



First United Methodist Church Commerce

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Hunt County Shared Ministries

B B B Q

and Fundraiser

Friday, May 3, 2019

Lunch 11:00 - 1:00

First United Methodist Church

1709 Hwy 50, Commerce, Texas (across from Texas A&M University-Commerce)

Brisket · Sausage · Ribs

Beans · Cole Slaw · Potato Salad · Dessert

Food catered by Baker's Ribs

\$15 Ticket price includes all 3 meats.

Tickets available at www.hcsmfish.org or at the door.

Takeout orders may be placed in advance for delivery or easy pick up.

Call 972.765.6547 or email aqroberts@hotmail.com no later than Wednesday, May 1.

Presenting Sponsor



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FEED OUR FRIENDS!

Help us help those most in need by purchasing a special FEED OUR FRIENDS donation ticket for just \$15! These tickets are not figured into our food count and every dollar goes directly to serve those most in need in the Hunt County area.

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Growth Bible Study

Learning vs. Changing (or Being Changed):
"Believing vs. Becoming"
(I drive) (God drives)



In a university community, the culture and influence are upon learning. In a faith community, the influence is (and should be!) upon becoming. Not what do you know, but how do you grow! How are you different, changing, becoming? This is far deeper than knowledge.

We study the scriptures and the lives of saints who have gone before us to learn how to grow and become better—closer to what God has created us to become. Doing this, we recognize and honor both creation and re-creation. "What we believe" is important, but it is only intellectual if it does not result in changing and growing.

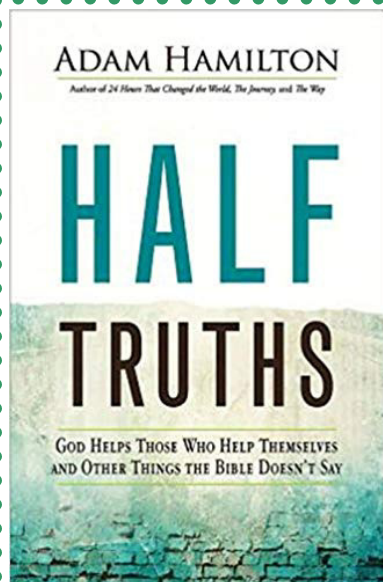
Belief and Faith are far different. Belief says "God can..." while Faith says "God does and will." Transforming Bible Study and Transforming Faith are not about what we believe or who we are, but rather about who God is and who we are becoming! God, who made us, continues to remake us into his own image of graceful love.

Join me for Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths* beginning Wednesday, May 1 at 12pm and 6pm.

Proud to be your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam".

Sam Caldwell



Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays
May 1 thru June 5
12pm and 6pm

*Half Truths: "God helps those who help themselves"
and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say,*
the video-based study by Adam Hamilton

Led by Pastor Sam Caldwell
in the Friendship Classroom

Book not required but available from the church for \$12



Our Year of Jubilee:
Re-Member the Future

A call to serve as we celebrate 50 years at this location.
Volunteers are needed for fundraising, publicity, history,
special events, worship, and communications!
How do you want to help?

Contact Pat Skauge @ 903-259-9875 or pats61@icloud.com



Upcoming
Worship

Sunday, May 5

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day

Sunday, May 19

Sunday, May 26

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



PLEASE LET US KNOW
OF ANY 2019 HIGH SCHOOL
OR COLLEGE GRADUATES SO
WE CAN CELEBRATE!

**Tyler Richardson's
Conducting Recital**
Friday, May 3 @ 7:30pm
at the A&M-C Concert Hall

The concert will feature Chamber
Singers, Woodwind Quintet, and
piano and trumpet fanfare with
our Choir Director Tyler Richard-
son conducting.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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**Potluck
Luncheon
May 2 @ 12pm**



connect grow
Connect Grow
Monday, May 13
@ 6pm

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, May 21 by 9:00am****



Please join us for Children's Sunday

School every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:40am.



May 10:

- Muffins for Mom at 8am

May 16:

- Preschool and Pre-K Open House at 6pm
- Pre-K graduation at 6:45pm



VBS 2019: To Mars and Beyond

Wednesdays @ 5pm-8pm

July 17 ~ July 24 ~ July 31 ~ August 7

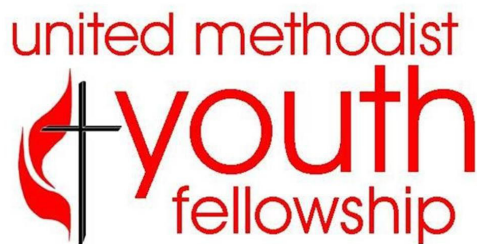
Vacation Bible School is coming up quickly! This year's VBS has a space theme of To Mars and Beyond!! We are doing things a little differently this year. We will have VBS once a week for a month from 5-8 each evening with a light supper served.

