

“Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher, Rooted in God’s Love”

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**August 2018 Newsletter**

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Last fall Ed and Jo Ann asked me to be the Lay Leader for 2018. After a great deal of prayer, I agreed. The first of the year brought several health challenges to Danny and I and I did not feel as though I was following through on this path. After again talking to Ed and Jo Ann, I decided to move forward in this role. I am blessed to be on the Lay Leadership Committee with other great leaders in our church. Some of you have spoken to one of them recently about committee positions in the next few years. This is one of the things I see as such a positive for our church. As we discussed in a meeting, some of us have been on committees forever or were rotated off and not notified. This is changing. Committee membership is an opportunity to serve and help grow our church. One committee you are welcome to attend is the Church Council that meets quarterly. Date and times are listed in the newsletter.

Summer is almost over and we will begin Wednesday night bible studies soon. If you have not been involved in these before, new opportunity studies will begin for the fall. Information about the classes is in this newsletter, so look for that! I have found these studies help me to learn more about my Bible and to discuss with others questions that arise. It is a great time of fellowship and friendship. Another role of the Lay Leader is to be available to all church members. If you have concerns you want to discuss, I am available to listen and take it to the ministers if you do not want to do so yourself.

Hope to see you at one of the opportunities offered!

God Bless,  
Linda Bordelon

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**Welcome New Members!**



**Pat Holmes**



**Gerri Huffman**



**Richard & Julie Kretzsinger**



# Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse  
Director of Student Ministries



**CONVERENCE** by Maddie Barnette  
My first Convergence trip was amazing! While doing community work at Common Ground in Shreveport, it showed me I can serve others here at home. When we visited residents at area homeless camps I learned that I should be more grateful for what I have. While we were visiting the camps the people taught me that even though life can be hard, God will help you through it.



**BIGSTUF** by Sarah Baudin  
At Big Stuf, in Panama City Beach, Florida, there was no doubt that everyone in our group had their spiritual relationship with Christ strengthened. The worship services definitely brought the “dead” in us alive. Along with the sunny days, high tide, clear water, and a sandy beach, there was joy, fun, and most of all, LOVE! I’ve never seen our youth group so close before. We all know each other more than we ever have before. One of the things that was said in one of our sessions, stuck out to me “Jesus didn’t come to make bad things better, he came to make dead things alive!” Because of this week, I can proudly say that I’m joyful in the fact that I am learning to love the unlovable, I am alive in my faith, and I am a Child of God!



# Focus on Caring



## Assisted Living Friends

Christus St. Joseph Home, Monroe, LA—Joyce Lofton  
Brookdale Assisted Living, Alexandria, LA—Al Lauret  
Homestead Assisted Living, Houma, LA—Elaine Conerly  
Marigold Place– Mary Maddox  
Montclair Park Assisted Living, Shreveport, LA- Patti Wisenbaker  
Savannah Grand, West Monroe, LA—George & Elaine Telfero

## Nursing Home Friends

Hilltop– Meril Crawley  
The Oaks– Cecil Hammond  
Out of State– Willa Vee Messer, TX



- 2– Emily Barnett, Debbie Miguez
- 3– Lauren Gross
- 4– Melanie Carroll, Mollie Mount
- 5– George Gross, Willa Vee Messer
- 6– Martha Slaughter
- 7– Debbie Rollins
- 8– Dana Farrar, Anne Searcy
- 9– Ron Hoben, Sherri Berlin, Rhiannon Malone
- 10– Debbie Morrison, Hayley Dean
- 11– Dylan Nugent, Archie Stewart, Peter Ford, Rebecca Foote, Bella Walker
- 12– Andria Fontenot, Norma Randow
- 13– Traci Walker
- 14– Laura Lott, Beth Bratcher
- 15– Sara Alletag
- 16– Rebecca Brister
- 17– Cori Tassin, Jeremy Locke
- 18– Don Thomas, Grace Bell
- 19– Ed Cooper, Gavin Babcock, Kathy Wolfe, Joy Shelton, Ed Bratcher
- 20– Janet Miguez, Gene Cain, Chloe Slayter
- 22– Landon Terrell
- 23– Rosa Fields
- 24– Norman Bruce, Jacson O’Brien, Sharon Ware, George Findlay
- 25– Kathy Bonner, Elizabeth Shelton
- 26– Binnie Gauthier, Neil Crick, Evan O Brien, Julie Herring
- 27– April Bonner, Cara & Christa Jeansonne, John Babcock
- 28– Cameron James
- 29– Bill Morrison, Denise Dunn
- 30– Kevin Brazil, Esther Hill, Maegan Vallee, Roger Wright
- 31– Tim Lafosse, Michaela Davis

