

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. —Ephesians 3:18–19 NRSV

Church,

If you have been in worship with us throughout August, you know that we concluded our informal summer series, "Do Over!" with three weeks in Ephesians. Though eminently fitting for this season in our church, I can't take credit for its timeliness. My main goal in scheduling these passages was to rework and (maybe) redeem some of my earliest sermons. But, when I returned from Annual Conference and sat down to map out where these sermons might take us, it became obvious that we were meant to listen in as Paul addresses the Church in Ephesus.

While the connecting theme of the past three weeks has been "unity," it is important to see that Paul isn't calling them to unity as though it were the highest Christian ideal. He says what unites their church is the presence of Jesus Christ living among them and through them, which unites them to "all the saints," and even to us today. Why? Because as imperfect as we are, Christ has chosen the Church to be his body to the World, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Though the Ephesians will surely continue to have their differences, Paul understands that as God's grace draws them closer to Jesus, they are drawn closer to one another along the way. So this kind of shared commitment does not just lead *to* church unity, but *through* church unity toward fulfilling the larger call of the Church. Paul acknowledges that the Ephesians will retain differences and disagreements, but they share a faith rooted in both truth and grace.

So, while much uncertainty remains about where our denomination, nation, and world are headed, one thing we can grab and hold tightly is the promise that God is with us through all of the uncertainty. One way God does this is through one another, the Church. I have personally experienced within this body of believers that God is doing something new. I have heard a resounding desire for both unity *and* biblical truth. Whether or not we arrive to unified opinions on these matters, it is encouraging to know that we have one another along the way to work through these issues, as God's Spirit moves and lives among us.

I remain available to discuss these or any other concerns. The planning for church-wide listening is underway. Please lift us up in prayer and bear with us as we roll out our next steps.

Grace and peace,


Brian

Committee Meetings for September 2022

Trustees:

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

Administrative Council:

Monday, September 26th - 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.

September Nursery Volunteers

September 4 - Vicki Isgitt

September 11 - Mary Ellen Freeman

September 18 - Carolyn Dove

September 25 - Cathy Troquille

Pantry

The pantry is in need of food items for the community. Please bring your items and place in pantry. Please check expiration dates. Also no open food. You may give monetary donations. However if you bring food it is available to people faster.



Home-made Ice Cream Social

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Please bring either
home-made ice cream
or finger foods (sandwiches,
chips, etc.)



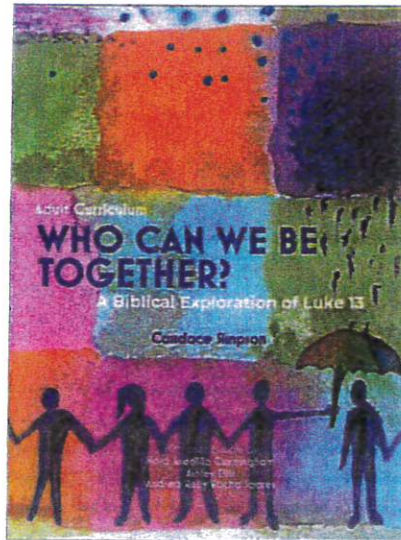
Sanctuary Prayer Kicks Off September 20th

Sanctuary Prayer will be hosted at the First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, September 20th at 10:45 a.m. and every third Tuesday of the month.

A short devotional and prayer time will be held as those who attend lift up concerns in the church, community and whatever is on their heart. Following silent prayers, the ladies gather for lunch(optional) for a time of fellowship. Feel free to join us in the sanctuary.

The United Women in Faith Invite you to
Please join us on Thursday September 15

For the Study



To be held in the Fellowship Hall
Beginning at 9:30 am with refreshments,
10:00 am Study, Lunch,
Concluding by 2:30 pm.

Contact Carolyn Dove (225) 931 1666
or catdove@soft-spec.com for additional
information.

THE GREAT GIVEAWAY

On Saturday, September 17th at 8:00 a.m. 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 are now accepting items in the FLC as of September 1st. Call Vicki Isgitt 318-471-7596 for more information.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

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Church Members

Carrie Broussard
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna
Claire Coplin
Charles Enterkin
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Laurie Gentry
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
Susan Hills
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Bobbie Kratz
Louis Lee
Billie Lou Luster
Janice Rike
Kevin Troquille

Family of Church Members

Cassity Barrett
(Shirley Lee's great niece)
Ann Boudreaux (Chuck's mother)
Carolyn Brasell
(Carrie Broussard's daughter)
Linda Christian
(Janet Elam's cousin)
Jason Fluitt
(Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Gwen Gastinel
(Janet Elam's sister)
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
Lake Childress
(friend of Gary & Janet Elam)
Ivan Drodgy
Joe Eschbacher (Stan & Debbie
Arthur Proforis' son-in-law)
Odis Faust
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)
Ken Seegers
Kristin Sepulvado
Arlene Small
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell