



Commerce First United Methodist Church

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

November 2023 Newsletter

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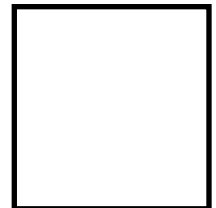
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NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/1 LIFT 5:30-6:30pm

11/14 Thanksgiving Box Assembly 6:00pm

11/23 Happy Thanksgiving

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November 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:

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

PFC Connor Legg, grandson of Jack Legg, US Army

Wade Studdard, US Marine Corps

Those in Assisted Living:

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:

Mitchell Adams

Grant Anderson

Heather & Jimmy Ballenger

Betty Baxter

Nathan Baxter

Lisa Bennett

Whitney Bergmann

Gail Brock

LaNelle Davis

Anna Diamond

Peter Green

Lee Hagan

Sara Harber

Holona Lance

Laurel Lauria

Marilyn Miller

Winnie Mullinax

Gayle Pritchett

Pat Purcell

Steve & Donna Shoun

Winona & John Siwick

Calvin Smith

Timothy Sweeney

Roger Thoms

Reese Tiller

Joys and Celebrations:

If you have any joys or celebrations you'd like to share with the congregation please contact the church office at 706-340-8611 or office@commercefumc.org

Trustee of the Month

Mike Manus

Altar Guild

Stephanie Carr

Gina Hagan

Counters

11/5	Dave Moon Lee Hagan
11/12	Al Fleming Tom Murphy
11/19	Jack Legg Bill Davis
11/26	Jimmy Bolton Elton Collins

Acolytes

11/5	Manning Pittard Elise Phillips
11/12	Sara Hill Llewynn Jones-Leggett
11/19	Lindley Jones-Leggett Karen Hill
11/26	Isabella Whitlock Matthew Whitlock

Birthdays

Anna Riley Phillips	11/3
Carolyn Stephenson	11/4
Reese Tiller	11/4
Joyce Phillips	11/5
Ray Morris	11/6
Rebecca Marshburn	11/10
James Bramlett	11/11
Shonda Jones-Leggett	11/17
Jimmy Bolton	11/20
Kendell Moon	11/20
Johnnie Blair	11/21
Judy Harbin	11/25
Matthew Lund	11/26
Kenneth Reid	11/26

Anniversaries

Stewart & McKenzie Smith	11/4
Craig & Susan Gieler	11/5
James & Jane Bramlett	11/11
Ray & Linda Lamb	11/25



Please Note

The church office will be closed on Monday, November 13th and Thursday, November 23rd in observance of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30a Fitness Class 5:30pm Lift Dinner 6:45p Choir	2 9:00a Ray Vander Laan Study	3	4
5 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship/Communion	6 8:00a Fitness Class	7 8:05a Coffee & Conversation 4p Pickleball/gym	8 8:30a Fitness Class 5:30p Adult Bible Study 5:30p Hand Bells	9 9:00a Ray Vander Laan Study	10	11 7a iServe
12 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:30p Youth Hike 5:30p Kids Club	13 Office Closed 8:00a Fitness Class	14 8:05a Coffee & Conversation 4p Pickleball/gym 6:00p Thanksgiving Box Assembly	15 8:30a Fitness Class 5:30p Hand Bells 6:45p Choir	16 9:00a Ray Vander Laan Study	17	18
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Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal Box 2023

It's November already, which mean it's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving. Once again, we will be assembling Thanksgiving boxes to distribute to our community. There are many ways you can get involved in this cherished event. Please see the details below on how you can help.



At Ingles: \$29.74

At Walmart: \$27.70

At Quality Foods: \$30.06

Tax included

Don't worry about name brands—shop the best Price!

21st Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal : 2023 Box

Each box contains:

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| 1 | 50 ounce can Green Beans | |
| 1 | 39 ounce can Sweet Corn | |
| 1 | 40 ounce can Sweet Potatoes (yams) | |
| 1 | 14 ounce Box Macaroni & Cheese | |
| 1 | 15.3 ounce Box (20 servings) Instant Mashed Potatoes | |
| 1 | 6 ounce Box Stove Top Stuffing Mix | |
| 1 | 14 ounce can Cranberry Sauce | |
| 2 | Packets Gravy Mix | 1 32 ounce box Chicken Broth |
| 1 | Box Cake Mix | 1 Can Cake Frosting |
| 1 | Small Bottle Vegetable Oil for Cake | |

Each box will contain a \$30.00 Quality Foods Gift Certificate

How Can I Participate?

