



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
812 KIRKMAN STREET
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Save the Date

March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 5	Palm Sunday/Confirmation
April 6	Men's Steak Night
April 9	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 12	Easter
April 25	Priscilla Shirer Simulcast
May 9	Day of Caring

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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 10:45 AM

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU EACH SUNDAY!

February 2 "Can I Trust the Bible?"
Psalm 119: 105-109 and II Timothy 3: 16-17

February 9 "How Can I Be Saved?"
Romans 10: 5-13

February 16 "Why Is There So Much Disagreement
Among Christians?"
Mark 9: 38-48

February 23 "How Can I Believe in Creation and
Science?"
Genesis 1:1-5

March 1 "Five Prayers That Will Change Your Life"
Luke 18:1-8

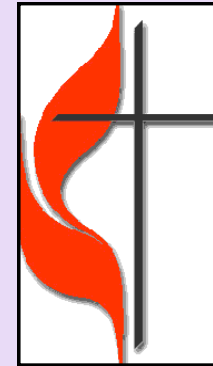
March 8 "Jesus and a Woman Who Touched the Hem
of His Garment"
Mark 5:21-34

March 15 "Jesus and a Crippled Woman"
Luke 13:10-17

March 22 UMW Sunday
Rev. Gloria Fowler

March 29 "Jesus and the Man Crippled for 38 Years"
John 5:1-10

April 5 "The Darkest Day in History"
Luke 23:32-38



Senior Pastor
Rev. Weldon Bares

Associate Pastor
Rev. Katie Black

Sunday Worship
8:30 Contemporary
9:40 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch NOON-1
p.m. daily
Ph. 337-436-6656
www.fumclc.org

Carpenter's Helpers
337-436-6656
Assistance with non-emergency
home repairs. Leave a
message and someone will
contact you.

A Pastor's Reflection
Look for Rev. Weldon's weekly
article every Thursday in the
American Press and also on
the church website.

Perceptions Ministry
KYKZ 96.1
HOT 103.3
ROCK 101.3
KQLK 97.9

100.5FM, KELB
Our worship service is
broadcast each Sunday
morning at 8:00 a.m. on
100.5FM, KELB.

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Ministries Covenant
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FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020

A WORD FROM WELDON



"Did You Know?"

- We had 1,102 in worship on Christmas Eve as we celebrated the birth of Christ.
- Our commitment campaign in November with over \$1.3 million in pledges was the largest in our history, coming so close to fully funding our budget with just our pledges.
- Our 2020 budget for the church actually decreased by 1%, but our outreach and mission support increased by 10.9%. This reflects who we are and what we are about: serving others in the name of Christ.
- We welcomed 63 new members in 2019.
- We offer live-streaming of both morning worship services, so anyone can worship with us on-line from anywhere in the world on our website:
- Each Sunday in February we will sing much-loved hymns from the Cokesbury Hymnal during our Traditional Service.
- Our church-wide Bible study leading up to Holy Week will be, "The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days."
- We reach out to our community on 4 local radio stations with "Perceptions," during prime driving time, 7:30 - 7:45 AM.

I am so thankful for you . . . and your faithfulness to the church.

I hope to see you in church this Sunday morning at 8:30 or 10:45 as we continue our series on *"Challenging Questions in a Skeptical Age."* God bless you!

Weldon Bares
Senior Pastor

A Word From Katie



In the process to becoming ordained, you have to get used to sitting through a lot of interviews. If I had a list of unpleasant, but sometimes necessary things in life, I think I'd rank interviews right around root canals. But there was one thing I'll never forget about all those interviews. From the time we signed in until right before we left, we would all have our official nametags to show we were in the process.

There was one interview that was rumored to be particularly rough to get through in the process. When I arrived, I saw that my name tag had little notes written on the back. The class that was about to be ordained, who had finished up their last sets of interviews, had been in before us, and they took the time to flip over our name tags, and each write a small note of encouragement for us to see before we went into the room.

