

TRUNK OR TREAT

The FUMC-C Children's Department is supporting the annual **Trunk or Treat** event at **Halloween on the Square**, Thursday, October 31st, 2019, 5:30pm – 7pm, and we need YOUR help!

You may help in three ways:

1. **Donate CANDY, CANDY, CANDY!! (we need LOTS!)**
2. **Donate money so we can buy CANDY!**
3. **Decorate the "trunk" of your vehicle on Halloween night and hand out candy to kids (or All of the Above!)**



Details for Decorating Your Vehicle

If you are interested in decorating the back of your vehicle there are lots of great ideas on Pinterest. We will line up vehicles in the parking area in the center of the square downtown. Local businesses/churches will set up to hand out candy on the perimeter of the square. This is a great way for kids in our community to have a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience on Halloween night. We have been the only church in the Trunk or Treat section, so it is great visibility for the church.

Details for Donating Candy

Please send bags of individually pre-wrapped candy to the church office labeled "Trunk or Treat". **The more candy the better!** Last year's *Halloween on the Square* event had approximately 4,000 kids walk through! Sharing the expense of the candy is a huge help. Start sending as many bags of candy as you can now through Halloween. If you'd like, you may also send cash and we will use it to purchase candy.

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A Word from Your Administrative Council Chair—

This church is B U S Y !!! And that is a blessing!!! We are in a busy period preparing for Jubilee in October, Annual Conference in November, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Yes, it is not too early to plan for these events in our church life. October is especially busy because the committees are preparing their budgets and sending them to the Finance Committee where they will be incorporated into the Church budget and forwarded to the Administrative Committee for approval. Whew!!! Not through yet!!! The budget, nominations, etc... all go to Annual Conference as a package for review and acceptance.



The Jubilee is Sunday 20 October. We are excited to celebrate 50 years in this magnificent edifice and to look forward to the next 50 years. We will have some former pastors who will help us celebrate. The dinner, a catered affair, has limited seating and if you didn't RSVP you won't have a seat.

We are blessed to have Pastor Sam and Craig Jensen teaching the Confirmation class. What a special time in the students lives and to be lead by two strong Christians!!!

We are excited to see the number of youth gathering in the Youth room across from the Choir practice room. There are sounds of joy coming from that room!!!

Now, a little information about generous giving of ourselves to the church. Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Paul states this directly in 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, when he says, "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors (see Mark 12:28-31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We might call it our lifestyle or nonverbal witness. In other words, it is how we steward 100 percent of our lives, not just the "religious" sector or the percentage we give away.

So how do we lead stewardship in our local church? By nurturing generous living in our personal lives and in our life together as part of our congregation and Christ's interconnected, connectional church.

I believe that is what some of our members are telling us as we prepare to tell the church what we hope to tithe next year. We should give of ourselves, as we bring our hearts, our minds, our souls, and our unique strengths to the church. Responsible stewardship is more than tithing. Responsible stewardship is taking care of our church. You are the church. Tithe, become involved in church leadership, share your faith and God's love with someone outside the church who is hurting, lost, and broken. Be inspired and inspire!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Pat Skauge
Administrative Chair



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COMMERCE

Our Year of Jubilee: Re-Member the Future

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

10:50AM WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY

12:30PM LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP IN FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER

Looking Back-Looking Forward

Be thinking of one memory and
one dream for our church.

Let's share them at our
Jubilee Celebration!

**FIRST
THURSDAY**

**Potluck Luncheon
October 3 @ 12pm**



**Connect/Grow
Team Meeting
Monday, October 14
@ 6pm**

Consecration Sunday

Sunday, October 6

On October 6th on Consecration Sunday, we will receive the very life of Jesus at the communion rail as we dedicate our intentions to grow our financial support of our common ministry in sharing God's love and grace.



