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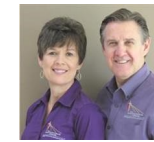


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 January 2019 Newsletter



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

“Everyone is fighting a battle you know nothing about.” The old year ends while the new begins but the presence of that private battle seems to mock our anticipation that this new year will be better because our battle feels so permanent.

Regardless of what the battle may look like—addiction, abuse, bullied, grief, loneliness, despair—and regardless of how well we hide it from others, within most of us there exists a desire to not have to fight this alone. Some might even silently whisper, “I may not want you to know but I sure would love to know that you care.”

So, where does this leave us? Read the quote once more—“Everyone is fighting a battle you know nothing about.” May the realization of “everyone” alter how we relate to one another.

2019 is filled with opportunities to truly share the love, mercy, grace and hospitality of Jesus Christ that makes this church so special. How we give of our resources, our energy, our attention is often determined by how we view community. As we each seek God’s will for how we will give, serve, welcome, and relate as the people of First United Methodist Church, may we never forget that we are not alone in the battles we face. Jesus says, “I will never leave you or forsake you...My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

Pastors Ed & Jo Ann

Pineville First United Methodist Church

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Welcome New Member!



Dwaine Clark

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS



Breakfast — Sunday, January 6th
7:00am, Fellowship Hall

We will be doing our
2019 Installation of Officers.
We hope you will come join us!



DMA (Don't Mention Age) Luncheon
DMA will not meet in the month of January due to the holidays. Have a Happy New Year and we hope to see you in February!



OWL Salsa & Jelly Sale
The United Methodist Men Ministries will sell OWL Salsa, Pepper Jelly, and Fruit Jelly on Sunday, January 13th from 9:30 AM—12:00 PM in the Narthex.

TAKE HOME MEAL

Youth Fundraiser
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th
9:30am-1:00pm
Cost: \$10.00
Our CHEF is Andy Simpson!!
Please sign up to reserve your meals @
<https://goo.gl/forms/ozAeN9X3ou9Zt3yy1>

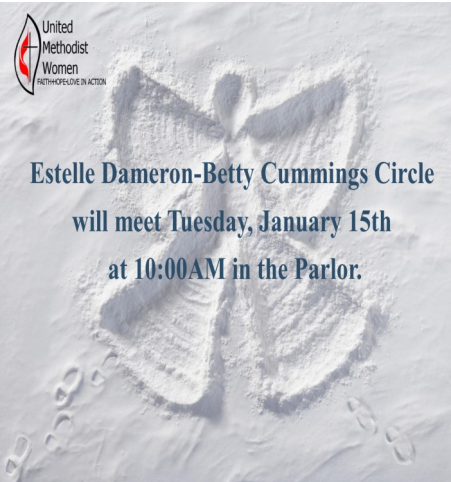


Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin
Green Bean Casserole
Cheesy Potatoes
Cobbler
Thank you for supporting our youth!!

Coffee and Conversation with Women (CCW)

Will meet on Monday, January 14th
Meet & Greet at 9:45am
Program 10am
Fellowship Hall

Some of our members will be sharing with us about the "Journeys of Paul" cruise they took in October. Join us for a great time of food and fellowship!



Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings Circle
will meet Tuesday, January 15th
at 10:00AM in the Parlor.



Share the Blessings On The Road

When: Sat. January 19th, 11:00am
Where: Our Lady's Manor
402 Monroe Street, Alex.
We'll leave from the church or you can meet us there.
Join us—you'll be blessed.



Join Pastors
Jo Ann and Ed Cooper
and other Louisiana churches
as they journey to the
Holy Land
January 21-30, 2020.

For more information, please contact the Pastors or pick up a brochure in the office.

COME SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

SAVE THE DATE!!
it's coming
we are better together
for this **SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT**
January 27, 2019
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Focus on Caring



Assisted Living Friends

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—George & Elaine Tellerero

Nursing Home Friends

Hilltop, Pineville, LA—Meril Crawley
Matthews Memorial, Alexandria, LA—Belinda Carner
The Oaks, Pineville, LA—Cecil Hammond
Out of State—Willa Vee Messer, TX



Homebound Friends

Elaine Beck
Ayme Beeson
Rick Bryan
Geneva Clark
Annie Hutchinson
Bernie Misner
Richard O'Neal
Joan Payne
Marie Reech
Virginia Smith
Fred Tannehill