## Homebound Friends

Elaine Beck  
Ayme Beeson  
Marcy Bowen  
Rick Bryan  
Belinda Carner  
Geneva Clark  
Bernie Misner  
Joan Payne  
Marie Reech  
Virginia Smith  
Fred Tannehill



- 1– Jay & Jennifer Quinton
- 4– Chip & Bonnie White
- 5– David & Nicole Weir
- 7– Roane & Babs Hathorn
- 10– Jay & Tracy Slayter, Scott & Sharon Ware, Jim & Jewel Beisser
- 11– Wayne & Dottie Lindsey
- 13– Tim & Julie Lafosse
- 14– Dale & Shelley Doine
- 16– Joel & Lori Dinnat
- 18– Mike & Debbie Miguez, Charles & Marie White
- 21– George & DiAnn Stafford
- 23– Tommy & Virginia Reeves
- 24– Bill & Carol Simpson
- 28– Jacob & Erin Stroud
- 30– Buck & Jane Jones



**September Newsletter Deadline is Friday, August 17th**  
If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is August 17th. Anyone can submit a 250 word or less article by the deadline each month. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



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# Musically Speaking...

George Gross  
Director of Music

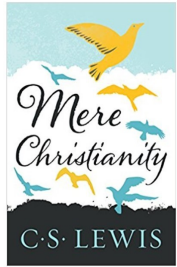


It cannot possibly be August already! Those of you with a long history at FUMC Pineville know that during the month of August we try and have a bit more music, especially singing the “old hymns” of the church. This year will not be any different.

Also, many of you might remember last year we had a lot of fun and a huge response when we invited everyone, anyone to come and “join” the choir. The first Sunday, we had over 60 people come up and PACKED the choir loft. It was Amazing. Out of that effort, 7 new people joined the choir. Amazing growth. I want to invite YOU to join us again this year. On August 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, all you need to do is leave your seat in the congregation when the choir comes into the Sanctuary and find a seat either in a chair or on the floor, (especially if you are a bit younger and can get up and down from the floor. LOL). You will join with us as we sing a couple of hymns/songs together and then return to your seat a little later during the service. If you have a song in your heart, that is all you need. Come and see what it looks like from the other side. Hope you will join us.

We did have growth, but also some loss, especially saying “so long” to Buck (and Jane) Jones. You will be missed.

Love, George



The New Horizons Class would like to invite you to join us for a study on Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis. Books will be available or you may purchase your own. Join us beginning August 26. We meet in the Family Life Center in the left corner. We'd enjoy having you!



ST. CHRISTINA  
NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER



**NEEDED!**  
**Men's gently worn, clean, CASUAL pants or sweatpants, all sizes, for our friends at St Christina's.**  
**Please place in box at church office area no later than September 1st.**  
**Thank you!**



Ice Cream Social for the residents of St. Christina's Rehab

**Saturday, August 11th @ 2:00pm**  
**St. Christina's Rehab in Wardville**  
**122 Hillsdale Drive, Pineville**

There are 109 residents, most without family, and they look forward to our visits, so make plans to attend. You will be blessed.

Contact Patti Woods 442.8881 or pdwoods@suddenlink.net for information.



**WANTED!!**

**BROWN and BLACK BELTS**

The CCW is collecting belts (BROWN OR BLACK ONLY) for Tioga Junior High School.