Upcoming Worship

*Sunday, October 6
Consecration Sunday*

Sunday, October 13

*Sunday, October 20
Jubilee Celebration*

Sunday, October 27

*8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary*



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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****The November deadline is Monday, October 21 by 9:00am****



Little Ark had a great September. Pastor Sam continues his chapel lessons on Tuesdays.



We had a successful Griddlecakes with Grandparents. A huge thanks to Laura Milligan, Amy Stark, and Pastor Sam for all of their help!!



Parents helped "Meat the Need" by donating canned meats for the food pantry.



Donuts with Dad will be held on Friday, October 4th. Little Ark preschool and pre-k will be out for fall break beginning October 7th. We can't wait to see everyone back on October 14th!!



On October 31st, the preschool class will be trick or treating down the church hall. **We could use people to hand out candy!!**

Ministry of Acolytes

Thank you to all who came to learn more about the ministry of acolytes on September 8 and your willingness to serve God and your church by serving as an acolyte.

The lighting of the candles on the altar reminds the congregation of God's presence. In John 8:12 Jesus says, "I am the light of the world".

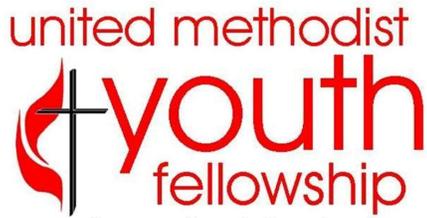
At the end of worship, acolytes take the light out of the sanctuary to remind us that we are taking God's light out into the world. God is always with us, not just at church.

Our newest acolytes are: Breezelyn Barton, Brianna Bourcy, Michael Bourcy, Kaydence Poe, Brit Smith and Tucker Stark.

Acolytes can be children, youth and adults. If you are interested in serving as acolyte please contact Amy Stark, amy@fumccommerce.org.



Brianna and Michael Bourcy and Pastor Sam



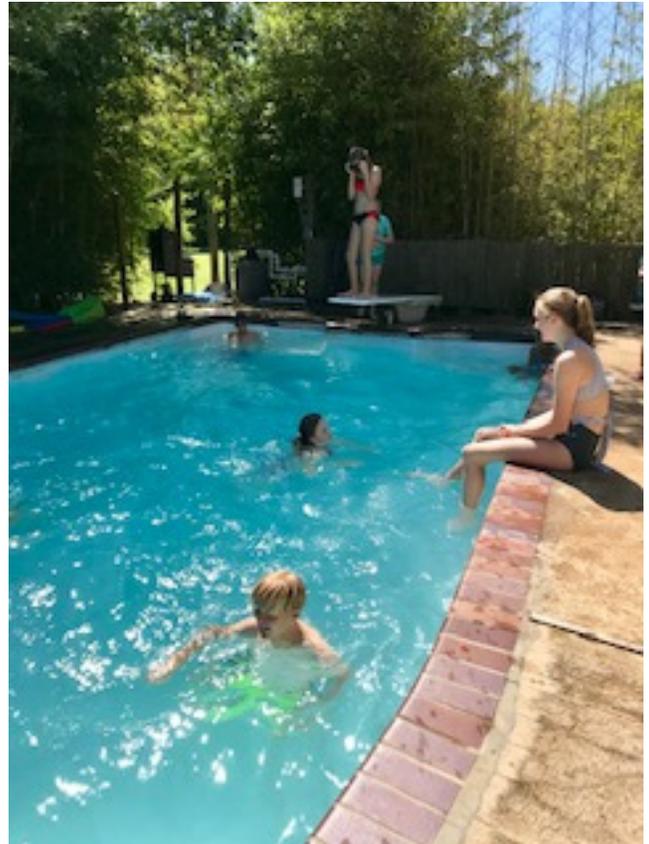
Youth Sunday School meets 9:45-10:35ish. We are about to start Creation and have an average of 8 middle schoolers every Sunday.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) had a great kick off! Thanks to the Pattons for letting us use your pool!

UMYF happens every other Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm with food, fun, and fellowship. 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!

