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Pineville First United Methodist Church
February 2020 Newsletter

"Living Life Like It Matters"

Words cannot express the love which fills my heart for all that this congregation has offered Jo and me over these last several months. Through Jo's transition as Pastor of Gretna UMC, the upheaval of the tornado, the trip to Israel--through it all--you've not only loved us but you've demonstrated that love in word and deed. Thank you.

February marks the return of a much beloved "ministry" of our church--the collection of teddy bears for CASA. These bears will provide comfort to children who have, unfortunately, experienced trauma in their young lives. These bears will be our "special guests" for worship during the month of February and we will offer a blessing over them on Sunday, February 23rd!

On a personal note, thank you for the outpouring of love, support, and encouragement as we transition into this "new season." It's incredibly affirming to know that so many are willing to do whatever it takes to get the work done. But that doesn't really surprise any of us, does it? Woven into the fabric of our community of faith is a spirit that is willing to work, share, give, and go the second mile. It's the highest of honors to be your pastor.

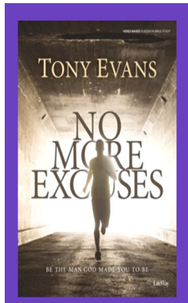
Lent is upon us! We anticipate a season of confession, of releasing, of preparation, so that the celebration of Resurrection Sunday 2020 might fill our lives not just for one day out of the year but might truly mark who we are--Resurrection people!

Pastor Ed Cooper

Welcome New Members!

Jeremy, Dana, & Charlie Simmons

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS



United Methodist Men
Monday Night Matters

Mondays,
February 3rd & 17th at 6:00PM
Good News Classroom
Join us as we study *No More Excuses* by Tony Evans.
Men of all ages are invited.

DMA (Don't Mention Age) Luncheon
Will meet
Tuesday, February 4th at Noon.
Bring a covered dish and join us!

Coffee and Conversation with Women (CCW)

Thursday, February 6th at 10:00am
at Fort Randolph.
We'll meet at Ft. Randolph for tea and a knitting lesson.
Bring #5 and #7 knitting needles if you have them. Yarn will be provided.

We are having a King Cake Party for the residents of St. Christina's Rehab on

Saturday, February 8th at 2:00pm

St. Christina's Rehab- 122 Hillsdale Drive, Pineville

You will be blessed!

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

United Methodist Women
FAITH·HOPE·LOVE IN ACTION

Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings Circle will meet Tuesday, February 18th at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Hope to see some of you ladies there.

Focus on Caring

Assisted Living Friends

Brookdale Senior Living, Alexandria, LA—Barbara Drago
Brookdale, Shreveport, LA—Marcy Bowen
Christus St. Joseph Home, Monroe, LA— Joyce Lofton
Homestead Assisted Living, Houma, LA—Elaine Conerly
Marigold Place, Alexandria, LA – Mary Maddox
Montclair Park Assisted Living, Shreveport, LA- Patti Wisenbaker
Savannah Grand, West Monroe, LA—Elaine Tellifero

Homebound Friends

Elaine Beck
Ayme Beeson
Geneva Clark
Flash Gordon
Bernie Misner
Marie Reech
Virginia Smith
Fred Tannehill

Nursing Home Friends

Matthews Memorial, Alexandria, LA—Belinda Carner, Albert Dean
Naomi Heights, Alexandria, LA—Ken Cox
Tioga Manor, Pineville, LA—Francis "Bo" Smith

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1– Beth Flaherty, Judy Gross, Alia Johnson
2– Brandi Nugent, Melvalyn Terrell
3– Freddie Carter, Lamuel Holmes
5- Jessica Cosenza
6– Fred Tannehill, Tracy Slayter
7– Sonia Hagaman, Tracy Alletag Jr.
8– Vanessa Graves
9– Marie Simpson, Dale Bordelon, Dwaine Clark
10– Victoria Thomson, Martha Gordon
12– Linda Martin. Michael Lott
13– Thomas Eikenberry, Zina Ford
14– Darren Barron, Ashley Rhodes
16– Alzeda Spears, Hanna Walker, Joe Hoover, Andrew Beaman, Lindell Edwards
19– Elizabeth Babcock, Aaron Christie, Lila Jeter
20– Eric Smith
21– Steven McKay, Judy Edwards
22– Skip Collard
23– Dolores Brooks, Shirley Snyder, Pearl Mais, Doris Scroggs
24– Nathan Doine
26– Lori Dinnat
28– Mark Conley

