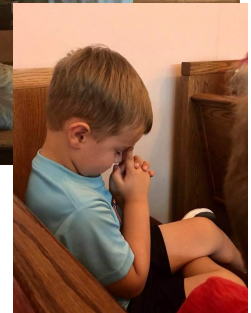
We plan to get our name and message out into the community by meeting, greeting, and giving out candy, stickers, and bookmarks to our Commerce kids.



Pastor Sam blesses our Little Ark Preschool and Pre-kindergarten every Monday through chapel time. He joins our classes each week! He shares a bible story and talks about its lesson. He also plays the guitar and teaches new songs about Jesus. This is the children's favorite part. They are loving the "All Day" song and "This Little Light of Mine".



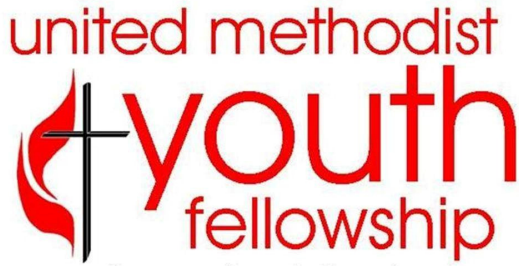
This special time together is great as he reminds the children each week of Jesus' love for them. He tells them how important they are to our church and they definitely leave there feeling like they can take on the world.



We had over 30 dads join us and their kiddos for Donuts with Dad on October 4th



Coming up: Little Ark Thanksgiving Feast is on November 15th. We would love some FUMC members to feast with us and see the kids perform!

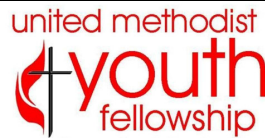


At UMYF, we're continuing our in-depth study of the gospel of Luke and what it means to carry out Jesus' mandate to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom to everyone everywhere. In October and November, we've been thinking and talking about what Jesus wants from us. Using the Parable of the Soils in Luke 8 as a starting point, we're thinking about how we can nurture our relationship with Jesus by: living with an "attitude of gratitude"; being aware of what distracts us in our walk with Christ; dealing with worry and anxiety; and cultivating a regular habit of prayer.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship happens every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00, with 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 all about. There is always room for more, and each student is welcome!

UMYF Fall Events

- o Urban Air Trampoline Park in Rockwall – Saturday, November 3
Cost: \$15.00 Sign-up Deadline: Thursday, November 1
- o East District Youth Day at Wesleyan Campus Ministry – Saturday, November 10
Cost: Free Sign-up Deadline: Thursday, November 8
- o Shopping and Ice Skating at Galleria Dallas – Saturday, December 15



Sixteen youth had a lot of spooky good fun at Six Flags Over Texas Fright Fest last month! We spent the day at the park riding rides and enjoying the scary attractions.



Contact with FUMC Youth Ministry

Join our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/415260338564559/>

For Parents:

Sign up to receive SMS updates via text, go to <https://www.remind.com/join> and enter class code **fumccumyf**, or text **@fumccumyf** to **81010**

Contact Youth Minister Nevin Jackson directly: **903.461.9752** or nevin@fumcccommerce.org



Volunteer at Food Basket Distribution & Pancake Breakfast

On behalf of Hunt County Shared Ministries – FISH, working in partnership with the Hunt County Coalition, we will distribute food baskets to pre-registered neighbors on the Saturday mornings prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas. And, the tradition of serving up pancakes and sausage will continue. What's new is a change in distribution location for Christmas.

First United Methodist Church of Commerce and the Wesleyan Campus Ministry will host the Thanksgiving basket distribution and pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Commerce will host the Christmas basket distribution and pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Baptist friends will join us in November to see and learn about this program, and Methodist volunteers will go to First Baptist in December to lend a hand. This will be a great opportunity for the faith community to work together and deepen its understanding of how FISH is helping families in Commerce.

Contact Angela Roberts at 972.765.6547 for more information or to volunteer.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Thank you to the many donors who support the work of our Prayer Shawl Ministry by donating through the year and purchasing from our booth at the Merry Marketplace. Our church membership has been generous to us, and we greatly appreciate the donations. Our projects include creating cancer caps for the cap tree in the Greenville hospital, sending holiday cards to shut-ins at Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, creating items to sell at the Merry Marketplace, and sending scarves to troops

through Operation Gratitude. A percentage of the Prayer Shawl Ministry's Merry Marketplace funds are returned to mission projects, and the rest is used for yarn and postage.