Sign up to bring individual food items

Sponsor a Box and purchase all items

Make a monetary contribution for the purchase of Gift Certificates

Join us on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00pm to assemble food boxes and snack bags

Sign up to deliver boxes November 15-17

All donations are due by Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Trustees Flash

Trustee Flash – November 2023



November particularly brings to mind how thankful we should be for our many blessings. I am especially thankful for our Trustees who offer their time and expertise to make sure that our facilities meet the needs of our ministries.

Below is an update on actions taken by the Trustees recently.

- Facility Usage Manual – Usage of our facilities on a regular basis by Mountain View Homeschooling and Agape Catering has highlighted the need to update our Facilities Usage Manual. We need to have clear, specific written guidelines as to expectations.
- Storage –All the drums are in the storage closet next to the choir room and the timpanies are in the foyer. Trustees will move the Chrismon tree to and from the attic in the FLC. We will also check the star and put it up by November 26. We are looking for a cabinet to keep the hearing assisted devices in.
- Cabinet for Sherly vacuum – We plan to build a cabinet for the vacuum behind the door going into the Sanctuary in the foyer next to the choir room.
- Steps for sound booth in FLC – We plan to build steps for the sound booth in the FLC.
- Robe rack in Choir Room – The rack has fallen again. We will put it back up in a way that it can hold the weight of many robes.
- Mold in FLC storage room -We have cleaned up the area around the drainpipes in the FLC storage room.
- Water coolers – We have cleaned the cooler in the gym and will replace the thermal switch.
- Trees – Waldrop has finished trimming around the fence, taking out an oak at Victoria house driveway, the sycamore tree at the sidewalk in front of the Sanctuary, and two bushes next to the FLC.
- IronGrid – We approved a quote from IronGrid to replace 2 access points and move 2 existing ones. This will improve Wi-Fi connectivity.
- LED Plan – We have asked Hill Electric to give us a quote to replace all fluorescent fixtures throughout the campus with LEDs. From this, we will develop a phased-in plan for all lighting.
- Hole in Victoria house yard – We filled in a sink hole in the Victoria house yard.

In addition to these maintenance tasks, we have plans to fulfill our obligations for disaffiliation as determined by the District Superintendent after the vote by the Special Annual Conference on November 18. As you can see, Trustees are busy.

-Linda Exley

Thank you

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love you showed to us both during Pastor's Appreciation Month. We've been so touched by your kind words as well as your thoughtful and generous gifts. It is an honor for us to be your pastors and we are grateful to walk this journey of discipleship with you every day. We offer our sincerest thanks for each of you and for the ways you care for us and one another.

Blessings.

Joshua and Whitney



Thank You

FROM STREET LOVE MINISTRIES

Our dear friends at CFUMC -

We are speechless... Your level of support is unlike any we've ever experienced.

And it's churchwide! From your church givings, small group + circles, youth, etc. ^{Volunteers} Volunteering, from all of these -

You all have something very special going on there!

I honestly believe that you would welcome all of our homeless friends into your services if they were close by.

We can't thank you enough for your kindness + love for those we consider the least the last + the lost. We pray Jesus continues to smile down on each of you! William + LouAnn Puckett
=LM



Everyone is invited to start off the Christmas season at Commerce FUMC on Sunday, November 26th from 5:30-6:30pm. We will come together to “deck the halls” of our campus for the season and share dinner together. We hope you will join us for this fun family event!



On Thursday, November 30th we are inviting you to come represent our church at Commerce by Candlelight. We will be in Spencer Park from 6:00-7:00pm to spread God’s love and joy to our community by caroling and serving hot chocolate. What a great way to start off the Christmas Season!! Let Whitney know if you can make it.

Coming in December

12/3 Advent Adventure

12/7 Longest Night Service

12/10 Commerce FUMC Cantata

12/17 Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 24th Services

11:00am

5:00pm

11:00pm

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

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

