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November 2020 Newsletter



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All Saints Sunday November 1, 2020

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 1. Come worship with us as we celebrate their lives, and offer support and prayers to their family members.

Our Saints are:

- * Barbara Gish (2-12-20)
- * Gene Casselberry (5-23-20)
- * Edna O'Quinn (6-6-20)
- * Myra Terrell (6-17-20)
- * Joe McMahan (7-4-20)
- * Mack Poole (7-23-20)
- Steve Siebenhausen (8-10-20)

- * Rheba Icenhower (8-31-20)
- * Roger Arnold (9-02-20)
- * Gladys Gray (10-22-20)
- * Family members and dear friends
- * Military service men and women
- Those who have generously left gifts to the church foundation to carry out the missions of our church



Thanksgiving Basket Distribution Volunteer Opportunity

Some 275 neighbors are registered to pick up their "Hunt County Gives" Thanksgiving food basket on Saturday, November 21. As mentioned in the October newsletter, there are some changes this year. The drivethrough distribution will take place on the west side of Memorial Stadi-

um at Texas A&M University - Commerce.

There are opportunities to share your time and your love with your neighbor. Volunteers are needed to serve alongside college students to direct traffic, check neighbors in, unload pallets, and load cars. *Contact Angela Roberts at 972.765.6547 if you would like to volunteer*. All volunteers are required to preregister with her prior to the event and follow safety protocols, which include wearing masks at all times. Neighbors will remain in their cars at all times, driving through check-in and loading areas.

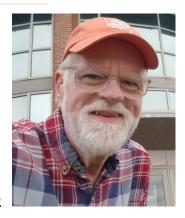
The "Hunt County Gives" program is led by Hunt County Shared Ministries - FISH of Greenville, which partners with Texas A&M University-Commerce as well as pantries, churches, and businesses in the county to provide this seasonal assistance to neighbors in need.



Pastor's Points 2020: Everything turns toward the Sabbath

(When you find the content inspiring or significant for you, please LIKE and SHARE!)

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<u>Tuesday HYMN of the Week (TUESDAY EARLY)</u>—I will sing, play and share background stories about a hymn that we will use in our coming Sunday worship service. Posted early in the day on Tuesday and available anytime later on Facebook (on **FUMC Commerce** and **Sam Caldwell** pages).

Wednesday WORD (WEDNESDAY AT NOON)—Lectionary Bible Study, Live on Zoom.com; "Join a Meeting" ID is 795-760-0651 with p/w Easter. Also Broadcast Live on the FUMC Commerce Facebook page. You can see everyone on Zoom but only the pastor's image will be seen on the Facebook post. Your voice might still be heard as we are discussing the texts. I can dial in a couple more on my speakerphone if you will call the parsonage land-line ahead. (903-886-1014).

<u>Wednesday VESPERS:</u> Pastoral Care Needs and Prayers (LIVE WEDNESDAY EVENING at 9 pm)—Pastoral Conversation on Facebook Live *on Sam Caldwell's page*. In this conversation time of Praying and Shepherding Care, you can type in your prayer requests as comments. From this time I will glean where I need to make a pastoral contact or visit. Other people on the Live may be able to see your posts. I will share and pray with the group and will attempt to use *first names only* in praying aloud. (Live on my FB page and shared afterward on the FUMC FB page.)

<u>Friday FREEVIEW</u> (POSTED FRIDAY MORNING)—A brief sermon Preview. A chance to share your thoughts and have input into our Sermon and Service for the Coming Sunday(s). Your ideas matter!... for *this is YOUR CHURCH FAMILY* at worship! Your participation is always welcome... Talk with the pastor about a scripture or topic suggestion for a coming Sunday. Or sign up to lead in a future service by reading scripture, sharing music, or offering a children's sermon! Worship is the work of the PEOPLE!

<u>Sunday WORSHIP Gathering (MEET</u> together on Facebook, or <u>LIVE</u> in the Sanctuary <u>with our published</u> <u>precautions!</u>)—Either way, this is a chance to join with your church family on the Sabbath in the most important thing we do--offer to God our praise and worship! It is a <u>community effort</u>. When we must be apart for good reasons, our online presence is a way to preserve unity for all our families--together in the Sanctuary, or at your Kitchen Table!

