



Commerce First United Methodist Church

A Place to Know, Grow, and Show God's Love

March 2023 Newsletter

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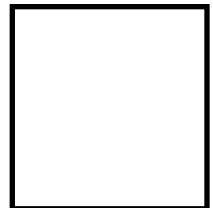
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Highlighted Events for March

3/1- LIFT Dinner and Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm

3/1- Fitness Class starts! **Every Wednesday, 8:30-9 :30am** in the gym

3/11- iServe 7:00-9 :00am

Holy Week

April 3-9, 2023

Lenten Lunches (12:00-1:00pm)

Monday (4/3) - Commerce Presbyterian Church

Tuesday (4/4) - Commerce First UMC

Wednesday (4/5) - First Baptist Church

Worship Services

Maundy Thursday (4/6) at 7:00pm
Commerce Presbyterian Church

Good Friday (4/7) at 7:00pm
Commerce First United Methodist Church

Sunrise Easter Service (4/9) at 7:00am
First Baptist Church

All are welcome to participate as we partner together to observe this Holy Week as a community.

Save

the

Date

Commerce FUMC Youth

3/1 LIFT 5:30-6:30pm

3/12 Pickleball 5:30-6:30pm

3/26- Hiking at Lake Russell 12:15-4:00pm (pack a lunch and we'll leave together from church)

February 2023– CFUMC Youth Super Bowling!





March 2023 Prayer List

"Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers." -Ephesians 6:18

Prayer Requests For Our Community & Beyond:

For the many who are struggling with the effects of the COVID pandemic in our church family and community.

Our church, its ministries, and leadership.

Our country, our community, and our church leaders.

For those affected by injustice and violence in all the ways they present themselves.

All medical and emergency personnel.

The Kairos Prison Ministry.

The World with all its needs, near and far from us.

Our Men and Women in the Military:

Ryan Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Karl Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Tyler Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Bobby Marshburn, Ensign in the Navy

Mason McDaniel, Godson of Janni & Dynelle Martin, US Army

Major Scott Powell, son of Thomas Powell, US Army

Steven Wheeler, brother-in-law of Jan Roe

Prayers of Christian Sympathy for:

Annette Anderson and Family on the death of her sister

Alice Lyle and Family on the death of her father



Those in Assisted Living:

Margie Brown

Brookside Senior Living

199 W. West Gary Rd., Commerce, GA 30529

Gayle Pritchett

Brighter Mornings at the Shoals

7456 Hwy 82 Spur, Maysville, GA 30558

Those at home:

Lucy Gailey

228 Honeysuckle Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

Dr. Don McFadden

119 University Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

Pat and Jimmy Purcell

108 Windy Hills Rd. Commerce, GA 30529

Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Betty Baxter

Nathan Baxter

Anna Diamond

Chuck Enslin

Johnny Klugh

Linda Lamb

Holona Lance

Daniel Malcom

Tamela Marsh

Lem Minish

Johnny Nix

Gayle Pritchett

Pat Purcell

Joe Roth

Angie Scarborough

Calvin Smith

Cade Scoggins

George Turk

John Varner

Trustee of the Month

Brian Anderson

Altar Guild

Annette Anderson

Kristen Hill

Mary Walters

Counters

- 3/5 Dave Moon and
Lee Hagan
- 3/12 Al Fleming and
Tom Murphy
- 3/19 Jack Legg and
Bill Davis
- 3/26 Jimmy Bolton and
Elton Collins

Acolytes

- 3/5 William Whitlock
Matthew Whitlock
- 3/12 Sara Hill
Britton Jones-Leggett
- 3/19 Karen Hill
Elise Phillips
- 3/26 Evvie Phillips
Lindley Jones-Leggett

Birthdays

- 3/3 Elizabeth Phillips
- 3/5 Gabriele Malner
- 3/7 Carol McFadden
- 3/7 Shirley Parham
- 3/9 Makayla Malner
- 3/10 Pam Barnett
- 3/10 Ray Lamb
- 3/14 Bette Rose Bowers
- 3/15 Lee Hagan
- 3/20 Janet Thomas
- 3/21 Jane Bedell
- 3/22 Kinsey Phillips
- 3/25 Lisa Nesbit
- 3/26 Anne Fleming
- 3/29 Pat Purcell
- 3/31 Jean Davis

Anniversaries

- 3/20 Becky and David Huss

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your birthday and/or anniversary has not appeared in the church newsletter, Please contact the church office, 706-340-8611 or office@commercefumc.org with the correct information.