These are for the school to have on hand so students without belts are not in violation of the dress code and can remain at school. All sizes needed. Please place these in the purple donation bin located beneath the activity board outside of the Sanctuary.

# Kids' Focus

Niki Hoyt  
Director of Children's Ministries



Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



**Sunday, August 12th**  
**Blessing of the Backpacks and**  
**Teacher Recognition @ all Three Services**  
Bring backpacks, book bags, binders, briefcases to Blessing of The Backpacks. This is for all students elementary, junior high, high school, college, and faculty.



**Backpack Food Ministry!!**

**Goal: \$12,400**

We're partnering again with the Louisiana Food Bank School Backpack program to provide backpacks of food to children at Lessie Moore and the Pineville Youth Center on Fridays during the school year. Our goal is 80 backpacks at \$150 per backpack and \$400 to refurbish those backpacks in January.

Envelopes will be available in the bulletins in August.

Thank you in advance for your support of this very important ministry.

PFUMC kids have been hard at work during the month of July “living life like it matters!” Wacky Wednesdays have been about much more than movies and games and crafts! Each week kids participated in a mission project called “Loaves and Fishes Service Project!” The PFUMC kids prepared 48 family friendly freezer meals for local foster families that will be distributed with the help of the Foster Care Closet. They measured ingredients, chopped veggies, minced, diced, and stirred ingredients. What a beautiful example of being the hands and feet of Jesus!!! Join us in praying that each family who receives a meal will know that they are loved and supported!





WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

WNL  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

FAMILY • FELLOWSHIP • FAITH

PINEVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Meal: 4:30-5:45

Mission Possible Kids: 5:45-7:00

Youth 24/7: 5:45-7:00

Adult Classes: 6:00-7:00

Choir: 6:00

DISCIPLE

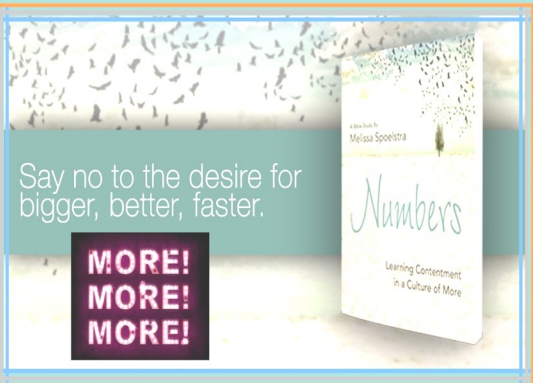
BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Disciple studies include daily reading, weekly group study, fellowship and prayer.  
Join us at the table! New groups are now forming and will begin in September.

We're peeling back the layers on the New Testament.

DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, personal Bible reading and study, and dynamic group discussion to aid in helping us understand the Bible. With titles like "Radical Discipleship", "Mounting Controversy", and "A Congregation In Ferment", you'll never look at the New Testament the same again.

Join us Wednesdays, September 5 at 5:30pm  
in the Large Conference Room.



Say no to the desire for bigger, better, faster.

**MORE! MORE! MORE!**

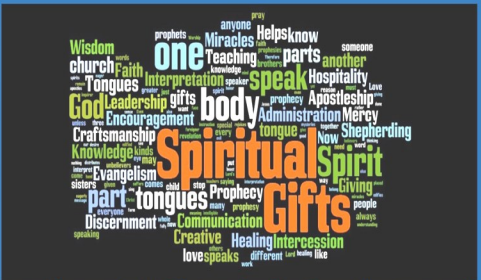
All around us, people are dancing to the steps of Bigger, Better, Faster. Before we realize it, we are caught up in the whirlwind of "More! More! More!". When, and where, will we ever find contentment? Ladies, join us on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5th at 6pm as we journey through the book of Numbers and discover contentment through our incredible God who truly is *more than enough*.