Our Prayer Shawl group has casual gatherings on the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. No pressure, no refreshments; just knitting, crocheting, and/or socializing! Please join us!

Regular meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am.



RUN. GOBBLE. NAP
7TH ANNUAL MALOY ROAD TURKEY TROT

**Benefiting Commerce Food Pantry
Thanksgiving Day, November 22
Begins 9 AM at 3920 FM 1568
(Maloy Rd)
Family Fun! Come Join Us! Walk or
Run 5K!**

How to register!

1. Text 903.450.5579 or email celesteprather@hotmail.com
 2. State your name and size of shirts needed
 3. Receive reply with payment method options
- ** \$20 registration fee per person includes T-shirt**
(Youth Sizes S – XL and Adult Sizes XS – XXXL)



**Evergreen Orders Due
Monday, November 5!**

The Serve team is selling Christmas evergreens again as a fundraiser for missions. Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington handcrafts their wreaths, garlands, and swags from fresh evergreen trimmings and then ships to anywhere in the lower 48 states. Look for the sample evergreen swag on display in the Gathering Area on November 4 to see for yourself how beautiful this greenery is!

How to Order

- Turn in order form and money to church office. (Flyers and forms are available from the bulletin board outside church office and from the church's website www.fumcccommerce.org).
- Use online ordering tool by visiting church website or www.facebook.com/FUMCCcommerce.
- Call or text Angela Roberts at 972.765.6547.

Delivery Dates

- Local items will be available for pick-up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 1 at the Merry Marketplace and Lunch for Missions.
- Direct delivery gift items will ship from Sherwood Forest Farms to recipients within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

*Please spread the word about our fundraiser to your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues!
We appreciate your help!*



6th Annual Merry Marketplace & Lunch Mission Tradition Continues December 1, 2018



On Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will host our sixth annual Merry Marketplace & Lunch for Missions in the Family Ministry Center. This fundraiser benefits general missions, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the Wesleyan Campus Ministry. It's also a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community!

The Merry Marketplace will offer beautiful handwork from the Prayer Shawl Ministry, as well as your donations of antiques and vintage finds, Christmas decorative items, gifts for giving, and homemade baked goods and treats. The Merry Market will again be the pick-up location for pre-ordered fresh evergreen wreaths and garlands from Sherwood Forest Farms. And following our strong tradition of alternative gifts, donors can contribute to missions in Commerce and beyond in honor of family and friends.

The Wesleyan Campus Ministry will sell chicken and beef stews to enjoy either at the Merry Marketplace for lunch or in quarts to-go.

Together, we can make it merry! We need your help to craft, bake, donate, promote, set up, price, sell, and clean up. Please contact Ann Underhill at 903-886-3922 (home) or 301-775-8791 (cell) to get involved.



Nothing brings people together like good stew!



Orders for fresh evergreens are due Monday, November 5.
(See "Evergreen" on page 9)



2016 Merry Marketplace



Mason Jars Needed!
The Wesleyan needs Quart sized glass or plastic jugs for to-go orders of Merry Marketplace Stew Lunch. Please bring donations to the church office.

Save the Date!



Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018



FEAST *with*
Little Ark

Thursday

NOV **15** 6 PM

Fellowship Hall

RSVP at the front desk.

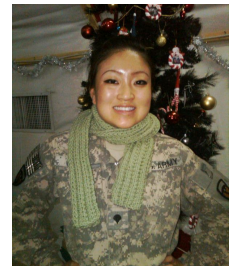
Please sign up to bring your favorite dish/dishes!!



SAVE THE DATE
COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
DINNER
THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 22
11 AM-1 PM



Blessing of the Scarves
For Operation Gratitude
Sunday, November 11
10:50am Service
Scarves made by our
Prayer Shawl Ministry



Happy Thanksgiving  from your
FUMC-C Staff



**FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

From Your Finance Committee

The Finance committee has been working on the operating budget for 2019. Results for 2018 have a big bearing on what we think 2019 will look like. The last 6 months have looked pretty good. During this period the church has been operating on a breakeven status. However, we got behind in the first quarter and have not been able to reduce that deficit. At this point it appears we will have a loss for the year.

Pledge cards have been coming in at a good rate we believe income for 2019 will resemble giving over the last six months. Based on this, the budget to be presented will show a near breakeven performance.

A big thanks to everyone for helping us get back to a more comfortable status. Things are looking up at FUMC Commerce!



