



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023

Church,

I pray these words find you well! Ready or not, we are nearing the halfway mark of 2023. If you have been part of our last six months, then you know that our Spring season has come with tradition, trial, and transition. We began the season together with the solemnity of Lent and Holy Week. Then, we welcomed Easter with hallelujahs and great joy. Just one week later, a momentous vote concluded months of discernment and tested our unity as a church. Then, our morning Bible study in the book of Jonah enticed hearts and minds to consider the transformative power of God's unrelenting grace.

While denominational strife continues to cast a long shadow nationally, there are flashes of genuine excitement for the approaching summer here at First UMC Many. Vacation Bible School will soon kick off our summertime ministry, featuring a revamped format to better accommodate busy lives of families. Other emerging opportunities for children's and youth discipleship will allow us to equip and encourage the faith journeys of our younger generation in Sabine Parish. And, as leadership begins to look toward Fall and beyond, we are envisioning ways to nurture growth within our walls and renew our ministry to the wider community. With this new chapter as the UMC in Many, there are new opportunities emerging for Kingdom work! Yet, with the conclusion of our most recent dilemma, we find ourselves facing some of the same old challenges: Expenses continue to outpace income, fewer people are available to carry out the same number of regular church duties, and attendance continues to lag while pastoral need continues to rise. While these may seem bleak, it is crucial to recognize that, these days, many congregations like ours have need to adapt and overcome such challenges. The good news is that we continue to find advantage and opportunity in the "new."

You have likely heard me say that this time is one of transition from the-Church-which-was to the-Church-to-be. Whether or not you agree with this claim, it should be apparent that the Church's place in American society is changing and that she can not return to an idealized time of the past. While lamentable, this changing landscape is also brimming with potential. I know that even now God is doing something new, because that is just what God does. The question is, what are we willing to do to join him in his work? Jesus teaches, "No one sews a (new) patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved" (Matthew 9:16-17).

While the excitement and potential of something new are undeniable, we also acknowledge that the cost of embracing the new often means letting go of the old. Yet, honoring our tradition and embracing change are not "either-or," because we can be more fruitful with "both-and!" A high regard for our heritage and for the work of our predecessors in *their* time only strengthens our desire to be effective and relevant in *our* time. As we continue on as the Methodist Church in Many, be assured that the Holy Spirit continues to illuminate our path. May the love of Christ fill our hearts and bind us to one another as we embark on this path of renewal. Together, let us work with one mind and heart for the Kingdom, embracing the new while honoring our tradition.

Grace and peace,

Brian

Memorials

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Jane Tannehill Fowler given by Gail Thomas

In memory of Odis Faust given by Gail Thomas, Mike & Vicki Simpson, Joe & Carole Troha

Youth Fund:

In honor of Ashley Ford given by anonymous donation

Committee Meetings for June

Trustees:

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

Administrative Council:

No Meetings until August

GIVING

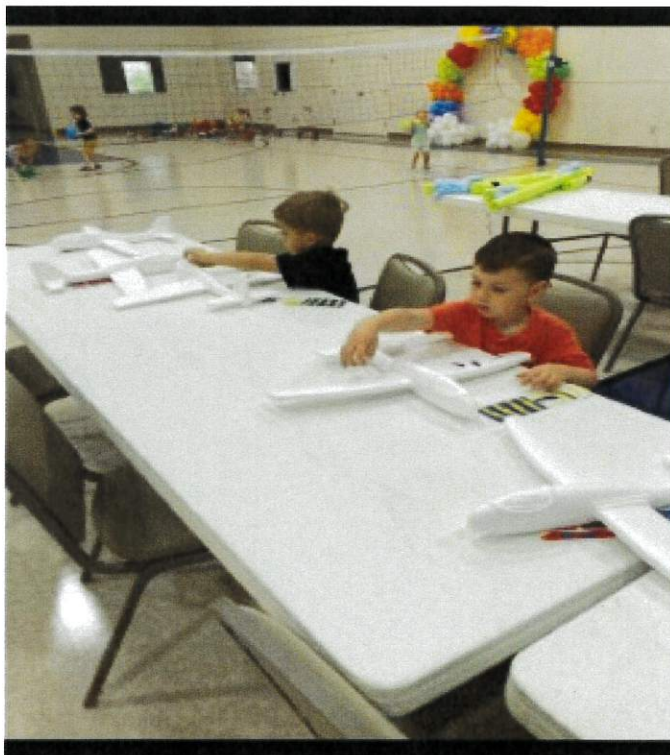
In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website fumc-many.com. We can also receive gifts through Text to Give. To use this service, simply text "FUMCM" to 22525. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call our church office for additional assistance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

Little Food Pantry

Thank you for all your donations. This has resulted in a good supply of canned vegetables and soup on hand. Suggested donations for May: peanut butter, packaged tuna or chicken, Vienna sausage, pull top pasta meals, fruit cups, pudding cups, breakfast bars or similar items. These items are helpful to people who are unable to prepare or cook food for whatever reason.