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30a Fitness Class 5:30p LIFT Dinner & Bible Study	2 9:30a Ray Vander Laan Study	3	4
5 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship	6	7 4p Pickleball/gym	8 8:30a Fitness Class 5:30p Adult & Children's Bible Study	9 9:30a Ray Vander Laan Study	10	11 7a iServe
12 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:30p Youth Group-Pickleball	13	14 4p Pickleball/gym	15 8:30a Fitness Class 5:30p Adult & Children's Bible Study	16 9:30a Ray Vander Laan Study	17	18
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26 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Youth Hiking Trip	27 6p Stephen Ministry	28 4p Pickleball/gym	29 8:30a Fitness Class 5:30p Adult & Children's Bible Study	30 9:30a Ray Vander Laan Study	31	

This & That...

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Each week during Lent, we are collecting different food items to donate to our local Banks/Jackson Food Bank. You can bring your items on Sunday mornings and place them in the Sacristy.



Week 1 (Feb 26) - canned soup

Week 2 (March 5) - peanut butter

Week 3 (March 12) - canned fruits
& vegetables

Week 4 (March 19) - pasta

Week 5 (March 26) - canned meats
(fish & chicken)

Week 6 (April 2) - brown rice

You can find a day camp for just about anything. What about one focused on forming faith and friendships? Grow Day Camps puts 90+ years of experience into creating an environment for children to grow deeper roots in their faith, in their ability to work as a team, and in their self-confidence as a loved child of God. Grow is setting up camp at Commerce First UMC the week of June 26-30th. We will meet from 8:30-5:30 each day (with a 12:30 end on Friday) and the cost is \$110 for church members and \$160 for guests (scholarships are available!). Learn more and register your rising 1st-6th grader today at growcamps.org/register!

And remember to mark your calendars for VBS (6/4-6/8 in the afternoons)!

GET OUT & GROW
JUNE 26-30

grow
day camps

REGISTER TODAY
growdaycamps.org

Trustees Flash



Trustees Flash March, 2023

The Trustees are charged with dealing with the constant needs of the present while preparing for the future and not losing sight of our heritage.

Safety and security are being addressed by installing cameras around the campus so that we can monitor entrance and egress. New HVAC units are now installed with new programmable thermostats in the Conn Chapel making it more comfortable for use. We thank all who have endured the inconsistent heat during the process for their patience.

We are progressing with discussions, some very challenging, toward a Master Site Plan for the campus which will make it more user friendly and attractive for future use and growth. We hope that the future growth of the area will have a corresponding effect on the growth of our programs. Our potential is limited only by our vision.

Looking back at the history of our church property reminds us of how grateful we are to all those members from the 1800s til now. Our church has been blessed to have congregations who had visions to pursue ideas that would bring us to where we are today. Because of their generosity and commitment, we have prime property and facilities with unlimited possibilities. We must not forget how we got here and who helped us get here.

Important decisions confront us as a church today. As we move forward, let's do so with love and affection for and devotion to our church.

-Linda Exley

Unhindered 2023



Warriors Soup-er Bowl Party!



Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!

Finance

Bill Davis, Chairperson

Janet Adams

Elton Collins

Lee Hagan

Tom Murphy

David Stephenson

Staff-Parish Relations

Charles Blair, Chairperson

Bette Rose Bowers

Anne Fleming

K. Ellen Hagan

Kristen Hill

Matt Lund

Charlotte Massey

Jason Phillips

Stewart Smith

Trustees

Linda Exley, Chairperson

Brian Anderson

Preston Hempton

Robert Lyle

Mike Manus

Sally May

Joanna Suarez

George Turk

Jim Williams

Administrative Council

Dave Moon, Chairperson

Charles Blair

Bill Davis

Jean Davis, Lay Delegate

Linda Exley

Al Fleming, Lay Leader

June Murphy, Recording Secretary

Lisa Nesbit, Treasurer

