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

November 2026 Newsletter

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November 2026 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

Those in Assisted Living:

Gayle Pritchett
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7456 Hwy 82 Spur, Maysville, GA 30558

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25 Glen Lake Parkway NE Apt 1215
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Those at home:

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The Pines
P.O. Box 458, Maysville, GA 30558

Dr. Don McFadden
119 University Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

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2900 McEver Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504

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108 Windy Hills Rd. Commerce, GA 30529

Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Ed Adams
Mitchell Adams
Jay Allen
Jimmy Allen
Keith Ariail
Heather Ballenger
Pam Barnett
Betty Baxter
Roger Beauchamp
Saoirse Bergman
Phillippe Berra
Steave Breeding
Amy Brown
Johnia Browning
David Caldwell
Marie Canady
Betty Corn
Bob Crocket
Sonia Davis
Anna Diemond
Lorraine Dipple
Morgan Dove
Chris Dunford
Cathy Fletcher
Nancy Gaines
Emily Harber
Carol Hatcher
Kenny Hill
Dash Hughes
Philip Jones
Ezra King
Dave Ladd
Linda Lamb
Jack Legg
Kim & Doug Legg
Debbie Manus
Bobby Marshburn
Greg Martin
Tiffany Mathis
Mike Matthews
Charlotte Maxwell
Patsy McCall
Pete & Susie McClellan
Larry & Brenda Meadows
Charles Morris
Reagan Mullinax
John Murphy
Tom Murphy
Wanda Murphy
Carol Nielson
Jackie Pearce
Kim Reaves
Jean Roberts
Barry Roper
Stone Shirley
Steve Shoun
Winona Siwick
Jade Stickland
Faye Sullens
Lisa Till
Renee Varnadoe
Paul Vecker
Blakeley Waddell
Chester Walters
Samantha Watson

Please contact the church office with any updates. Thank you!

Joys & 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@cfmc.life

Trustee of the Month

Carolyn Stephenson

Counters

11/1	Dave Moon Ray Morris
11/8	Al Fleming Pete McClellan
11/15	Bill Davis Dave Crouch
11/22	Jimmy Bolton David Stephenson
11/29	Jimmy Bolton David Stephenson

A/V

11/1	Russell Crouch Zachary Crouch Evvie Phillips
11/8	Zachary Crouch Sara Hill Elise Phillips
11/15	Karen Hill Elise Phillips Timothy Sweeney
11/22	Zachary Crouch Sara Hill Evvie Phillips
11/29	Julia Crouch Karen Hill Timothy Sweeney

Altar Guild

Gina Hagan

Joy Scott

Acolytes

11/1	Julia Crouch Anna Riley Phillips
11/8	Karen Hill OPEN
11/15	Sara Hill Anna Riley Phillips
11/22	Julia Crouch OPEN
11/29	Anna Riley Phillips Rosemary Phillips

Parents, online scheduling for Acolytes is now available. Please click here to sign your child up. Thank you!!

Children's Church

11/1	Remain in Worship
11/8	Lydia Hoadley
11/15	Joy Scott
11/22	Kristen Hill
11/29	Elizabeth Phillips

Hospitality Needs You!

We're looking for individuals who would like to get involved with the CFMC Hospitality Committee! There are many ways to serve and help make our church a welcoming place for everyone. Interested in learning more about what the Hospitality Committee does and how you can get involved? Email the church office to learn more. We'd love to have you join us!

Happy Birthday

Anna Riley Phillips	11/3
Carolyn Stephenson	11/4
Joyce Phillips	11/5
Ray Morris	11/6
Shelia Sales	11/7
Rebecca Marshburn	11/10
James Bramlett	11/11
Jackie Harper	11/14
Shonda Jones	11/17
Geraldine Lord	11/19
Jimmy Bolton	11/20
Kendell Moon	11/20
Judy Harbin	11/25
Matthew Lund	11/26
Kenneth Reid	11/26
Carol Ward	11/28
Nancy Graham	11/30

Happy Anniversary!

Stewart & McKenzie Smith	11/4
Craig & Susan Gieler	11/5
James & Jane Bramlett	11/11



Larry & Karen Davis

Harold & Carol Ward

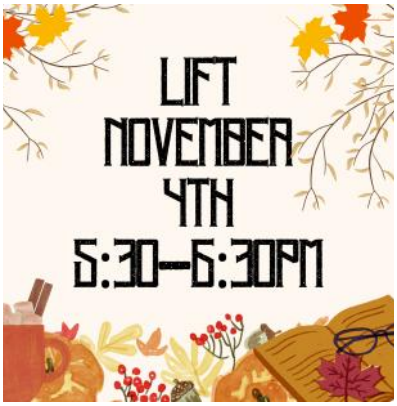


Commerce First Methodist PRESCHOOL

Our preschoolers are gearing up for a fun-filled holiday season! This month, we have lots of exciting things planned as we explore the world of teddy bears, head out on a Wild West adventure, and learn about the importance of thankfulness. Through stories, crafts, hands-on activities, and classroom fun, our little learners will have plenty of opportunities to explore, create, and discover new things together.