Family Night!!  
Burgers & Fries  
Jumpers

**BREAKING SILENCE**

Join Pastor Ed for an in-depth Bible study  
of Scriptural stories that challenge us to  
become silence-breakers in a day where  
pressure mounts to remain silent  
in order to protect the status-quo.  
Class begins Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 11:00am



We are often reminded that each of us has at least one spiritual gift. How do we discover that gift? Why does it matter? Does God hold us accountable for cultivating that gift?

Join us for a 6-week study as we discover what our individual gifts are and what our individual gifts are not!

Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 5th from 6-7pm

OR

Sundays, beginning Sept. 9th from 4-5pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

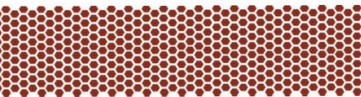
What is MOMSNEXT?

When we're past the diaper years and sleeping through the night ...

When we're meeting more emotional needs than physical ones ...

When we're caught between our children needing us and not ...

**It's time for MOMSnext.**



FIND YOUR MOM TRIBE

Meetings are at 5:45pm  
every Wednesday night  
starting at the end of August  
at Pineville First United  
Methodist Church

As kids grow, moms can lose themselves as their lives begin to revolve around their school-aged children. Our MOMSnext group builds circles of women who will shape you, ground you, teach you, and encourage you. It's a place to remember who you are and discover who you are becoming.



The Life After Divorce  
Group meets Wednesday  
nights at 6PM in the Etc.  
Classroom, and is open to  
anyone experiencing  
divorce or a broken  
relationship.



I SCREAM  
YOU SCREAM  
WE ALL  
SCREAM

*Of course we do, we're moms!*

Join us for ice cream and the scoop on MOPS and MomsNext.  
on **August 29th** at **5:45pm** at  
**Pineville First United Methodist Church**  
(Fellowship Hall)  
2550 Monroe Hwy  
Pineville, LA 71360  
For more information  
please contact Kayla Lemmons  
at **318-715-9440** or e-mail  
**pfumcmops@gmail.com**  
You can find us on Facebook under  
**Pineville FUMC MOPS/ MomsNext.**  
**Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)**

Live Expectantly\*Surrender Daringly\*Breathe Freely




pfumcmops@gmail.com

<http://www.mops.org/groups/pfumcmops>

Facebook: PFUMC MOPS and MOMSnext Support




UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

 **STONE SOUP MINISTRY**

When: Sunday, August 5th  
Time: 4:00-5:00PM  
Where: Virginia Soprano Homeless Resource Center,  
1515 Jackson Street

We provide a time of worship, sharing,  
as well as a light sack meal,  
to those who can't come to us.  
We hope you'll make time for this outreach  
ministry. You will leave feeling greatly blessed!

 **Breakfast — Sunday, Aug. 5th**  
**7:00am, Fellowship Hall**

Our guest speaker this month is Dr. Cynthia  
Thomas who will be talking about suicide  
prevention awareness.  
We hope you will be able to join us.

**Coffee and Conversation with Women**  
**Monday, August 13th, 9:45am,**  
**Meet in the church parking lot**

We're going to the Rapides Parish Library in Alexandria  
for a demo of the 3D Printer!  
Will be a fun time you won't want to miss!

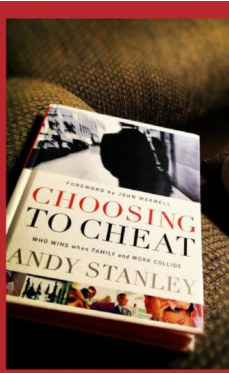


 **United Methodist Women**  
**PATH OF HOPE IN ACTION**

**Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings Circle**  
will meet **Tuesday, August 21st**  
at **10:00 am** in the Parlor.



We need five volunteers to serve at  
Manna House on Friday,  
August 24th from  
11:00am-1:00pm  
2655 Lee Street in Alexandria  
If you are able to serve, contact the church office.



Hey you! Join us for  
Redemption Book  
Club  
Tuesday, August 28th,  
6pm

Choosing To  
Cheat

Contact Bonnie White for more info  
basnmw@gmail.com/318.451.6728