It was such a small gesture, but it meant the world to us. It meant that someone out there who had been there, done that, and bought the T-shirt, later found the time to look back, and pray for us and encourage us too. I wore that name tag into the interview like it was a talisman, protecting me against any dangers that would lie ahead in the interview. And when the time came for my last interview, I made sure to show up early, pen in hand, ready to pay it forward to the next class.

Never forget the impact that just a simple word of encouragement or a prayer can make, when we take the time to lift someone up.

Cokesbury Songs of Faith Month - Each Sunday in February

Join us each Sunday in February at the 10:45 service as we sing hymns out of the Cokesbury Worship Hymnal.



Worship Under the Stars

Friday, February 7

6 pm

Meet at Church Parking Lot

No Cost

We'll travel to our local church camp, Uskichitto Retreat Center (URC), for an outdoor acoustic worship service. A light meal will be served beforehand and we'll end with smores over the camp fire. Camp URC is less than an hour away just outside of Kinder, La. Transportation is provided or you can drive separately. Contact Melonie Himel for more information at melonie.himel@fumclc.org.

Prayer Walk

Sunday February 9

4:30 pm

Meet at Contemporary Worship Center



We love living in Lake Charles, Louisiana, no doubt about it. In this prayer walk, we will see Lake Charles in a different way, and cover her with prayer. At each downtown stop, we will learn a little bit about the history and purpose of that space, and then pray for that specific location. We will start at the church and visit buildings such as the Episcopal Day School, US District Courthouse, Temple Sinai, KPLC-TV, Empire of the Seed and the Cathedral. The walk will end with dinner at the Panorama Music House (Dutch treat) around 6 pm. Be sure to wear walking shoes. For more information contact Melonie in the church office at melonie.himel@fumclc.org.



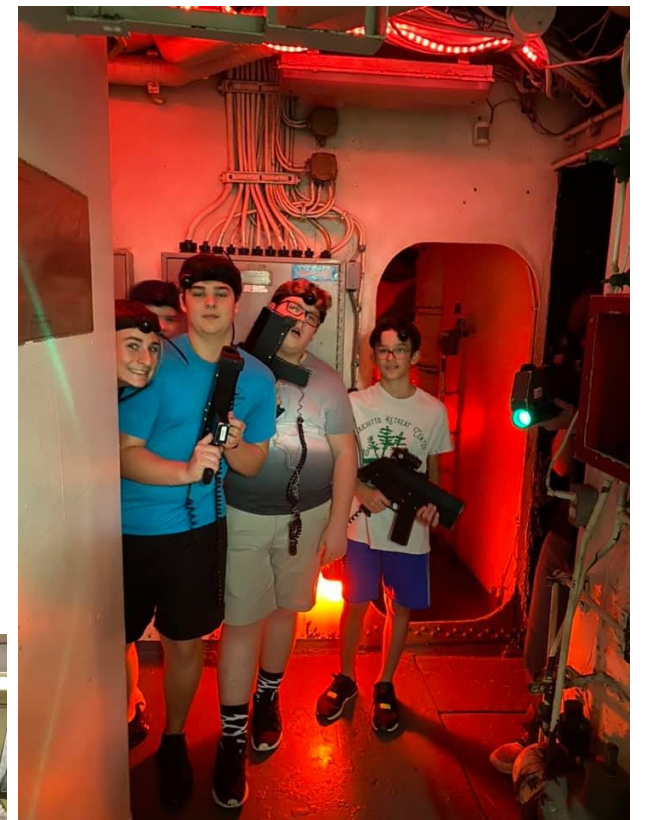
YOUTH— Grades 6-12

Sundays — Youth Wing-3rd floor

Sunday School: 9:40-10:30 am

Youth Praise Band: 3:30-4 pm

Youth Ignite: 4:00-5:30 pm



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Youth Directors: Allison Marino, allison.marino@fumclc.org
Glenn Miller, glenn.miller@fumclc.org

Church Tour
 Sunday, March 1
 9:40 am
 Meet in the Sanctuary



If you'd like to learn a little bit more about the history of our church and would like to check out our church facility, come join us. You'll get to see our beautiful Sanctuary, the basement, the Prayer Room, the organ chamber, the Chapel, Paxton Hall, and the Worship Center. Hope you can join us. Tour will take 45 minutes to an hour.

Methodism 101

Sundays, March 8 & 15
 9:45 - 10:30 am
 Room 111



If you are visiting our church, are a recent new member, or are a long-time church member and want to learn more about the Methodist faith we invite you to join us as we look at the history, beliefs, and traditions of the church. Classes will be led by Rev. Weldon.

Lenten Bible Study: "The Passion Play: Living the Story of Christ's Last Days"

Sundays, March 8, 15, 22, 29
 5 pm meal/5:30 pm study
 Paxton Hall



With few exceptions, the Oberammergau Passion Play has been presented by the inhabitants of a village in Bavaria, Germany every 10 years since 1634. The play is a staging of Jesus' Passion story, covering the final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem to the journey to the cross. In this study, author and pastor Rob Fuquay follows the biblical story of the Passion and how it has been experienced through the centuries against the backdrop of this amazing play. This study will take us on a journey to the origins of the Passion Play and help us understand how the play has been used both as a ritual of praise and later as a weapon through its anti-Semitic past. Join us this Lent and experience a season of spiritual growth and renewal. The study will be lead by Rev. Weldon and include video clips and small group discussion.



Ladies Lunch and Learn
 Mondays, March 9, 16, 23, 30
 12 noon
 Pioneer Club
 Led by Rev. Katie

Our Topic: ABC's: Art-Bible Connection - We will be examining famous works of art from Michelangelo to DaVinci to Rembrandt and others to learn about the pieces, their meanings, and the Biblical connections that they hold for us.

First Steps

Sundays, March 22
 9:45 am - 10:30 am
 Room 111

This is the 3rd class in a series for our visitors and new members to meet with Rev. Weldon to talk about the ministries of the church, Sunday School classes, fellowship events where you can get to know others in the First Methodist church family and get involved.



NEW MEMBERS



Majed Khamis
 October 20, 2019



Jerry & Tina Baus
 & Parker
 October 21, 2019



Jeremy &
 Alexandria Allen
 October 27, 2019



Ryan & Nikki
 Fontenot
 Maci & Ellie
 October 27, 2019



Katri Richard
 November 3, 2019



Wayne & Vickie
 Huckeba
 November 10, 2019



Barry Barnett
 December 22, 2019



Cathie LaGrange
 December 22, 2019



Gary LaGrange
 December 29, 2019



Anita Isbell
 December 29, 2019

BAPTISMS:



Sophie Grace Theard
 October 13, 2018



Grady Michael Richard
 November 3, 2018



Molly Kate Albert
 November 10, 2019

NEW BIRTHS:

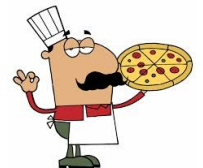
Adaline Claire Cook—October 22, 2019
 Gracyn James Bice—November 11, 2019
 Charlotte Cesar—December 31, 2019

IN MEMORIUM:

David Schmutz—October 8, 2019
 Cindy Richard—October 18, 2019
 Betty Swift—October 21, 2019
 Martha Fuller—November 21, 2019
 Mary Ann Monk—December 12, 2019

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

Sunday, March 22
 NOON
 Room 109



If you have been visiting First Methodist and have decided to make it your new church home, join us for this brief gathering to learn about church membership, meet our staff, and enjoy lunch together. We will have a brief joining service at the close of our time together for those that have decided to join the First Methodist family. If you have any questions, contact Melinda Losey, Guest & Membership Care Coordinator, 436.6656 or melinda.losey@fumcl.org.