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1– George & Alice Pharis
4– Larry & Glenda Crawford
12– Billy & Lisa Fuller
18– Charles Jr. & Joelle Flaherty
20– Sean & Samantha Manning, Bill & Catherine Wiley
25– Mark & Renee Conley

Upcoming Meetings

DMA (Don't Mention Age) Luncheon—Tuesday, February 4th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Estelle Dameron/Betty Cummings Circle– Tuesday, February 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

Church Council Meeting– Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m.

"Living Life Like It Matters"

George Gross
Director of Music

Musically Speaking...

There are certain times of the year that it is very easy to write an article and then there are times like this. We had a Worship Committee meeting the other night and the one thing I can always report is: there will be music. Yes, there will always be music on Sunday. Familiar hymns, (some fast and some slow), new hymns, anthems we have been singing for years or something very new. Your pastors and I always try to sing tunes that you know, but at times we learn new tunes because the words of the hymn/song fit exactly our pastors' message.

OK, you say? Why all of this? Singing is a great part of worship. All of our hearts, minds, souls and voices together in one voice, singing praise to God. That's what it's all about. The worship (music) is not about us, it's about HIM! It's about saying we praise You, we love You, we need You and thank You.

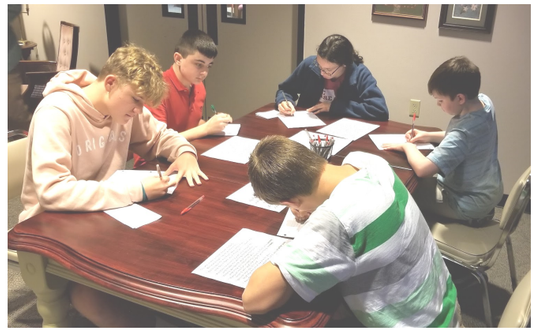
Done preachin'. Easter is right around the corner and by the time you read this, we'll be rehearsing music for Easter. I have been inviting you for years and a few have taken me up on it, but we would love for you to join us for the Easter cantata. You can pick up a CD and practice while riding around in your car or listening at home. It is a great way to "try out" the choir. Let's talk about it.

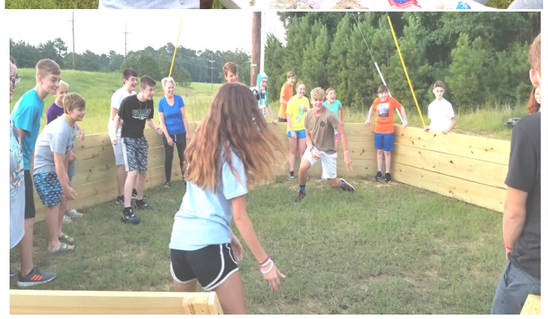
Love, George

We would like to thank our church family for all of your prayers, support, and visits during Bob's illness. The visits meant so much to him and to us. We are also grateful for your prayers and the meals provided during our time of loss.

Nash and Glass Families

YOUTH 2019 MEMORIES





Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries

Parents, Friends, Church Family!!
Our "Spring Forward Bowl" Youth Fundraiser for Summer Missions will be held on March 8th from 4-6pm. This will be a fun night of fellowship & food!! *(Formerly known as the Mardi Gras Bowl)* ☺

We need you Chefs out there to enter a dish!! Chef/Contestants provide a dish that must be served in a bowl. Our visitors will get a sample cup of each entry and place a ticket in the jar of the dish they like best in return for a full-sized serving.

The contestant's jar with the most tickets wins bragging rights & a "trophy".
For more information call, text, message, email or talk to Julie.

Our students, who attended the Summer Mission Trip to Mississippi last year, asked to do another mission trip this year. So, we will be doing "UM ARMY" June 28 - July 3, 2020 in Lake Charles. This is an opportunity for us to serve people in need, in our own "backyard". I would love it if this were a church family mission.
Make plans to come along with us this year.

