



Commerce First United Methodist Church

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

September 2022 Newsletter

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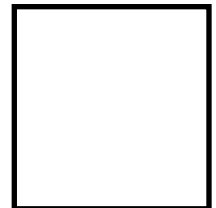
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Ways You Can Help...



Banks-Jackson Food Bank

Remember your donations to the Banks-Jackson Food Bank make a difference to those who are struggling during this difficult time. Please drop off items at the church office. Cash contributions are also accepted. Checks can be made payable to CFUMC and designated to food bank on the memo line.



Legacy Youth Mentoring is looking for volunteers !!

How to become a mentor:

- 1) Fill out your application online at LegacyYouthMentoring.org and click the volunteer tab.
- 2) Attend one training session.
- 3) Pass a national criminal background check.
- 4) Make a one-year commitment to mentoring.
- 5) Choose elementary, middle, or high school-aged students for mentoring.
- 6) Meet with your student for 30 minutes at least two to four times a month.

Both women and men are welcome to apply, however men volunteers are especially in need.

For more information contact Lisa Stephens

706-387-7309

Lisa@LegacyYouthMentoring.org

**EVERY KID IS
ONE CARING
ADULT AWAY
FROM BEING
A SUCCESS
STORY.** – Josh Shipp



September 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 6:18

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 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

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:

Heather & Jimmy Ballenger

Linda Brake

Jane Bramlett

Don Canady

Colleen Cunningham

Anna Diemond

Kim Jones

Ed Lacy

Holona Lance

Charlotte Maxwell

Gayle Pritchett

Pat Purcell

Calvin Smith

John Varner

Trustee of the Month

Joanna Suarez

Altar Guild

Kathleen Hooper

Brenda Meadows

Counters

- 9/4 Dave Moon and
Lee Hagan
- 9/11 Al Fleming and
Tom Murphy
- 9/18 Jack Legg and
Bill Davis
- 9/25 Jimmy Bolton and
Elton Collins

Birthdays

- Noah Mitcham 9/2
- Susan Gieler 9/10
- Elise Philips 9/10
- Daniel Hill 9/13
- Janet Adams 9/16
- Jack Legg 9/26
- Jimmy Purcell 9/28
- David Huss 9/29
- Bob Marshburn 9/29

Anniversaries

- Lynnly and James Drinkard 9/9
- Barbara and Kenneth Reid 9/20
- Gina and Lee Hagan 9/25

happy fall Y' ALL



This Month's Events

YOUTH

(rising 6th - completed 12th grade)

9/7 LIFT dinner and Bible study 5:30-6:30pm

9/11 Kayaking Trip! Sign up here: tinyurl.com/CFUMCkayak

9/21 Youth Group 5:30-6:30pm

9/25 Serving dinner with Street Love Ministries at Bigger Vision in Athens
at 5:15pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

9/7 LIFT (Living in Faith Together) 5:30-6:30pm.-Dinner and Bible study.

9/14 Bible studies (Adults & Children) 5:30-6:30pm

9/21 Bible studies (Adult, Youth & Children) 5:30-6:30pm

9/26 Bible studies (Adults & Children) 5:30-6:30pm

* Choir rehearsal will follow programs each week at 6:45pm

Please Note

-The Church Office will be closed Monday,
September 5th, in observance of Labor Day.

-The office landline is not longer active. Please
call 706-340-8611 if you need to reach the Church
Office. Thank you!

-If you have an Ingles Advantage Card number
and you would like to help the preschool earn

Tools for Schools – please email preschool@commerce.fumc.org



What's Happening at CFUMC



Glory Shiner Ministries Fundraiser

On Saturday, August 20th, we hosted the Light of the World Pickle Ball Challenge here at the CFUMC gym to benefit Glory Shiner Ministries. Thanks to all who played, helped with lunch, came to cheer on the players or made a donation. Special thanks goes to Dave Moon who organized the tournament and Renee who helped organize the lunch. Over \$1,000 was raised, lunch was delicious and there was lots of pickle ball fun!

Walt and Peggy Halski

Carolyn Stephenson & Patty Griffith



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR WINNERS!**



Ready, Set, Paddle!!!!



Youth Kayaking Trip on the Broad River

CFUMC Youth are going kayaking on the Broad River and we're inviting others in the church to join us! Sign up by Wednesday, 9/7 -- and bring a friend!

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/CFUMCkayak

We'll meet at the Broad River Outpost on Sunday afternoon 9/11.
All levels are welcome!



Trustees Flash



Anticipation is in the air! Anticipation of going back to school, anticipation of the continuing expectations of the programs of this church. Your Trustees share this anticipation.

About 50 church members enthusiastically participated in a day of discussion groups with architects Barbara Black and Josh Koons. Many ideas to improve our present facilities as well as future needs were expressed. Barbara and Josh will prepare a written summary of the discussions for our review. Then they will prepare sketches of various design approaches to address short-term and long-term goals as determined by the discussions, eventually leading to Master Plans. Many thanks to those of you who participated.

The air conditioning unit in the Office Building has been replaced. Orkin has installed a gutter guard system on the Office Building that will prevent rodents from entering the attic and has treated the crawl space with borate to kill fungus and beetles. Trustees have installed new protective coverings on the gable vents to prevent bats from entering the attic.

Trustees are looking into options for camera systems to address security issues. We appreciate your input and participation as we anticipate only great things for our Church going forward. Thank you!

-Linda Exley

Called to Serve

I HAVE BEEN CALLED ON A MISSION TRIP TO
Guatemala



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@savingsusan @SavingSusanOCOS



HOW CAN YOU JOIN ME?

Prayer *Giving*



If you choose to give online please select "Guatemala Field Trip September 2022" and include my name in the notes section.

Dear Church Family-

At the end of the month I'm headed with a group from my company to an orphanage that we sponsor in Guatemala. I hope that you will join me in either prayer or giving. The best way for supporters to give is through the QR code which will take you to

www.savingsusanministry.org/donate

Simply fill out the donation form, under "my donation is for" put "Guatemala Field Trip September 2022", and add my name in the comments section. You can also mail a check to our office with my name on the memo line at 3400 Blue Springs Road Suite 110, Kennesaw GA 30144.

If you'd like to learn more or if you feel lead to come with me on one of these trips I hope you will reach out to me!

Sincerely,

Stewart Smith

678-327-3160



Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!

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