October 13: UMYF 2-4pm— Murder Mystery Dinner. More details to come...it is Bible based, not scary. Food will be provided.

October 27: UMYF 2-4pm— Pumpkin carving!! Please bring a pumpkin to carve. We will have tools, designs, and snack for the kids.



**National Night Out
Tuesday, October 1 @ 6-8pm
at the Commerce Police Dept.**

We are looking for 3-5 volunteers to work 1-hour slots at the FUMC-C table as we hand out bottled water, stickers, and pencils while we connect with the community.

Please consider joining your church family at this positive community event!!



**COMMERCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND THE COMMERCE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS
INVITE YOU TO
National Night Out**



October 1st 6PM-8PM

Downtown at the Grassy Area beside Mugs

**** FREE FOOD FUN AND GAMES ****
(tours of police and fire station, bounce house, games, food, shows, and more)



**SAVE THE DATE
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
DINNER
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
11 AM-1 PM**

MISSION *of the* MONTH

October's Mission of the Month is Hunt County Clothe-a-Child (HCCAC), which has been providing clothing to children in need since 1989. All \$1 bills and designated gifts placed in the offering plate during October will benefit this important program.



Last December, HCCAC was able to provide clothing for 100% of the 304 qualifying Commerce children. Commerce students referred by teachers and counselors are provided with \$50 - \$75 worth of clothing and shoes purchased 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.

If you want to help with shopping days in early December, contact Belinda Miller, Commerce Elementary School counselor, at 903.886.3757.

SAVE THE DATE! THANKSGIVING BASKET DISTRIBUTION IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23



We are continuing the tradition of distributing Thanksgiving food baskets and serving breakfast to pre-registered neighbors on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving, November 23. This annual assistance is through the Hunt County Gives program now in its 9th year and made possible through Hunt County Shared Ministries – FISH and its partnerships with local pantries and businesses.

Like last year, the First Baptist Church of Commerce will host the Christmas basket distribution and breakfast on Saturday, December 21.

Registration for the holiday food baskets will take place during October at FISH and local food pantries.

Angela Roberts is recruiting volunteers to assist with the distribution and breakfast on November 23. Contact her at 972.765.6547 for more information or to volunteer.



**MERRY
MARKETPLACE
& LUNCH FOR
MISSIONS**

Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

How to Plug In to the 7th Annual Fundraiser Benefiting Missions

- ✧ Spread the word that orders for fresh evergreens are due Monday, November 4 by noon.
- ✧ Look in your closet for that vintage item or antique that will become someone's treasure at the Market. Pick up and packing available starting NOW. Call Ann Underhill at 903-886-3922 or text 301-775-8791.
- ✧ Bring your artificial Christmas tree beginning Sunday, December 1, to create a welcoming forest in the Family Ministry Center. (You are welcome to take your loaner tree home on December 9.)
- ✧ Bake, can, and create for the Bakery.
- ✧ Bring quart jars and tops for the stew (no sizes under a quart, please).
- ✧ Use your 40% off Hobby Lobby coupon to purchase craft supplies to get creative or a fun Christmas décor item for the Market. When you shop elsewhere, include the Marketplace on your list.
- ✧ Volunteer by calling/texting Ann Underhill at 903-886-3922 (home) or 301-775-8791 (cell).
- ✧ Invite family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy!

**** New This year: Silent Auction with wonderful items!****



UMYF is selling Christmas evergreens this year as a fundraiser for the Youth Ski Trip. Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington handcrafts their items from fresh evergreen trimmings. The wreaths, garlands, and swags were such a hit last year.

Our program will be offering evergreens to decorate your home or office and also the opportunity to send a gift item across the country or across town. We will have a sample wreath on display in the Gathering Area on October 27 and November 3 and are hopeful the wonderful scent and beautiful greenery will encourage you to support our fundraising efforts.