As we celebrate the season of gratitude, we'll talk about the many things we are thankful for and learn about ways to show kindness and appreciation to others. We'll also enjoy a special Thanksgiving snack on Thursday, November 19th, giving us another fun way to celebrate the season together!

And the holiday excitement doesn't stop there! Our preschoolers have already started practicing for our Country Christmas Program in December. We are looking forward to seeing our little stars shine as they share their songs and Christmas cheer with family and friends!



Join us for LIFT (Living in Faith Together), an intergenerational evening of faith, fellowship, and dinner on Wednesday, November 4th, 5:30-6:30pm. We will be serving pasta bake and salad. Come gather with us for a time of learning, connecting, and growing together in faith. **All ages are welcome!**

Please sign up **here** or you can call the church office.



Kids Club and Youth Group will meet at CFMC on November 8th from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Bring your friends! **Remember to invite a friend or two** to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and faith. We can't wait to see you there!



Join CFMC Youth on Saturday, November 14th, as we serve at iServe Ministries! Please plan to arrive by **6:45 a.m.** After we finish serving, we'll head to Chick-fil-A for breakfast and fellowship. Friends are welcome! Come serve, share God's love, and enjoy a great morning together!



Join us for a special worship service led by the children and youth of Commerce First Methodist Church! This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to share their faith, celebrate their relationship with God, and lead our congregation in worship. We look forward to celebrating their gifts, growing in faith together, and encouraging the next generation of believers. Come worship with us and show your support for our children and youth!

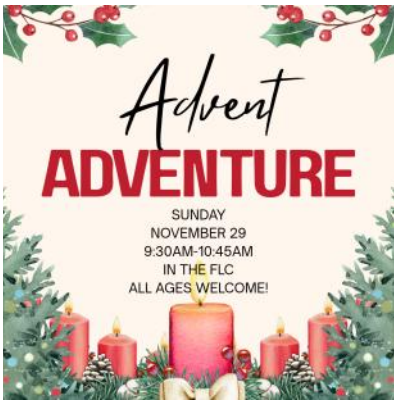


Join us for our **last Beans, Franks, & Bingo of 2026!** Come enjoy a wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship with friends on Wednesday, November 18th, 11am-12:30pm. No sign-up is needed—just come and join the fun!

We look forward to seeing you there! Until then, have a blessed holiday season, and we'll see you in **2027!**



Everyone is invited to kick off the Christmas season at CFMC on Sunday, November 23rd, from 5:30–6:30 PM! We'll gather together to "deck the halls" and decorate our church campus for the Christmas season, followed by dinner and wonderful fellowship. Bring your family and join us for this fun-filled evening as we prepare our church for the most wonderful time of the year! We look forward to celebrating the season with you!



Join us on Sunday, November 29th, from 9:30–10:45 AM in the Family Life Center for a special morning of crafts, snacks, coffee, and conversation as we begin the Advent season and reflect on the birth of Christ. All ages are welcome! We look forward to sharing this meaningful time of fellowship with you!



Each Christmas, our sanctuary is beautifully adorned with poinsettias given in honor or memory of friends and loved ones. This special tradition is a meaningful way to celebrate the season while remembering those who hold a special place in our hearts. Poinsettias are available for **$20 each**. If you would like to purchase one, please **click here** to complete the dedication form. **Payment:** Please make checks payable to CFMC and write "Poinsettia" in the memo line.

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The Season of Thankfulness Is Here!



Once again, Commerce First Methodist Church will be assembling Thanksgiving boxes to share with families in our community. This cherished tradition is a wonderful way to share God's love and help make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors.

There are many ways to get involved!
Whether you donate food, sponsor a box, contribute toward gift certificates, or volunteer your time,
every act of kindness makes a difference.

Together, we can make a difference, one family at a time!

What Goes in Each Thanksgiving Box?

Each box will include the following items:

- 1 large can (50 oz.) of green beans
- 1 can (39 oz.) of sweet corn
- 1 can (40 oz.) of sweet potatoes (yams)
- 1 box (14 oz.) of macaroni and cheese
- 1 box (13.75 oz.) of instant mashed potatoes (18 servings)
- 1 box (6 oz.) of Stove Top stuffing mix
- 1 can (14 oz.) of cranberry sauce
- 2 packets of gravy mix
- 1 box (32 oz.) of chicken broth
- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 can of cake frosting
- 1 small bottle of vegetable oil for the cake
- 1 bag (2 lbs.) of white rice
- 1 bag (2 lbs.) of black beans

Each Thanksgiving box will also include a $30 Quality Foods gift certificate.

Please don't worry about name brands—shop for the best prices!

How Can You Help?

Donate Food
Sign up to bring one or more of the food items listed above.

Sponsor a Thanksgiving Box
Purchase all the food items needed to fill a complete box.

Make a Monetary Donation
Help us purchase the $30 Quality Foods gift certificates for each family.

Help Assemble Boxes
Join us on **Tuesday, November 17,** at 6:00 p.m. as we assemble Thanksgiving food boxes and snack bags.

Deliver Thanksgiving Boxes
Sign up to deliver boxes to families in our community **November 19–21, 2026.**

Important Dates

Food and Monetary Donation Deadline:
Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Box Assembly: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Box Deliveries: November 19–21, 2026

Thank you for helping Commerce First Methodist Church share the blessings of Thanksgiving with our neighbors.
Your generosity and willingness to serve make a meaningful difference in the lives of families in our community.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
— Acts 20:35

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION
Christmas Child



Share the love of Jesus this Christmas through Operation Christmas Child!

We invite our Commerce First Methodist Church family to fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other small gifts for children around the world.

Each shoebox is an opportunity to share God's love and bring joy to a child's heart.

Shoeboxes are due Sunday, November 8th!

Please drop off your completed shoeboxes at the church office.

Thank you

for helping share God's love with children around the world!

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November 2026 Trustee Flash

A Joyful Day: Celebrating the Completion of Phase 1

What a joyful day it was! Our congregation gathered for a worship service of thanksgiving to celebrate the completion of Phase 1, and the celebration was every bit as special as we had hoped. To mark the occasion, the Trustees cut a ribbon in our new canopy area, with so many of you looking on and sharing in the moment.

None of this would have been possible without the skill and dedication of the people who guided our project from the first plans to the final details. We are deeply grateful to Josh Koons (architect), Bill Griffin (General Contractor), Michael Houseworth (Edward Jones), and Charles Blair (Peach State Bank). Each of them contributed to the success of this project, and our church family is better for their generous work on our behalf.

Lunch Together in the FLC

Following the service, we gathered in the FLC for a delicious lunch, served by our wonderful Kitchen Crew, led by Mary Walters. Thank you to Mary and every member of the crew for the time and care you poured into the meal. Charlotte Williams made the tables in the FLC beautiful, and her touch helped make the day feel like the celebration it was.

It was a special day for the kitchen, too. The Crew served the meal on our new plates for the first time, and the new dishwasher made clean-up so much easier. We are so thankful to have these new tools in the hands of such faithful servants!

Landscaping Update

Unknown to us, the landscaping company allowed some plant substitutions from the nursery to be used in our plan. Luckily, we caught the errors and took steps to correct them. You will soon see some plants dug up and replaced. The work will be done at the landscaper's expense.

The Education Building Roof

As we care for the buildings entrusted to us, the Trustees are now giving thoughtful attention to the roof on the Education Building. We are carefully reviewing bids from three companies: BDI (Bone Dry), Top Tier, and Kaiser. We want to be good stewards of the resources our congregation has given, so we are taking the time to weigh each option well. We will share more as decisions are made, and we welcome your questions along the way.

-Linda Exley



A SEASON OF *Giving*



HOPE ✦ PEACE ✦ JOY ✦ LOVE

This Advent season, Commerce First Methodist Church invites you to share the love of Christ with families in our community through

A Season of Giving!

Throughout the four Sundays of Advent, we will collect items to meet practical needs for families of **Commerce City Schools** and bring hope, peace, joy, and love to our neighbors as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Hope



WINTER ESSENTIALS

(SIZES 5T – YOUTH EXTRA LARGE)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Peace



PERSONAL CARE AND HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Joy



BOOKS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Love



GROCERY GIFT CARDS

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE DESIGNATED COLLECTION AREA AT THE CHURCH EACH SUNDAY DURING ADVENT.
Every item and every gift makes a difference!



Together, let's make this Advent season a little brighter for our neighbors and share the greatest gift of all — the love of Christ.

Thank you for helping CFMC make a difference in our community!

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Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!

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