Many of our elders do not have social media connections or even internet access. If you would like to adopt someone with whom to share worship by phone or with your device or even just a weekly checkin conversation, please talk or text me at 214-842-9252. Also call me with referrals for pastoral care.

In naming prayer needs or requests, during worship, and at other times online,
I attempt to say only first names. Sometimes I fail. If you would like to help in leading worship
in any way, please do contact me!



Thanksgiving Day Community Meal

This year we are joining many other local churches and organizations to help sponsor a **Free Thanksgiving Day Community meal hosted at** Omega's Biscuits N' Eggs **Restaurant**. In particular, our donations will help cover the cost of advertising the meal (paper, printing, postage).



Please make a donation in the offering plate, mail a donation to the church office, or donate online via our website: www.fumccommerce.org.

A Community Thanksgiving Day meal has been hosted at Omega's for several years with lots of success. Last year over 600 free meals were served.

The meal will be hosted at Omega's Restaurant, located at 1814 Monroe Street on November 26. The free Community Thanksgiving Day meal will begin at 11am and end at 2pm. The meal will include turkey, all the traditional trimmings, and dessert!

Folks are welcome to eat inside the restaurant at 50% capacity through the front door OR pick up a meal to -go from the side entrance. All staff and volunteers will be required to wear masks and gloves. All regular cleaning and sanitizing practices will be followed.

If you are interested in volunteering at the meal, please contact Amy Stark, 903.246.1487.

Merry Marketplace for Missions: A Virtual Event

Save the Date: December 1-5, 2020

Mark your calendar to continue your support of missions this December. You can purchase items during the online auction or simply make a donation from your couch. Be on the lookout for more information to come soon. If you have items to donate to the online auction, please call Judy Rudoff 903-366-2634.



Trustees Report

The concrete paving of the courtyard has been completed. The formation of a drain and gutters on the northeast corner of the Sanctuary are in process. The leaks in the narthex will be the next project to be addressed.





Little Ark



Little Ark Halloween parties will take place on October 30th. Our

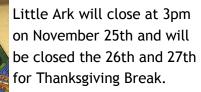
fall catalogue fundraiser was successful, and our teachers are excited about getting new

learning materials for their classrooms!

Due to COVID-19, Little Ark will not host the Annual Thanksgiving Feast this year. Instead, we will send greeting cards home with all of our students so parents can write a thankful note to their child's teacher(s). We plan to get a teacher appreciation pie bar together on

November 20th. It would be amazing if some of our wonderful church bak-

ers would bake pies to add to the table for our teachers.



We are doing a Reverse Ad-

vent Calendar this year. We will start right after Thanksgiving break (Nov. 30) and go to December 17th. The last time we did this, we got SO much food. The class that brings the most gets a prize!



Little Ark REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

On December 18th, we will take all of the donations to the Commerce Food Pantry.

It is more blessed to give than to receive

Acts 20.35

Nov. 30 - toothbrushes/toothpaste

Dec. 1 - peanut butter

Dec. 2 - crackers

Dec. 3 - boxed potatoes

Dec. 4 - box macaroni and cheese

Dec. 7 - toilet paper/ laundry detergent

Dec. 8 - canned tuna/canned chicken/spam

Dec. 9 - diapers (size 2-5)

Dec. 10 -evaporated milk

Dec. 11 - can ranch style beans

Dec. 14 - canned spaghetti/ravioli

Dec. 15 - dish soap

Dec. 16 - jelly/jam

Dec. 17 - can mixed vegetables

Dec. 18 - bar soap/Kleenex

Dec. 17 - Braum's brown paper bags



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy making mittens and hats!



The Harvest Is Plentiful!



Luke 10:2

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Delicious Dish

IMPOSSIBLE PUMPKIN PIE

Shared by Mary Lou Heatherly

INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Bisquick Mix
- 2 Tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1 can 12 oz evaporated milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 can 16 oz pumpkin
- 2 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoon vanilla

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Heat oven 350 degrees
- Grease pie plate 9 1/4 or 10x1 1/2.
- Beat all ingredients until smooth (one minute in blender on high or 2 minutes with hand beater).
- Pour into plate.
- Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, 50-55 minutes.





In Memory of

Gladys Gray

David & Luann Huffman Richard Norton

Rheba Icenhower

Dixie & Bob Stachowiak

Kenneth Cline

Dixie & Bob Stachowiak

Rosie Naizer

Dixie & Bob Stachowiak

Steve Siebenhausen

Susan Lampe

Joe McMahan

Susan Lampe

Edna O'Quinn

Lena Faulkner

Myra Terrell

Lena Faulkner Martin & Carolyn Yolomski Susan Lampe





'Tis the season with a new seller. The Commerce Public Library is offering evergreens from Sherwood Forest Farms. Stop by or check their Facebook page for info.

the Numbers

Financial Information General Operating Fund

as of September 30, 2020 Year-to-Date

Income: \$ 21,997 \$ 260,121 Expenses: <u>\$</u> 25,743 \$ 254,245

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Worship Service LIVE Video Views

10/4 23 10/11 15 10/18 17 21 10/25

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Prayer List

Recent Concerns:

- Our country in this election season
- Family of Gladys Gray
- Family of Jack Dobbs (Ricky Dobbs' father)
- Margaret (Al Stapleton's sister)
- Anaya Phillips (Bonnie Smith's mother)
- Billy Relford (Harriet Williams' friend)
- Harriet Williams
- Those who have or have had COVID-19
- Those in the medical field
- Those working in the food supply chain
- Those keeping our country safe and going

Continued Prayers (long term):

- Our world, country, & leaders
- Students, Teachers, & Parents
- Phil Barlow (Robyn Elwell's father)
- Sue Boykin
- Betty Casselberry
- Harold & Becky Coker
- Virginia Collier
- Garrett Cramer
- Rev. Tom Dudley
- Lena Faulkner
- Cindy French (Marsha Shepherd's coworker)
- Jack Grav
- Butch Greene
- Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother)
- Linda Hill (Dave Giles' cousin)
- Robert Jenkins (Tiffany Harrison's father)
- Gail Levey (Bill & Diane Duffy's friend)
- Zachary Madden
- Priscilla McFarland
- Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents)
- Betty Morton
- Alfredo Muniz
- Lona Neal (Greg Neal's Mother)
- Richard Norton
- Jim Posinello (Diane Duffy's brother-in-law)
- Mark Sartwell
- Robert Seav
- Harley Stegall (Viola Beadles Martin's granddaughter)
- Odeana Stewart

Continued Prayers (long term)—continued:

- Donna Tavener
- James & Geneva Teel
- Dr. Richard Watts (Chester Robinson's friend)
- Brenda Wheeler (Cathy Giles' sister)
- Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Oak Manor:

- Helen Cole
- Mary Culbertson
- Nick Heath

Draughn's/Country Home Estate:

- Mary Louise McMahan
- Jayne Williams

Briarcliff:

- Bob Grove
- Sally Grove

Greenville Health & Rehab:

Mildred Davis

Christian Care Center (Mesquite):

Jean Arnold

Austin:

Ruby Vander Velde

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
- Major Bob Farmer





November Birthdays

11/2 Tucker Stark

11/4 Nell Avery

Alinda Casselberry

Karla Roffee

11/6 Walt Parker

11/7 Amy Williams

11/8 Jody Todhunter

11/9 Sam Caldwell

11/15 Wyatt Bourcy

11/17 Brianna Bourcy

Craig Jensen

Carole Walker

11/18 Chase Webster

11/19 Katy Wallace

Patsy Roland

11/20 Bill Ogden

Angela Roberts



November Birthdays, continued

11/23 Sabrina Green

11/25 Clarence Jensen

Cameron Lehr

Sandra Rungger

11/27 Kim Bruister

Brenda Latson

Nelda Reid

11/28 Susan Patton

11/29 Robert Seay

11/30 Ray Green

November Anniversaries

11/7 Glenn & Dawn Crow

11/16 John & Nell Avery

Paul & Sheryl Zelhart

11/26 Mike & Angela Roberts

11/29 Jerald & Elaine Thomas



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