



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2022

A few years back, our family took a quick trip into Cincinnati. Since the kids liked model trains, Monica and I made plans to visit what was advertised as, "The world's largest model train display!" Whether it really was the world's largest, I don't know. But it did not disappoint. At the beginning of the self guided tour, we saw models of some of the earliest locomotives moving through frontier settlements. As we continued, it became evident that we were progressing through the history of trains in that part of the world. As each new part of display came into view, the scenes became more impressive. In one place, the model rose high over both sides of the walkway with smoking locomotives clacking overhead. In another, there were steps to climb so that we could look down on the various areas as though we were on a mountaintop. I saw elaborate cities from different eras and rolling green mountains, an intricate switchyard and an amusement park complete with working roller coaster and carousel. The attention to detail was impressive.

Our tickets included a behind-the-scenes tour and it wasn't long before we realized that our guide, Don, was the owner of the display. This was a Willy Wonka kind of moment for me. I have no way of knowing how many times Don has given this tour, but he was generous and enthusiastic as he guided my family through previously unnoticed service corridors and walkways. The 45-minute tour lasted for well over an hour. As we made our way under, over, and through his creation, we saw not just *how* everything linked together, but Don told us *why* these pieces were created. It became evident that every part of this sprawling work was connected to some part of his life and his love for trains. This place was a way of understanding who Don was, and as we got to know him a bit more, we gained a deeper understanding of how all of his work fit together.

I realize that I am likely the only one to ever say that the Bible is kind of like Enter-train-ment Junction. But yeah, it pretty much is (minus trains, of course). Like Don's massive creation, the Bible is a sprawling, interconnected, diverse array of creative work that tells one story of God's love for humanity. And when Jesus quotes Scripture (which happens a lot), it is like getting a behind-the-scenes tour of our Bible from its Creator. We get a look at not just *how* things link together, but *why* Jesus reveals his identity in such a way.

When together we read, study, and meditate on God's Word, we find more of these connections which help us to better know Jesus. And as we get to know him more, we gain a richer understanding of Scripture and how it all fits together. So, as fall approaches and you begin to determine new schedules for a new season, I welcome you to engage with our Church and thank you for spending your time with us. I pray that as the days pass, we will grow in our relationship to Jesus, Scripture, and one another.

Grace and peace,

Brian

MEMORIALS:

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Norma Rose given by Mike & Vicki Simpson

Music Fund:

In memory of Norma Rose given by Kenneth & Donna Ammons

Youth:

In memory of Phoenix Knowles given by Kenneth & Donna Ammons, John & Betsy Godfrey

Committee Meetings for August 2022

Trustees:

Monday, August 8th - 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council:

Monday, August 22nd - 5:30 p.m.

GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website fumc-many.com. We can also receive gifts through Text to Give. To use this service, simply text "FUMCM" to 22525. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call our church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.

August Nursery Volunteers

August 7 - Carolyn Dove

August 14 - Vicki Isgitt

August 21 - Elizabeth Pickett

August 28 - Cathy Troquille



Church,

By this point, you have probably heard about our denominational struggle regarding marriage and ordination of homosexual members of the United Methodist Church. We will be meeting church-wide after worship on August 21 to discuss how these issues affect our congregation. Part of this discussion will include our option for disaffiliation (leaving the UMC). No decisions for or against disaffiliation will be made at this meeting; but it will mark the beginning of a season of discernment.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Karli Pidgeon, plans to worship with us that day. Afterward, she will present the current situation and will be available for questions. In the meantime, I am open to discuss any concerns you might have about this or other matters.

Grace and peace,
Brian



Sabine Parish Schools Begin August 10th

***Preschool Open House Sunday, August 21st
2:00 – 3:30 PM***

Preschool begins August 23rd

Back-to-School Word Search



S	O	M	K	E	L	G	B	O	F	A	T	R	W	M	S	M	E
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R	E	E	P	A	N	S	T	E	S	T	K	E	O	E	A	C	G
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F	I	E	L	D	T	R	I	P	R	S	E	N	A	S	L	O	I
K	O	O	B	E	T	O	N	A	G	H	I	S	R	O	U	O	N
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How many words can you find hidden in the puzzle?

ACTIVITIES

ART

BACKPACK

BUS

CAFETERIA



CALENDAR

CLASSROOM

COMPUTER

CRAYONS

DESK

DESK

ERASER

FIELD TRIP

FOLDER

FRIENDSHIP

GLOBE

GLUE

GRADE

GYM

LEARN

LESSON

LUNCH

MAP

MATH

MUSIC

NOTEBOOK

PENCIL

PRINCIPAL

READING

RULER

SCHOOL

SCIENCE

SCISSORS

SOCIAL STUDIES

SPELLING

STUDENT

TEACHER

THINKING CAP

WELCOME

WELCOME

WRITING



THE GREAT GIVEAWAY

On Saturday, September 17th the missions committee will be having "The Great Giveaway". This has been such a success before that we decided to do it again. Please look around your house for things that you can part with. There are many needy people in our community that would appreciate anything that they can get to help them out. Plus, you would be clearing out stuff at your house. We will be accepting items starting September 1st in the FLC.

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August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ultreya - Leesville 6:00 p.m.	2	3 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	4	5 *Billy Lafitte	6
7 **Joe & Carole Troha	8 Trustees 5:30 p.m.	9	10 *Ayden Goldberg Adult Covenant Groups-6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Sabine Parish Schools Begin Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	11	12 6:00 PM Women's Fellowship	13
14 **Clay & Claire Henry *Allen Isgitt	15	16	17 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	18 ** Jerry & Karen Lombard	19	20
21 *Diane Voorheis Discussion concerning United Methodist Church immediately after Worship Preschool Open House 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	22 Administrative Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.	23 Preschool Begins	24 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	25 **Mike & Brenda Hill	26	27
28	29	30	31 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m.	<div> <div> Jul 2022 S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> <div> Sep 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> </div>		

PRAYER CONCERNS

August 2022

Church Members

Carrie Broussard
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna
Claire Coplin
Ted, Carolyn & Family
Charles Enterkin
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Laurie Gentry
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
John Hoagland
Vicki Isgitt
Grace Kelsey
Bobbie Kratz
Billie Lou Luster
Janice Rike
Family of Norma Rose
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)
Linda Christian
(Janet Elam's cousin)
Jason Fluitt
(Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Ann Boudreaux (Chuck's mother)
Judy Boudreaux Jones
(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
Mary Ann McDaniel (Kristie
Smith's mother)
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Murlee Wilbanks
(Carolyn Gates' mom)
Robert Troha

Friends of our Community

Marie Alford
Cade Anderson
Steve Biggs
Norman Booker III
Ace Bowling
Jiles Bowling
Kathy Byles
Dudley Carver
Ivan Drodgy
Joe Eschbacher (Stan & Debbie
Arthur Proforis' son-in-law)
Linda Findley
Darlene Griffin
Kathy Humphries
Sally Landry
Cassie LaRoux
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Mike Rankin
Tara Seals
Douglas Seegers
(Linda Seegers' son)
Kristin Sepulvado
Arlene Small
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell