



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2022

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Church,

In continuing our series on living our faith on October 2, we explored the story of Timothy who was raised in the faith of his mother, Eunice and grandmother, Lois. Though we have no real way of knowing if they anticipated the particular struggles that Timothy would face, Paul was confident that the sincere faith Lois and Eunice lived was now living in Timothy; that it would be sufficient to see him through. I presented this as a biblical model for a living faith. This faith has been handed down through the generations until it has come to live in us.

I am of the generation that sits between the Baby Boomers and the Millennials. On one side, I often hear rumblings of an inherited environmental and economical mess and resentment for being the first American generation who will not exceed or meet the standard of living that their parents had. As a result, we are witnessing a generation seeking after what it really means to live a meaningful life as the "American Dream" drifts further from reach. On the other side, I often hear complaints of continued societal disruption because of misguided values and aversion to hard work. And as a result, we witness their savings and financial security more and more at risk. And now there is an up-and-coming generation to which my own kids belong, who inherit a world that looks little like the world in which I grew up, a world filled with noise and confusion. Never before has a generation of people been so connected, never before has a generation been so isolated.

As far as I can tell, it has always been the place of the older generations (to whom I now belong) to say things like, "kids these days..." and, "back in my day we'd walk 10 miles to earn a quarter and might have to fight a bear or two on the way," and so on. But kids these days face a set of circumstances that we could have never anticipated. And there is less of a Church presence to surround them and support them than we had back then. In the year since emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic, most every pastor I know has focused on a return to normal, specifically, restoring worship attendance to pre-Covid levels. But what we are learning instead is that there has been a fundamental shift: attendance in the older generations has trended downward, yet, surprisingly, attendance in the younger generations seems to be trending up, for the time being. Perhaps it is just one of those "statistical irregularities" that are so common these days. But perhaps it has something to do with that desire for a meaningful life. Perhaps it has something to do with a desire for connection and belonging and knowing Truth.

There's an old Greek proverb that says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit." This is also the mark of a great church, a mark of living our faith, of handing down a living faith for the generations that follow. By God's grace, First United Methodist Church of Many has become a place where our youngest generation can gather and connect with one another and caring adults, and to know the God who loves them just as they are. As disciples, this is who we are called to be. I am so thankful to you who continue to support our ministry.

Grace and peace,

  
Brian

## Committee Meetings for October 2022

### **Trustees:**

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

### **Administrative Council:**

Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

## **GIVING**

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website [fumc-many.com](http://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.

### **October Nursery Volunteers**

October 2 - Carolyn Dove

October 9 - Cathy Troquille

October 16 - Elizabeth Pickett

October 23 - Mary Ellen Freeman

October 30 - Vicki Isgitt

## **Pantry**

Reusable UMC shopping bags and shopping lists for suggested items for purchase for the pantry will be available in the narthex. More bags will be ordered in the future, if this proves to be helpful. Thanks to everyone who has brought items for the pantry.

Cathy and Kristie

## United Women of Faith

United Women of Faith, October 6 in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am

United Women of Faith Alexandria District Meeting, October 15 in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am

### **Many Connections**

1st United Methodist Church of Many, LA

How to Talk with Your  
Teens/Tweens  
about What *Really*  
Matters



Led by James Wagley,  
Retired  
experienced Clinical Social Worker

Wednesdays (Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>)  
@ 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



Worship in Pink Sunday  
October 16, 2022

Everyone is invited to **WEAR PINK** to church in support of those who are dealing with breast cancer and to celebrate with those who are victorious. **PINK SISTERS OF SABINE** offers support--physical, emotional, and spiritual--to women diagnosed with breast cancer



## **"Potluck & Pumpkins" Family Night**

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @  
5:30

**Potluck Supper**  
**Pumpkin Carving & Decorating**  
**Pumpkin Bread Mission Gifts**  
**Thumbkin Patch Cards (kids craft)**



# PRESCHOOL

Wet Wednesday at Sunshine Kids has been so much fun. Boys and girls play in Bubbles, water, and sand. They are also learning the daily routine, learning to play together and learning colors, shapes, letters and pre reading skills. Each day is a new learning experience.





Save the Date!

When: Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM

Where: Womens Retreat hosted by First UMC of Many in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: FREE! With pre-registration; \$20 at the door (as space allows)

Childcare: Available with pre-registration ONLY.

Details: We will have painting with Shanna Gaspard as well as times of fun, fellowship, and worship. Light lunch provided. All are welcome! Please invite any women you feel could use a day of retreat and renewal.

Pre-register by visiting our church Facebook page and completing the linked form, calling First UMC of Many at 318-256-3632 or by sending an email with your name and phone number to [monica.coplin@curanahealth.com](mailto:monica.coplin@curanahealth.com).

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# October 2022

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16 Pink Sunday	17 *Mke Morris Trustees 5:30 p.m.	18 *Kirt Voorheis Cantata & Choir Practice- 7:00 p.m.  Sanctuary Prayer 10:45 a.m.	19 Church Wide Potluck Great Pumpkin Decorating 5:30 p.m.	20	21 *Carolyn Gates	22																																																																																				
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30 *Leslie Curtis Charge Conference FUMC Natchitoches 3PM	31																																																																																									

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## October 2022

### Church Members

Carrie Broussard  
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna  
Claire Coplin  
Charles Enterkin  
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman  
Laurie Gentry  
Susan Giblin  
John & Betsy Godfrey  
**Crystal Hable**  
John Hoagland  
Grace Kelsey  
Bobbie Kratz  
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  
**Renee Hill (Janet Elam's sister)**  
**Zachary Hill**  
**(Janet Elam's nephew)**  
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)  
**Derek Smith**  
**(Donna Ammons brother)**  
**Logan Spears**  
**(Rev. Brian's cousin)**  
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 Droddy  
Joe Eschbacker (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  
**Craig Skinner**  
**(Rev. Brian's friend)**  
Arlene Small  
Reba Tarpley  
Sissy Tatum  
Nancy Tidwell