We need volunteers for stations, as shepherds, and groups to provide meals and drinks for each evening.

For more information, please contact Amy Stark at 903-246-1487.

Summer Camp

We are excited to have 18 youth attending Junior High camp this June at Bridgeport! Camp is a profoundly formative experience for young Christians, and it is a joy for our church to be able to support them in their journey. Because attending camp is such a financial commitment for these families, we want to help them as much as we can. In the bulletins for the next few weeks, you will find an envelope in which you can place an offering to contribute to our camp scholarship fund. Your offering, whether large or small, helps each family offset part of the \$425 cost of camp. Please be in prayer for these youth from our church and other churches across the North Texas Conference, and for the camp staff, directors, and adult counselors who will be working with them. Thank you for your generosity and support!



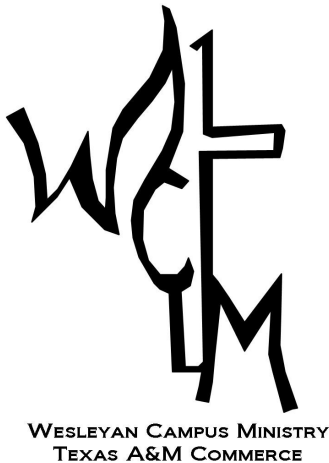
This month at UMYF, we'll wrap up our yearlong dive into the gospel of Luke by talking about what it means to be a leader like Jesus. We'll also be talking about our exciting plans for the summer and the next school year.

We meet in the youth room Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 for games and fellowship, snacks, 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!

THE LIGHT

We have finished our first full semester in our new home at the Wesleyan Campus Ministry, and what a semester it's been! We have met and wel-

comed many first-time visitors, and several have made The Light their regular worship community. We've bonded over some great meals and meaningful discussions at the Kingdom dinners. We've heard some fantastic sermons from Wesleyan students and future church leaders Mikey Elwell and David Kemp. We said goodbye to our longtime drummer, A&M-Commerce senior Lindsey Moore, and said hello to a new drummer, A&M-Commerce freshman Phillip Driggers. On Palm Sunday, we hosted over fifty students from other campus ministries as the official kickoff worship for Resurrection Week. And although we have to break for the summer, we are eagerly anticipating August and the beginning of a new semester of worship on campus. Watch this space for the date of our first worship service in the fall, and join us at The Light!



Wesleyan News by Pastor Brian

Holy Week on campus is called 'Rez' Week; for Resurrection. It is an amazing week of ecumenical ministry when all the different campus ministries join together for worships, and special events. This year there were more groups involved than ever: including new ministries, Passion House (which the Wesleyan helped start), Rose of Sharon, and Federation of Christian Athletes. Along with C3, Catholics, Church of Christ, Baptist, and the Wesleyan!

We hosted the opening potluck and worship by inviting everyone to the Light meal and worship. Over 50 people attended! Mikey Elwell preached a passionate and powerful sermon about Christian unity. "We must come together, for exclusion is not the language of Jesus Christ!" Several Wesleyan board

members helped serve the meal, including the Caldwell's, our District Superintendent and Mary Brooke Casad, the Naizers, Carole Walker, and Kelly Carpenter from the conference Center for Leadership Development. We ended the service with communion, I invited the other campus pastors to help me serve.

Thursday night we participated in the Ministry Night Out worship, over 80 people attended and heard another homily from Mikey! Good Friday we once again were honored to lead the worship here at FUMC.

My homily was inspired by the ways I witnessed Christian unity this Holy Week, after all we all came together because of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Jesus died for all, in Christ there is no progressive and traditionalist, no Catholic and Protestant, no Baptist and Methodist and non-denominational...

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the Children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."- John Wesley

What is U.M. ARMY?

U. M. ARMY stands for **United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission** by Youth. U. M. ARMY began in 1979 with a youth mission trip to Athens, Texas, where youth groups from several Houston churches gathered to provide home repair assistance to people in need.



Today this organization has grown to more than 30 separate missions throughout East and Southeast Texas with over 3,500 youth and adult volunteers annually. The mission is two-fold: serving people in need, and providing young people an opportunity to mature in their faith-walk and life skills through Christian service.

The mission is accomplished every summer when thousands of youth and adult volunteers sacrifice a week of their vacation to join God's ARMY. Using a local Methodist church as a base where they gather to have their meals, sleep in classrooms, and worship in the Sanctuary, participants spend each day of the week providing free home repairs for low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners in the surrounding area.

Our church will be the host to a group of God's ARMY this summer, June 16-22, 2019. And our community will benefit from their service projects. Please mark your calendars, as there will be many ways to support the campers while they are here.

U.M. ARMY is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Participant fees and individual donations provide a large part of the budget for mission operational costs and administrative overhead. Individual donations and in-kind donations of building materials and food are another important source of funding that helps keep participant fees as low as possible.

MISSION
of the
MONTH

U.M. ARMY is our May Mission of the Month. All designated gifts and \$1 bills will be donated to U.M. ARMY. Donations will be used to provide meals and supplement supply costs this summer. Any remaining donations will go to our area chapter.

Some of our own members are very involved in U.M. ARMY. Jim Patton has served on the Board of Directors and Mike Elwell served on the Youth Advisory Board. Ask Jim or Mike for more information or check out www.tx.umarmy.org

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain is here to pray for your urgent prayer needs. Feel free to call or text your prayer request 8am-8pm or call the pastor and notification will be forwarded immediately to our prayer partners.

Prayer Lead: Mary Lou Heatherly 903-456-1412

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PRAYER
CHAIN
Ministry



In memory of...

Allen Martin

By: Rheba Icenhower
 Bob & Norma Monday
 Alta Fay Peden
 Nell & John Avery
 David & Luann Huffman
 Carroll & Sandra Rainey
 Jack & Gladys Gray
 Jim & Susan Patton
 Randy & Amy Manning



e-GIVING 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.

By the Numbers

Attendance

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>
Mar 31	39	71	17	39	—
Apr 7	35	68	9	42	—
Apr 14	41	81	53	36	—
Apr 21	56	147	15	35	31
Apr 28	36	75	15	42	—

**Financial Information
 General Operating Fund**

	<u>as of March 31, 2019</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$ 36,070	\$ 90,618
Expenses:	\$ 32,011	\$ 90,494
	\$ 4,059	\$ 124

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:

Wednesday, May 1	Psalm 30
Thursday, May 2	Revelation 5:11-14
Friday, May 3	Revelation 5:13-14
Saturday, May 4	John 21:1-14
Sunday, May 5	John 21:15-19
Monday, May 6	Psalm 23:1-4
Tuesday, May 7	Psalm 23:4-6
Wednesday, May 8	Acts 9:36-43
Thursday, May 9	John 10:22-26
Friday, May 10	John 10:27-30
Saturday, May 11	Revelation 7:9-12
Sunday, May 12	Revelation 7:13-17
Monday, May 13	Acts 11:1-18
Tuesday, May 14	John 13:31-35
Wednesday, May 15	John 13:31-35
Thursday, May 16	Psalm 148
Friday, May 17	Psalm 148
Saturday, May 18	Revelation 21:1-6
Sunday, May 19	Revelation 21:1-6
Monday, May 20	Acts 16:9-10
Tuesday, May 21	Acts 16:11-15
Wednesday, May 22	Psalm 67
Thursday, May 23	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
Friday, May 24	Revelation 22:1-5
Saturday, May 25	John 14:23-24
Sunday, May 26	John 14:25-29
Monday, May 27	Acts 16:16-24
Tuesday, May 28	Acts 16:25-34
Wednesday, May 29	Psalm 97
Thursday, May 30	Ephesians 1:15-23
Friday, May 31	John 17:20-26



Prayer Lists

Recent Concerns

Family of Marvin Bailey (Mandy Swinson's father)
 Bill Green (Lena Faulkner's brother)
 Debbie Hood (Cathy Giles' sister)
 Carl Little
 Billie Patterson
 Robert Richardson (Tyler Richardson's father)
 Pat Skauge
 Carole and Euple Walker

Continued Prayers (long term)

Our world and country and our leaders, Kenneth & Carol Cline (Tammy Naizer's parents), Harold Coker, Garrett Cramer, Sue Davis, Rev. Tom Dudley, Bill Ray Ellis (Luanne Huffman's cousin), Jack & Gladys Gray, Sally Grove, Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother), Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson), Danny House, Kaylee Jensen, Zachary Madden, Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents), Alfredo Muniz, Richard Norton, Mary Ogle-tree (Mimi Dobbs' mother), Billie Patterson, Schelly Porter, Robert Seay

Oak Manor: Helen Cole, Barbara Gish, Euple Walker

Briarcliff: Charles Ranly

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

Christian Care Center (Mesquite): Roger & Jean Arnold, Tom & 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
 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).



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 NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 Articles for the next newsletter are due
Tuesday, May 21 by 9:00am