Sales materials will be available from the bulletin board outside the Youth Room, in the Gathering Area, and the link to the online ordering tool will be posted to the church's website and Facebook page. Please spread the word about our sale to your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues!

We appreciate your help!

Sales Dates

Sunday, October 13 – Monday, November 4

Contact Jennifer Knight at 903.513.0460 or Mandy Swinson at 903.456.4144 for more information.

Delivery Dates

Pre-ordered evergreens will be available for pick up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 7 at the Merry Marketplace and Lunch for Missions. Direct delivery gift items will ship from Sherwood Forest Farms within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

THE LIGHT

Contemporary Service
Sundays @ 6pm
at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry
(1504 Lee Street)

On Behalf of the Wesleyan Campus Ministry, thank you all for supporting us through the August "Drop a Dollar"!



Happy Fall





Men's Breakfast
Monday, October 28
@ 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.fumcccommerce.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>SS</u>
September 1	33	55	39
September 8	43	89	63
September 18	47	76	58
September 25	39	60	49

Financial Information
General Operating Fund

	<u>as of August 31, 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$ 27,521	\$222,640
Expenses:	\$ 29,362	\$242,127
	-\$ 1,841	-\$19,487



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:

Tuesday, October 1	Psalm 137:5-9
Wednesday, October 2	Psalm 137:1-4
Thursday, October 3	2 Timothy 1:1-7
Friday, October 4	2 Timothy 1:8-14
Saturday, October 5	Luke 17:5-6
Sunday, October 6	Luke 17:7-10
Monday, October 7	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
Tuesday, October 8	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
Wednesday, October 9	Psalm 66:1-12
Thursday, October 10	Psalm 66:1-12
Friday, October 11	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Saturday, October 12	Luke 17:11-19
Sunday, October 13	Luke 17:11-19
Monday, October 14	Jeremiah 31:27-34
Tuesday, October 15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Wednesday, October 16	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Thursday, October 17	Psalm 119:97-104
Friday, October 18	Luke 18:1-8
Saturday, October 19	Luke 18:7-8
Sunday, October 20	Luke 18:1-8
Monday, October 21	2 Timothy 4:6-8
Tuesday, October 22	2 Timothy 4:16-18
Wednesday, October 23	Luke 18:9-14
Thursday, October 24	Joel 2:23-27
Friday, October 25	Psalm 65:5-13
Saturday, October 26	Psalm 65:1-4
Sunday, October 27	Joel 2:25-32
Monday, October 28	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Tuesday, October 29	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12
Wednesday, October 30	Luke 19:1-10
Thursday, October 31	Psalm 119:137-144



Prayer Lists

Recent Concerns

Family of Mary van Norman
Family of Dora Wade

Glenna Anderson (Dennis Anderson's mother)
Abby Crawford (Janet Skauge's granddaughter)
Robert Jenkins (Tiffany Harrison's father)
Sara Plemons (Mimi Dobbs' sister)
Betty Ann Whittington (Pat Skauge's sister)

Continued Prayers (long term)

Our world and country and our leaders, Debra Burton, Gene Casselberry, Pete & Ann Chamberlain, Kenneth & Carol Cline (Tammy Naizer's parents), Harold Coker, Garrett Cramer, Lois Cranford, Bill Ray Ellis (Luanne Huffman's cousin), Jack & Gladys Gray, Sally Grove, Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother), Colton Hanson, Glenda Helton (Jeff and Jan Helton's sister-in-law), Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson), Zachary Madden, Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents), Betty Morton, Alfredo Muniz, Richard Norton, Billie Patterson, Robert Seay, Odeana Stewart, Donna Tavener

Oak Manor: Helen Cole, Barbara Gish, Nick Heath, Euple Walker

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn

Briarcliff: Mildred Davis

Colonial Lodge (Tender Care): Joe McMahan

Christian Care Center (Mesquite): Roger & Jean Arnold, Virginia Collier

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

*"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
Monday, October 21 by 9:00am**

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