We are looking for a Senior High Sunday School teacher and we also need a Jr. High Boys Small Group leader/facilitator on Wednesday nights. If you know someone who might be interested or would just be great with our students, please let me know and I'll be happy to reach out to him/her.

If you have questions or concerns please let me know.
My cell phone number is 337-458-0163 or julie@pinevillefumc.org

SAVE THESE DATES!!!
Feb. 9: Ice Cream Social for Everyone 4-6pm
Feb. 16: Bonfire @the Martins 4pm – 7pm
Feb. 28-Mar. 1: BigStuf Winter Weekend!!!
Mar. 8: Spring Forward Bowl 4-6pm
Mar. 13-15: Senior High Retreat
Mar. 22: Senior Sunday Planning Meeting with Seniors & Parents 12pm
Mar. 29: 5th Sunday District Event in Lake Charles 2pm - 8pm (includes travel time)
April 19: Senior Sunday - We need 3 (baby, child & current) photos & a Bio ASAP

MARCH 8
PFUMC 24/7 YOUTH
SPRING FORWARD "BOWL"

"Cook-Off" to Raise Money for Youth Trips
Contestants are responsible for a main dish and for decorating their table and ballot box.

The chef with the most votes wins!

One Requirement:
Your dish MUST be able to be served in a bowl!
Please contact Julie or the church office to enter!

TICKETS
(at the door)

$10
FOR ADULTS
$5
CHILDREN
(12 & UNDER)

MAIN DISH,
DESSERT,
& DRINK
Take outs are available!

4 PM – 6 PM

DROP YOUR TICKET IN THE BOX OF YOUR FAVORITE CHEF TO VOTE!

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT
MARCH 13-15 2020
SAVE THE DATE

CALLING ALL GRADUATING SENIORS

We Want Your Name, Bio & Pictures!
Deadline: March 29th
Senior Sunday is April 19th.
Please send your baby pictures, childhood pictures, senior pictures and a short bio to the church.
College graduates will also be recognized but no pictures are needed, only name, college & degree.

Kids' Focus

Leslie Frietch
Director of Children's Ministries

The December Toy Drive for CASA was a great success!

C A N
Children's
Advocacy Network

The staff and advocates want to say thank you for your generosity of contributing to our Toy Drive. Our advocates delivered the many gifts and there were many smiles on Christmas morning because of you. Thank you for your continued support.

- CASA Staff

Just as we partnered with CASA in December, we will partner again this month to collect teddy bears. Keep an eye out for those clearance Valentine's bears and bring them to worship service February 9 – 23, 2020.

Teddy Bear Collection
We're collecting teddy bears for C.A.N.
(Children's Advocacy Network)

Please bring new teddy bears and leave them in the pews. We want to fill the Sanctuary and Path Worship services with Teddy Bears!

Bear Collection Ends Sunday, February 23rd

VBS FunShop
presented by Group Publishing
Saturday, March 21, 2020
8:30 am—12:30 pm
Family Life Center

Each participant will get to experience a day at VBS and learn lots of tips and tricks about how to make this the best VBS ever!

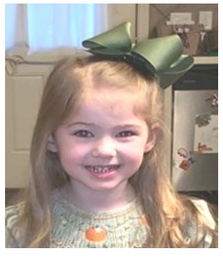
$25/person before March 9
$20/person with 5 or more before March 9
$45/person after March 9

If interested, text Leslie at 704-915-9469 or email at leslie@pinevillefumc.org by March 6

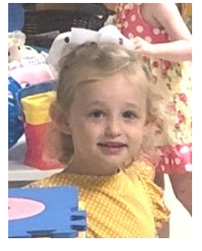
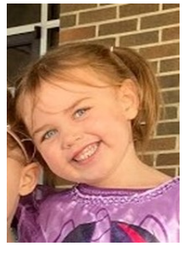
Kids Spotlight…..

I asked preschoolers: "What is the best thing about Children's church?"

Lila answered:
"Being big enough to go and getting the wiggles out"



Emma answered:
"We hear about Jesus and pray"



Lauren answered:
"Having snowball fights and dancing"