

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship Broadcast -10:00a.m. KWLTV 107.1

AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2021

Hi, friends. I have been looking forward to August in the pulpit as we shift gears in Ephesians and hear from Paul how, "to lead a life worthy of the calling," as he would say. Though we continue to explore scriptural unity, my news feed suggests that our state is trending toward another contentious season of debate regarding masking and social distancing. I thank you for your patient kindness. This is uncharted territory for me, but it feels like I've been living off of the map for some time. Can you relate?

Back in Springtime 2016, our family was nearing the half-way point of my studies at Asbury. Surviving Greek was pretty much my only goal in life, yet most conversations taking place in the study rooms, dining hall, and courtyards seemed to eventually drift toward the upcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Though there was hope of a way forward, it was apparent that our denomination had arrived to an impasse and I sometimes wondered whether it would still be in one piece at graduation. Yet, our family stayed the course, simply believing that our God who brought us to this place would see us to the next.

About that time, I was presented the opportunity to be hired on as staff with my church as part of a mentoring program. The catch was that my participation would require me to be a part-time student. Seeing this as an opportunity to learn the ropes and remain in a safe harbor while the UMC storm blew over, I told my pastor that I wanted in. This is how I singlehandedly managed to squeeze three years of study into six and dash the hopes of my parents who wanted their grandchildren back home as soon as possible. Even so, I thought it was a good plan.

Just as the plan was to come to fruition, however, a global pandemic would have its own way. Pastors had just gone 9 rounds with the UMC crisis, only to end with a No Decision and a follow-up match with this new, unknown opponent. As a result, many who were pastors at the outset of Covid are no longer, including my own pastor who had brought me into the program those years ago. Ministry was tough and we likely made some missteps along the way, but we were figuring out how to build the plane mid-flight. Simple tasks had become difficult; policies and guidelines changed week-to-week. And that which was to last only a few weeks turned into an entire year.

Though my plan was for the storm to have long passed, our denominational issues (plus a pandemic) remain unresolved. As Coronavirus and its connected controversies threaten to flare up once again, I am cautious of its divisiveness and ever-aware of my inexperience in this new role. Yet, I know God has been at work in this church for a long, long time and is forever faithful. So, I have seen my part over these first weeks as following these simple rules: 1. Do no harm, 2. Do good, 3. Stay in love with God. These are known as Wesley's "Three General Rules," and though they are certainly open to a wide degree of interpretation, I want you to know they are near my heart as we figure this next part out together. Though I am sometimes tempted to yearn even for the simpler days of Greek exams, I count myself honored to be with you during this time. I truly would not have it any other way.

God bless you and keep you,
Pastor Brian

MEMORIALS:

Preschool Sunshine Kids:

In Honor of Nora & Naomi Moore given by
Robert & Laurie Gentry

Committee Meetings for August 2021

Trustees:

Monday, July 12th - 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council:

Monday, July 23rd - 5:30 p.m.

Flowers for Altar

If you have flowers in your yard that I could use on the altar please call Gail Thomas at 318-332-4947 or call the office at 318-256-3632.

Also if anyone wants to put flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one please call and let us know.

Thank you, Gail Thomas
Worship Co-Chairperson



THANK YOU

Thank you to Bobbie Kratz for allowing me to cut flowers from her yard for altar arrangements.

Gail Thomas, Worship Co-Chairperson

VBS

Thank you to all the people who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School great. Whether you were a teacher, helper, decorator, cook, parent or grandparent who brought a child, someone who donated supplies or money or someone who prayed for us. I appreciate you all. We couldn't have VBS without each and every one of you. I would especially like to thank Marilyn for all she does to help behind the scenes. Again thank you all so much.

Vicki Weaver and the Education Committee

WAYS TO GIVE

Give your tithes & offerings during worship services.

You may send by mail to:

FUMC P.O. Box 1210 Many, La. 71449

We now have the option to give through TEXT TO GIVE
Text #22525 then put in code FUMCM

You may also go to the church website fumc-many.com

Please call the church office for more information 318-256-3632.