WESLEYAN CAMPUS MINISTRY
TEXAS A&M COMMERCE

This is an exciting semester of growth at the Wesleyan! Over the first several weeks of the semester, we have averaged being in ministry with 160 students a week! (The week of Labor Day we had over 200!)

This weekly average is an increase of about 30 more students from last year, and this increase comes from larger participation in Bible Studies and small groups. (Not free lunch or free coffee)

Thank you all for your support! As you can imagine with positive growth also comes the need for increased support. If you are not currently financially supporting the Wesleyan, please prayerfully consider starting to give a monthly or weekly donation. I'd be happy to meet with any individual, family, group and/or Sunday school class to tell you all the amazing things God is doing at our campus ministry and how you can partner with us in ministry!

Thanks and God Bless,
Brian
Brian@fumccommerce.org

FUMC Sulphur Springs Harvest Festival
Saturday, November 10, 2018
4:30pm - 9pm
at FUMC SS (301 Church Street)

The 39th annual Harvest Festival will begin with a Stew & Chili dinner from 4:30-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall followed by Live & Silent Auctions in the Family Life Center. Dinner is by donation. Funds raised from this event will be used for media upgrades in the traditional and contemporary worship services.





Men's Breakfast
Monday, Nov. 26
@ 7am
at Omega's Restaurant!

Come and have breakfast with Pastor Sam, talk about "stuff" and enjoy fellowship and good food together!

e-GIVING 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.

By the Numbers

Attendance

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>SS</u>
Sept 30	61	57	21	42
Oct 7	34	79	23	39
Oct 14	36	80	20	32
Oct 21	50	96	11	62
Oct 28	41	73	25	53

Financial Information
General Operating Fund

as of September 30, 2018 Year-to-Date

Income:	\$ 32,521*	\$265,270
Expenses:	\$ 26,563	\$274,715
	\$ 5,958	-\$ 9,445

*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:

Thursday, Nov 1	Psalm 24
Friday, Nov 2	Hebrews 9:11-14
Saturday, Nov 3	Mark 12:28-34
Sunday, Nov 4	Mark 12:28-34
Monday, Nov 5	Ruth 3:1-5
Tuesday, Nov 6	Ruth 4:13-17
Wednesday, Nov 7	Psalm 127
Thursday, Nov 8	Hebrews 9:24-28
Friday, Nov 9	Mark 12:38-40
Saturday, Nov 10	Psalm 127
Sunday, Nov 11	Mark 12:41-44
Monday, Nov 12	Hebrews 10:11-22
Tuesday, Nov 13	Hebrews 10:19-25
Wednesday, Nov 14	1 Samuel 1:4-20
Thursday, Nov 15	1 Samuel 1:4-20
Friday, Nov 16	1 Samuel 2:1-8
Saturday, Nov 17	1 Samuel 2:9-10
Sunday, Nov 18	Mark 13:1-8
Monday, Nov 19	2 Samuel 23:1-5
Tuesday, Nov 20	2 Samuel 23:6-7
Wednesday, Nov 21	Psalm 132
Thursday, Nov 22	Matthew 6:25-33
Friday, Nov 23	Psalm 126
Saturday, Nov 24	Revelation 1:4b-8
Sunday, Nov 25	John 18:33-37
Monday, Nov 26	Luke 21:25-28
Tuesday, Nov 27	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Wednesday, Nov 28	Luke 21:25-36
Thursday, Nov 29	Psalm 25:1-7
Friday, Nov 30	Psalm 25:8-10



Prayer Lists

Recent Concerns

Family of Kristie Kelly
Michael Knight
Grayson Prewett
(Bill and Sharon Prewett's grandson)
Pat Skauge
Tree of Life Synagogue congregation

Continued Prayers (long term)

Healing and peace for our hurting country and world, our world and country's leaders, Wayne Bruno, Debra Burton, Kenneth & Carol Cline (Tammy Naizer's parents), Harold Coker, Garrett Cramer, Lois Cranford, Carol Davis, Corky Drinkard, Bill Ray Ellis (Luanne Huffman's cousin), Sammy Elwell, Mel Fox, Jack and Gladys Gray, Betty Grimm (Lauren Dierolf's grandmother), Sally Grove, Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother), Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson), Rheba Icenhower, Doris Kerbow, Zachary Madden, Allen Martin, Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents), Richard Norton, Mary Ogletree (Mimi Dobbs' mother), Donna Perkins, Michaela Prussack, Mary Sartin, Robert Seay, Billy Stocker (J.D. Short's uncle), Judy West

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
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, November 20 by 9:00am**

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