Cathy and Kristie

Preschool had a busy week with Fun Day and Graduation Celebration





Back to School Rally
Saturday, July 22, 2023

We are collecting supplies for the Back to School Rally. There will be a box in the Narthex. You may also make a monetary donation, be sure to put BTS Rally in memo. Please contact Vicki Weaver or the church office for more information. Thank you

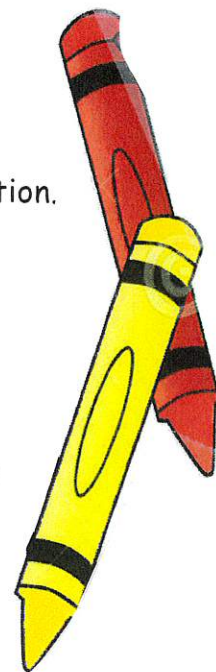
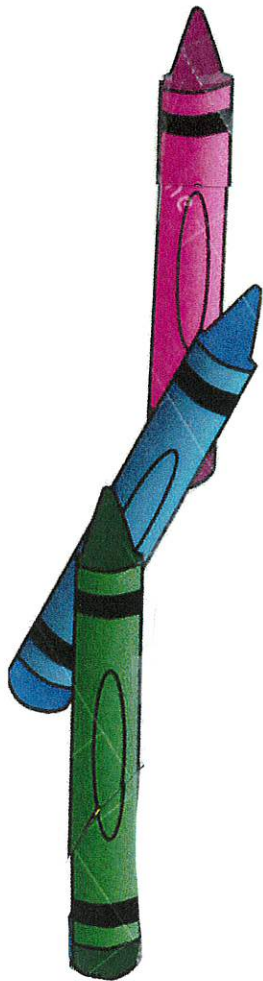
Supplies Needed:
Need 200 each for all grades

200 count wide rule paper
200 sets of 4 plastic folders with pockets and brads (total 800)

Need 130 each for Pre K thru 5th
24 count Crayola crayons
3 small glue sticks (390 total)

Need 45 - 2 inch binders for 6th thru 8th grades
Need 25 - 1 inch binders for 9th thru 12th grades
Need 70 - 12 colored pencils for 6th thru 12th grades

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June 2023

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PRAYER CONCERNS

June 2023

Church Members

Donna Ammons
Chuck Boudreaux
Carrie Broussard
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna
Claire Coplin
Janet Elam
Charles Enterkin
Greg Everett
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Laurie Gentry
Susan Giblin
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Bobbie Kratz
Amanda Lambert
Debbie Loudon
Billie Lou Luster
Patsy McCormick
Bonnie Fox Miles
Family Janice Rike
Kevin Troquille

Family of Church Members

Ann Boudreaux (Chuck's mother)
Carolyn Brasell
(Carrie Broussard's daughter)
Beth Coplin
(Rev. Brian's mother)
Jason & Diane Davis
(Amanda Lambert's nephew
& niece)
Jason Fluit
(Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Bobby Isgitt
(Allen Isgitt's brother)
Judy Boudreaux Jones
(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
Tyler Mason
(Ted & Carolyn Dove great-grandson)
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Cindi Sullivan
(Suzanne Fogle's sister)
Murlee Wilbanks
(Carolyn Gates' mom)
Robert Troha
Ward Whitfield
(Carole Troha's brother)

Friends of our Community

Kathy Alford
(Donna Ammons' friend)
Marie Alford
Ace Bowling
Jiles Bowling
Kathy Byles
Donna Ellzey
Family of Odis Faust
Family of Bill Galligan
Ginger Jordan
Family of Vicki Martin
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Mike Rankin
Craig Skinner
(Rev. Brian's friend)
Arlene Small
Jackie Snider
(Vicki Weaver's supervisor
at work)
Pat Sullivan
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell
Cindy Wright