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FAMILY SERVICES

***Beginning in September
UMW is asking for
donations of school supplies
for the Louisiana Methodist
Children's Home.***

***If you would like to donate
there will be a collection box in narthex.***

- #2 Pencils
- Soft-tip Pens (Various Colors)
- 2-inch Binders
- 3-inch Binders
- Notebooks (**non-wire/non-spiral bound**) single subject or 2-3 subject
- Pocket Folders (non-glossy and various colors)
- Loose-leaf Paper
- Dry Erase Board Markers (Dark or Bold Colors -- Black, Blue, Red, Green)
- Dry Erase Board Cleaner/Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners (**Electric**) -- (**no individual sharpeners with blades!**)
- Colored Pencils

August Nursery Volunteers

August 1 - Elizabeth Pickett

August 8 - Carolyn Dove

August 15 - Vicki Isgitt

August 22 - Mary Ellen Freeman

August 29 - Cathy Troquille



SUNSHINE KIDS

Preschool Kickoff:

Sunday August 15th at 2:00pm

First Day of School:

Tuesday August 17th

Looking forward to a fun filled year.

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Back to School

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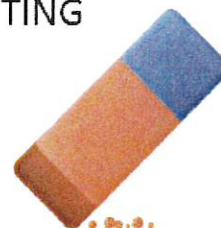
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August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1 VBS Post Meeting 2:00 p.m.	2 Ultaya - 6:00 p.m. - Leesville	3	4 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. Youth & Children - 5:30 p.m.	5 *Billy Laflite *Garland Peterson	6	7 **Joe & Carol Troha Youth back to School @Wesley Center Woodworth, LA																																																																																				
8 Blessing of the Backpacks	9 Trustees 5:30 p.m.	10 *Ayden Goldberg Church Transformation Zoom Meeting - 5:30 -7:00 p.m. Sabine Parish Schools Begins	11 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. Youth & Children - 5:30 p.m.	12	13 6:30 PM Women's Fellowship	14 **Clay & Claire Henry *Allen Isgitt																																																																																				
15 Preschool Open House 2:00 p.m.	16	17 Prayer Group 10:45 a.m. Preschool Begins	18 ** Jerry & Karen Lombard Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. Youth & Children - 5:30 p.m.	19	20	21 *Diane Voorheis																																																																																				
22	23 Administrative Council - 5:30 p.m.	24	25 **Mike & Brenda Hill Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. Youth & Children - 5:30 p.m.	26	27	28																																																																																				
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PRAYER CONCERNS

AUGUST 2021

Church Members

Donna Ammons
I.D. & Betty Bostian
Carrie Broussard
Charles Enterkin
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Virginia & Eugene Fremaux
John & Betsy Godfrey
Richard & Ann Harpel
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Shirley Lee
Ashley Lee
George & Bonnie Fox Miles
Elizabeth Mitchell
Garland Peterson
Janice Rike
Nancy Spiller
Kevin Troquille

Family of Church Members

Cassity Barrett (Shirley Lee's great niece)
Sandra Bishop (Diann Migliore's mom)
Carolyn Brasell (Carrie Broussard's daughter)
Scott Brosh (Joe Troha's brother-in-law)
Cindy Wright Calhoon (Patsy McCormick's sister)
Beverley Carlson (Chris Nolen's sister)
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Judy Boudreaux Jones (Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
Corporal Aaron McGrew (Virginia & Eugene's grandson)
Kay McKey (niece of Chris & Susan Hills)
Verline OLinde (Gail Thomas' foster sister)
Lloyd Waters & Tanina Fusilier (John Migliore's sister)
Murlee Wilbanks (Carolyn Gates' mom)
Robert Troha

Friends of our Community

Marie Alford
Cade Anderson
Steve Biggs
June Booker (Friend of Vicki Simpson)
Ace Bowling
Jiles Bowling
Cathy Byles
Dudley Carver
Ivan Droddy
Raegan Ensinger
Darlene Griffin
Kathy Humphries
Sally Landry
Cassie LaRoux
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Mike Rankin
Eddie Richard
Bart Rumsey
Family of Marjorie Savell (Gale Byles mother)
Tara Seals
Douglas Seegers (Linda Seegers' son)
Kristin Sepulvado
Arlene Small
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell
Jacquie Williamson (friend of Vicki Simpson)