Houston Astros vs. Texas Rangers Day Trip by Charter Bus

Saturday, June 27
 \$57 (game ticket & seat on bus)

Our annual trip to see the Astros is an exciting one this year... they will host the Texas Rangers at 3:10 pm. This game will sell out fast so we have to act earlier this year. We have 45 spots available, so sign up today! To keep this trip as affordable as possible, we will all sit in section 413 (3rd base side). We'll leave at 10 am, eat lunch before the game, and return to the church around 9 pm. Contact Melonie Himel at melonie.himel@fumcl.org or 436-6656.



Journey to Ireland with Rev. Weldon March 11-20, 2021

YOU are invited to join us on a special trip to Ireland on March 11-20, 2021. Contact the church office for more information if you are interested in the trip!

J.A.M. Jesus and Me Children's Ministry News

Ann Courville

Director of Children's Ministries

337.436.6656 or ann.courville@fumcl.org

Upcoming Events for Kids:

Bell Choir



Bell choir practice every Sunday at 3:30 pm in the Bell Choir Room (Room 203).

Sunday School is every Sunday from 9:40-10:30 am in the Children's Wing. Children ages 3 thru 5th grade are invited!



Valentine's Day PARTY

Children's Valentine's Day Party
Friday, February 14
5:30-9 pm
Children's Wing (2nd Floor)



Financial Peace University Sundays, February 9 - April 5 2-3:30 pm in Paxton Hall

This course includes a workbook and nine video lessons featuring Dave Ramsey, Rachel Cruze, and Chris Hogan. It is facilitated by Melissa and Brad Kohler, who practice this program daily! Lessons include topics such as: Build a Starter Emergency Fund and Learn How to Budget, Pay Off All Debt, Save a Fully Funded Emergency Fund, Invest for the Future and Build Wealth, Buyer Beware, The Role of Insurance, Retirement Planning, Real Estate and Mortgages and Living and Giving Like No One Else. Cost is ~\$129 per household. **Exciting news:** Grant funds are still available from the United Methodist Foundation; so, if we have 20+ participants, each household will receive a check for \$333 for completing the course successfully. To register, go to www.fumcl.org/fpu. For more information, contact Melisa Kohler at 274-1291 or nurse0melissa@yahoo.com.

Pastor's Reflection Sunday

February 9, 2020

A Pastor's Reflection...



Rev. Weldon's weekly articles in the American Press are a vital part of our outreach ministry here at First United Methodist Church. They share the essence of the Good News of Christ far beyond the walls of the church. "A Pastor's Reflection" is funded entirely with your generous donations instead of the operating budget. On *Pastor's Reflection Sunday - February 9* - we offer you the opportunity to sponsor a week for \$250, a month for \$1000 or donate any amount you feel led to contribute. Support A Pastor's Reflection and help us change hearts for Jesus Christ!

Sunday School



Sunday School at FUMC - Let's hit 223 by 2/23!!!!

Sunday School is the easiest way to get involved in our church community. It is an opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with God through Bible study, small group discussion and fellowship. Sometimes people think Sunday School is just for children and youth, but did you know we have 9 adult Sunday school groups at FUMC?

In February we want to challenge you...

- Visit a couple of class until you find one that fits.
- If you already attend Sunday School, invite someone from worship to visit your class.

Can we hit 223 in Sunday School by 2/23? Yes we can! For more information on specific classes, contact Melonie or Melinda in the church office at 436-6656!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 26

12:00 pm service in the Sanctuary followed by a light lunch in Paxton Hall

6:00 pm service in the Sanctuary



DMA - Don't Mention Age Adult Luncheon

Thursdays, February 27 & March 26

11:30 am

Paxton Hall

\$7 for meal

DMA (Don't Mention Age) is a lunch program for adults of all ages to come together for a time of fellowship. Each month a different program is provided to entertain, encourage, or educate. For more information, contact the church office at 436-6656.