



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear Church,

I pray these words find you well! This new month begins with a sense of thanksgiving for new and exciting things happening among our people. I truly believe God has been inviting us deeper into worship and ministry to our surrounding community.

We closed October together by answering a call to prayer. One way we are helping one another in this endeavor is by setting a daily alarm at noon so that we might pray as a church wherever we are. This prayer initiative allows us to jointly express our gratitude for His many blessings and to pray earnestly for His Spirit to fill our church to overflowing into our surrounding community. My thanks to Bro. Chad for reminding me that prayer is key to seeking God's vision for our church and participating in His work among us.

This past Sunday, we came together for a long-anticipated church conference, resulting in a unanimous decision to undertake a more streamlined and transparent governance structure. This is a major step towards efficiency and accountability, reflecting our commitment to stewarding the resources and gifts entrusted to us. In the same spirit of unity and responsibility, we voted to allocate the generous bequest from Mrs. Janice Rike to our major repair fund, which will do much to sustain our sizable facilities. The day concluded with a celebratory lunch, which afforded us a purposeful time of fellowship and a fitting end to a significant day.

Looking forward, I envision a church community less bogged down by administrative details and more engaged in vibrant ministry. The change in governance is a foundational step towards this vision, but we turn our attention now to the work ahead of us. In our immediate future, supporting a sustainable budget that aligns with our vision and core values is a challenge we must rise to meet, all while trusting in God's guidance and provision.

I want to conclude by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for steadfast loyalty and unwavering commitment to our church, come what may. Your dedication is a Godsend to our community. Together, we are taking small steps toward building something that truly reflects God's Kingdom. I hope you will join me in beginning this new month of thanksgiving with renewed purpose, eager anticipation, and a heart full of praise for the God who sustains and blesses us from His abundance.

Grace and peace,

Brian

MEMORIALS:

FLC Memorial:

In memory Grace Kelsey given by Billy & Becky Lafitte

In memory Cibdy Wright given by Billy & Becky Lafitte

Committee Meetings for November 2023

Administrative Council:

Monday, November 27th - 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Financial Update

Amount Needed Monthly: \$19,648.00

Received in September: \$10,487.00

Received in October: \$24,571.00

Thanksgiving Food Collection

While many of us are blessed to have a full table at Thanksgiving, surrounded by family, friends and food, others are not so fortunate.

Help to make someone else's Thanksgiving better by donating the following items to our little free pantry in November:

Stuffing or dressing mix
Cornbread mix
Cranberry sauce
Canned vegetables
Canned sweet potatoes
Instant mashed potato packets
Gravy packets
Pumpkin pie filling

Thank you for everyone who has brought food for pantry. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.
Kristie and Cathy

Sunday Movie Matinee

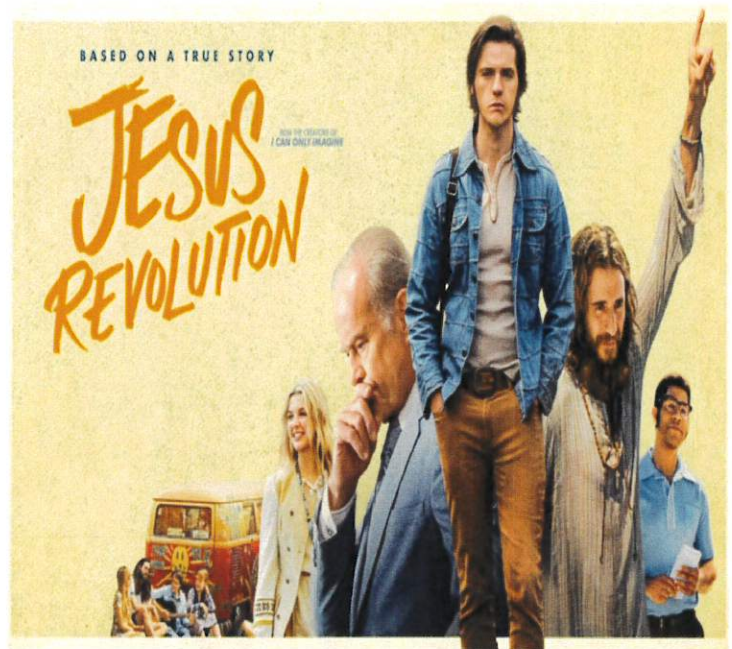
Sponsored by

1st UMC Youth Group

NOV. 12th @ 2:00 p.m.

Many Community Center

(Old Sabine Theater)



FREE Admission - Popcorn & Concessions \$1

What miracles can happen when a church truly opens its doors to EVERYONE?

Childcare will be provided for ages 3-12 at 1st UMC.

To reserve a childcare spot, text or call 318-315-2356.

Sunshine Kids were busy kids in October. Wrapped the month up with a Halloween party.



A Prayer for Thanksgiving

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty, and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common bush is aflame with your glory. O God our creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

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Church Members

Zelma Broussard
Monica Coplin
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)
Buck Phillips
(Carolyn Gates brother-in-law)
**Family of Murlee Walker
Wilbanks (Carolyn Gates
mother)**

Friends of our Community

Glen Graham
Joyce Hay
Sharla Meyers

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.

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concerns from the office. E-mail prayer
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.