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JULY NEWSLETTER 2023

Church,

I pray these words find you well! As this particularly warm summer continues to unfold, I write to you with abiding appreciation for your unwavering support of your church, and your excitement for what is yet to come. In these regards, these pastoral letters normally serve as a means of relaying information and updates. However, in the spirit of the relaxed pace that this summer swelter necessitates, we are changing it up a bit.

Summer is a time of change, a season that beckons us to embrace new rhythms in our daily and weekly routines. It is a period when life seems to slow down a bit, and offers us an opportunity to unwind, reflect, and enjoy the blessings of gardens and friends. It is a time for family vacations, leisurely afternoons, and humming air conditioners.

Rather than burdening you with details, updates, and reminders, I have chosen to share something unique—a liturgy tailored specifically for summer and holidays. This liturgy provides a kind of guide to prayer, reflection, and ritual that speaks to God's grace found in this season. My hope in including these words is that is that you will find solace, renewal, and a deeper connection with the divine in the midst of summer life. May you know the embrace and beauty of rest, rejuvenation, and exploration that summer affords us and may you encounter the divine in everyday ways!

Grace and peace,


Brian

From: "A Liturgy for Summer and Vacation"

O Christ, Our Sabbath,
You have fashioned us to function best
in rhyming lines of work and rest;
our relaxations and recreation
like unspoken invitations.
To that still grater holiday to come—
when all burdens will at last be shed
and weariness be put to bed,
and gladsome joy stretch endlessly before us.

**Bless now, O Lord,
this happy foretaste of that good end!**

Bless our pending trips
at their first christening.

**Bless the days to come:
the days of duties undone,
unbuckled, unbound.**

Bless our pilgrim quest for restoration!

Prepare our hearts to revel in new exploration
of cities not our own,
and of landscapes less familiar.

Along our way, in such places
whose contours you deliberately created,
**may we pause to savor the evidences
of your diverse imagination**
expressed in glories of scenery,
and in an artistry of people and culture.

Waken our vision to perceive
such subtle expressions of your nature.
Rouse also in our hearts
**that we might be quietly shaped
by whisperings of divine beauty.**

In our days away let us play
together. Let us laugh together.

**Let us be moved to speak
such meaningful words
as ought to be spoken
among family and friends.**

Let us linger long at tables and drink deeply
of one another's company, enjoying each
for who they are with the steady pressures
of our ordinary days now lifted.

**As you called your disciples
To come away with you,**
retreating from the crush of crowds,
pausing in their long work,
simply to rest, to reflect, to enjoy your company,
your words, your conversation, to enjoy
their fellowship with one another.

**So help us also, in this time of summer,
to carve out spaces merely to be still,
to be with you, to be together,
to be refreshed. Amen**

Memorials

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Janice Rike given by Ray & Nancy Spiller

Youth Fund:

In memory of Bert Robinson given by anonymous donation

Committee Meetings for July

Trustees:

Monday, July 10th - 5:30 p.m.

Preschool:

Tuesday, July 11th - 11:00 a.m.

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

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.



**See Prayer List Update
Prayer Concerns page**

Newsletter

Some of you receive a printed newsletter each month if you would prefer to be on the newsletter e-mail list please call the church office 256 -3632 or email administrator@fumc-many.com

Also if you would like to be on the email list for prayer concerns or other information let me know

If you are on the list and do not want to receive these emails let me know

Thanks, Marilyn

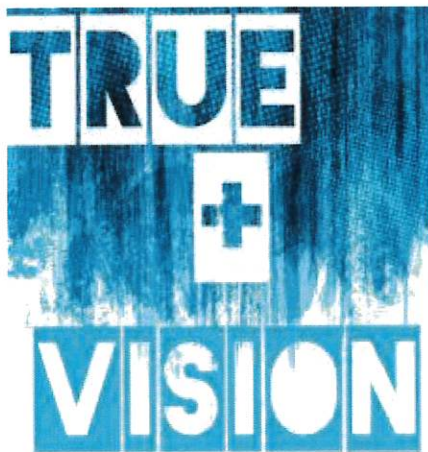
Our Youth in Discipleship

Harvest Now Camp - Resolve 2023

July 3 - 7, 2023

7th - 12th Graders

It's a yearly tradition for our youth group: a week of worship, Bible study, fellowship, recreation, and local missions. They will be spending Monday-Thursday nights in the FLC, so if you are able to chaperone on one of those nights, please let us know. And please pray for the youth & counselors this week.



Twists & Turns VBS 2023

Many thanks to all adults and youth who served as leaders in "Twists & Turns" VBS. It was a joyful time of learning to follow Jesus: "Following Jesus changes everything!" For more snapshots, please visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ManyFirstUMC/>





Disciple Now Weekend: "So Much More"

August 4-6, 2023

9th - 12th Graders

The D-NOW weekend retreat is designed to deepen teens' relationships with Christ, each other, and our home congregation. Youth will participate in worship, music, small group Bible study, and fun, plus an afternoon at the Wildwood Water Park.

Here's how you can help:

- **Open your homes** --_Host families are needed where 4-6 youth and a counselor can "sleep-over" for 2 nights. If you have a spare bedroom or two, we can provide extra sleeping bags and/or cots. Host families will need to provide 2 breakfasts and late-night snacks, plus transportation to and from the church for daytime activities.
- **Serve meals at the church** – The youth will have 2 suppers and 2 lunches in the Family Life Center. Cooks needed.
- **Pray!** – Let's send our teens back to school with a clear sense of God's power and our support in their challenges. We are their church family!

Please call or text Nancy Spiller (318-315-2356) to offer your help!

July 2023

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PRAYER CONCERNS

July 2023

Church Members

Family of Church Members

Friends of our Community

Jason & Diane Davis
(Amanda Lambert's cousins
& niece)
Ward Whitfield
(Carole Troha's brother)

To keep our Prayer List current, we plan to **RE-SET** it at the beginning of every month.

If you know someone who needs to be placed on or remain on the prayer list for another month, please call the church office at 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin. He may be reached by cell phone 318 614 5050 or send him an e-mail: rev.coplin@gmail.com.

Please do not respond to e-mail prayer concerns from the office. E-mail prayer concerns are for your information only. Please check your church directory for individual e-mail addresses so you can respond directly. If you need an e-mail address please call the office.

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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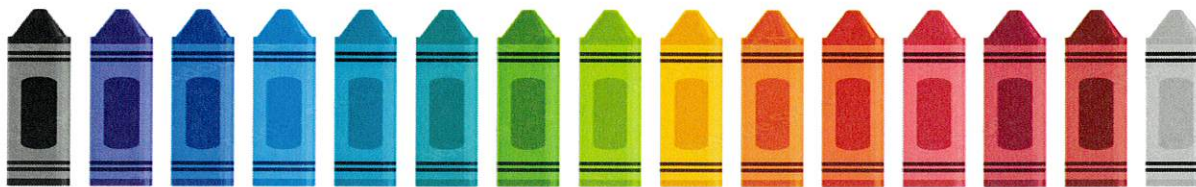
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SUNGLASSES
SWIM
SWING
VACATION



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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