



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2023

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Church,

Though this heat shows no sign of relent, this month marks the start of fall for many of our people. As we look forward to cooler days, I want to take a moment to share a few highlights from this long, hot summer. We have certainly had our struggles, but First United Methodist Church of Many continues to be a positive presence in our community and a people with whom to grow in faith.

First, I would like you to know that the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church convened in June with an emphatic message of hope. Our newly consecrated Bishop, Delores Williamston, demonstrated compassion, competence, and infectious excitement which energized laity and clergy alike. I am truly encouraged by some of her early initiatives and earnestly believe she has potential to be the leader we need right now. Please spare a prayer for our annual conference and its leadership. There is so much work to do!

You have probably noticed that we continue in a season of congregational growth. Our study on the Book of Jonah challenged assumptions and invited us to grow our trust for God's unrelenting grace. And in the more literal sense of growth, we welcomed three new members: Chris Champion, Linda Ward, and Halley Wilson! I am beyond grateful for the presence of these ladies and the way they show confidence and dedication to the ministry of FUMC through membership. I also want to convey a special word of gratitude for our longtime member, Mrs. Janice Rike, and her astounding act of generosity in leaving her home to our church as she moved on to her forever home. Look inside this newsletter for more information regarding how this remarkable gift will grow us in our mission.

Finally, as summer break for Sabine Parish Schools draws to a close, FUMC will soon be hosting our very first D-Now retreat weekend for youth! This exciting event offers opportunity for young people to come together, grow in their faith, and build deeper connections with Christ and one another. It will be a time to celebrate, support, and encourage our youth as they launch into the joys and challenges of a new school year. This ambitious event requires many volunteers. So, to you who will lead a small group, host overnight stays, or provide copious meals and snacks that growing folk need, I give my sincere thanks. As the body of Christ, I ask that we pray for our youth and support them in any way we are able during this event.

Presently, youth ministry is our primary means of impacting our community for the Kingdom of God. We aim not only to instruct them in the ways of our faith, but also to equip them to be positive influences in their schools, neighborhoods, and families. By investing in their spiritual growth and providing them with opportunities to experience God's love in tangible ways, we are sowing seeds that will bear fruit for years to come. So, whether you contribute directly to our youth ministry or indirectly by serving elsewhere in our church, I want you to know that you are instrumental to our mission of making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

In closing, I encourage you to continue in prayer for our church and to invite others to come along for the journey. May you know anticipation and joy as we worship, grow, and serve together for the Kingdom of God.

Grace and peace,

Brian

## Memorials

### FLC Memorial Fund:

In memory of Janet Tannehill Fowler given by Billy & Becky Lafitte

In memory of Odis Faust given by Billy & Becky Lafitte

### Committee Meetings for August

#### Trustees:

Monday, August 14th - 5:30 p.m.

#### Nominating Committee:

Sunday, August 20th - 11:00 a.m.

#### Administrative Council:

Monday, August 28th - 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.

### Beginning Monday, August 21, 2023

### Church Office Hours will go back to

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Sabine Parish Schools begin

Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Preschool- Open House

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 -3:00 pm

Preschool begins

Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Word from Trustees.....

As some of you know, Janice Rike, a long-time church member, donated her house to the church last year. She passed away in June of this 2023.

The trustees have taken possession of the house and assimilated it into our church property. The house is 2082 sq. ft, heated with a double carport and storage room, two bedrooms with two baths.

We have purchased insurance, transferred the utilities, and arranged for pest service and lawn care. The house has been inspected for needed repairs and has undergone a real estate market evaluation.

We are currently forming teams to handle minor repairs and to dispose of items left in the house. A house cat and three feral cats remain at the house. Any advice on catching cats would help.

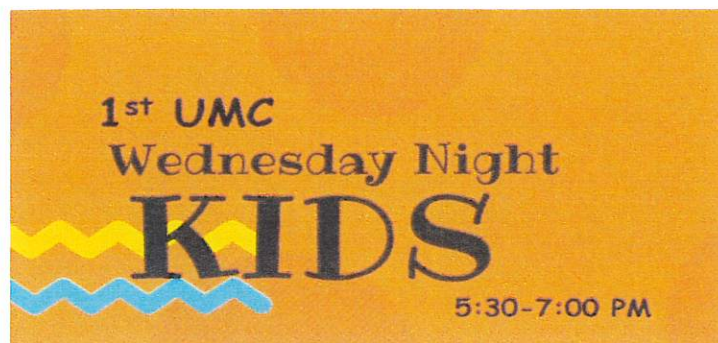
We are also working with our new District Superintendent to schedule a church-wide meeting to determine the property disposition.

If you have any questions, please call or text Kenneth Ammons, Trustee Chair at 318-315-0605.





First United Methodist Church of Many  
1000 Main Street



Beginning Again!  
Ages PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**Wednesday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 5:30-7:00**

Bible Stories and Play Time  
led by Mrs. Sarah Erwin

Back-to-School Pool Party  
Ages PreK - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Sunday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**@ Home of Lane & Sara Isgitt**  
**1205 Forest Lane, Many, LA**  
**Parents Invited, Too!**



**CHILDREN'S**  
*Sunday School*

**EVERY Sunday Morning @ 9:00**

in Fellowship Hall

Teachers:

Mrs. Vicki Simpson

Mrs. Gail Thomas

Mrs. Halley Wilson

# back 2 school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near  
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."  
*Amen.*

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*August 2023*

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# PRAYER CONCERNS

## August 2023

### Church Members

Bobbie Kratz

### Family of Church Members

Sandra Bishop

**David Cox**

**(Linda Boudreaux's brother)**

Jason & Diane Davis

(Amanda Lambert's cousins  
& niece)

**Jason Fluitt**

**Judy Boudreaux Jones**

**(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)**

**Tyler Mason**

**(Ted & Carolyn Dove's great  
grandson)**

**Buck Phillips**

**(Carolyn Gates brother-in-law)**

Ward Whitfield

(Carole Troha's brother)

### Friends of our Community

Norman Booker

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](mailto:rev.coplin@gmail.com).

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concerns are for your information only.  
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individual e-mail addresses so you can  
respond directly. If you need an e-mail  
address please call the office.