



Commerce First United Methodist Church

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

May 2022 Newsletter

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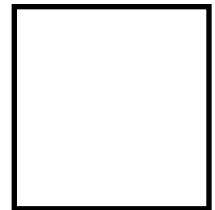
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This Month's Events

Retirement Celebration for Renee Moon

Help us shower Renee with love and gratitude for seventeen years of service on Sunday, May 15th, after worship in the Family Life Center.

Please RSVP how many children and adults will join us from your family at office@commercefumc.org or return the orange RSVP card in the offering plate in service. Thank you!

Gwinnett Stripers Game — Sunday, May 22 at 1:05pm

We reserved a block of tickets so we can all sit together. Get them here for \$12 each: fevo.me/commercefumc Come to church in your ballgame attire and we'll caravan down after worship!

Who is Graduating? — Graduation Sunday is May 15th

We want to celebrate the graduates in our congregation! If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please let us know so we can properly give thanks for them and celebrate their hard work!

Upcoming Events

VBS 2022: Passport to Peace

June 5-9 5:30-7:30pm* 3-year olds to completed 5th graders

(*We'll have a meal together at 5:30 on Thursday, so we'll go to 8:30pm that evening). Come join us and bring a friend or neighbor. All are welcome!

Let Whitney (whitney@commercefumc.org) know if you have questions.



May 2022 Prayer List

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

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 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

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

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

Those in Assisted Living:

Margie Brown; Bo Holland

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:

Jane Bramlett

Don Canady

Colleen Cunningham

Anna Diemond

Christopher Harrison

Ed Lacy

Holona Lance

Phyllis Miranda

Shannon Palmer

Shirley Parham

Gayle Pritchett

Patsy Purcell

Ray Rayburn

Bill Roberts

Winona Siwick

Calvin Smith

Matthew Wright

John Varner

Trustee of the Month

Joanna Suarez

Altar Guild

Kristen Hill

Linda Brake

Counters

5/1	Dave Moon and Lee Hagan
5/8	Al Fleming and Tom Murphy
5/15	Jack Legg and Bill Davis
5/22	Jimmy Bolton and Elton Collins
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Birthdays

George Evans	5/1
Bobby Marshburn	5/5
Trey Wood	5/5
Charles Exley	5/8
Kathleen Hooper	5/16
Jim Gaines	5/18
K. Ellen Hagan	5/18
Neal Smith	5/18
Tommy Benton	5/20
Leila Huss	5/21
Beckett Jones-Leggett	5/26
Megan Marshburn	5/28
Addie Mitcham	5/28
Annette Anderson	5/30
Avery Byrd	5/27
Al Fleming	5/31

Anniversaries

Sally and Terry May	5/27
Jean and Bill Davis	5/30

Trustees Flash



Sometime back, your Trustees undertook the challenge to “keep you in the Loop” about our work. This is an update:

Long range vision – We are seeking quotes for a Concept Master Plan which would include the greenspaces on our property, a driveway off Cherry Street, storage, upgrading the Sanctuary’s handicap accessibility and restrooms.

Bus/Van/Trailer – Todd Mize bought the trailer through the silent auction for church members.

Upstairs in FLC- Volunteers have made significant progress in organizing and de-cluttering the items stored upstairs.

Office Building – The Office Building is now connected by fiber to the internet. This means that the entire campus is now connected by fiber. This has greatly improved internet reliability. Also, we have pressure washed, caulked and glazed windows, and painted the exterior of this building.

Termites – We have treated termites under the stairwell next to the pantry in the kitchen in the FLC. We now have a contract for termite protection for the entire campus.

Fluorescent bulbs – We have recycled 120 fluorescent bulbs through the Jackson County collection day.

EMC – EMC has changed our fire and security system over to our cell phone. This means that we no longer will need Windstream.

We continue to be frugal in spending our money. Church members have made generous contributions above and beyond tithes. Others volunteered time and effort to accomplish big jobs. We, of the Trustees, and indeed all the Church are grateful!

-Linda Exley

Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!

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Matt Lund
Charlotte Massey
Jason Phillips
Stewart Smith

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Linda Exley
Al Fleming, Lay Leader
June Murphy, Recording Secretary
Lisa Nesbit, Treasurer