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2— Brenda McCarty
- 3— Grant Eloi
- 4— Bill Wieger
- 5— Alice Lee, Alice North
- 6— Christine Holland, Shelby Richard, Danny Magee
- 8— Sheyanne Hoyt, Travis Gordon
- 9— Addison Fuqua
- 10— Sonya Woodard, Tommy Reeves, Mark Cosenza, Anita Grimes, Charles Flaherty Jr.
- 11— Candace Russell, Linda Nash
- 12— DiAnn Stafford
- 13— Sharon Rudisill
- 15— Amy Porche, Marsha Marcantel
- 16— Helen Ford
- 17— Rodney Moore, Claire Dausat
- 18— B.J. Crick
- 19— Katrina Adams, Lisa Fuller, Bea Brown, Laura Wilson
- 20— Joan Payne
- 21— Andrew Walker, Heather Hodges
- 22— Carol Simpson, Mary Leckie, Patricia Bennett
- 24— Richard Bryan
- 27— Matthew Fontenot, Cory Barnette
- 28— Babs Hathorn, John Cummings, Thomas Dean, Frances Hurst
- 29— Teresa Harrison, Becky Clear
- 30— Judy Cosenza
- 31— Garrett Carter, Lisa Naquin



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3— Mark & Judy Cosenza
- 4— Jamie & Carol Anne Shelton, Randy & Michelle Hoben
- 13— Fred & Karen Carter
- 22— Lyle & Kathleen Hutchinson
- 29— Ken & Lorene Christie, Ken & Irma Cox



February Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday, January 16th

If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is January 16th. Anyone can submit a 250 word or less article by the deadline each month. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Musically Speaking...

George Gross
Director of Music



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Wow, it's hard to believe it is another New Year. Another chance to start again. Maybe in all those thoughts of how to start off this year you might strongly consider doing something new. I would love to suggest joining the choir. Some will join the gym for the health benefits. Singing has health benefits also. No, this isn't some ploy to get you to join the choir, it has scientific proof. Really. I can show you a list.

A special thank you to everyone taking part in the music/worship areas. Musicians in the Path and traditional services. All those participating in Home for the Holidays, Choir Cantata/Musical, special music, Advent Candle lighters, worship settings for our altars, and many things too numerous to mention. None of this stuff just happens.

And finally we come to that well know saying, what goes up, must come down. Yes, the beautiful Advent/Christmas decorations we have been enjoying for the last 5 weeks all need to come down and packed away for next year. Following the 11 a.m. service on January 6, 2019 (Epiphany Sunday) we'll take the decorations down. We could use just a bit of help. This part goes really fast. Last year it took less than an hour. We have a great time visiting and you get "credit" for a service project. Hope to see you there.

Find a new way to serve this year.
Thank you to each of you. Happy New Year.

Love, George

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR CHILDREN (CCC)



Christmas Cheer 2018 was a resounding success! We served 35 families consisting of 104 children and 42 adults. All 146 will have something for Christmas due to the generosity of so many of you in our congregation. It is a lot of work to get this task accomplished, and I want to thank everyone who provided gifts, offered prayers, made phone calls, handled phone calls made to the church, checked id's of people picking up gifts, printed letters, printed gift tags for Sharing Tree, and provided manual labor to put the gifts in the recipients' vehicles. Hope you all had a blessed Christmas.

Debby Tassin
Chairperson – Christmas Cheer for Children

DID YOU KNOW?



Every Friday at 10:00 AM a group of women, members of BSF (Bible Study Fellowship), meet in the Fellowship Hall at our church. I did not know what BSF was but soon found out. I was invited and then met with the group one Friday in November. We met in small groups first and talked about the assigned scripture then gathered together in the fellowship hall to listen to the speaker and sum up the lesson. As many of you know, I have led Disciple Bible study for many years. I have been blessed in many ways by studying the Holy Scripture and continue to be blessed by joining this interdenominational group of women. No matter your Bible knowledge, we all study the same thing. Right now, we are studying 1 Samuel, one chapter everyday, and will continue this in January.

I personally invite you to come see what this is all about. Friday, January 11, at 10:00 AM is bring a friend day!! So, my friends, join me. You will be blessed!

Call me, 318-201-2704 for more information or go to the web site at bsfinternational.org.

Debbie Migues

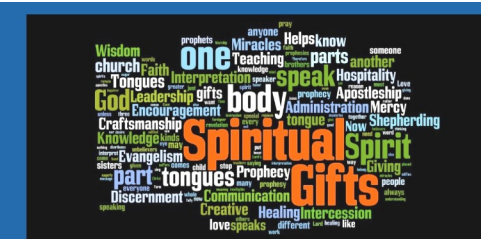
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CLASSES



Wednesday Night Live starts January 16, 2019!
Wednesday Night Meal, Adult Bible Study,
Mission Possible Kids, & Youth Groups!



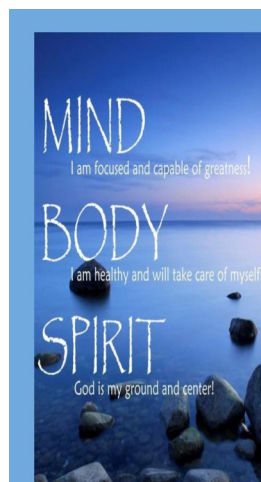
Join Pastor Ed
Sundays from 4-5pm and
Wednesdays from 6-7pm
for an in-depth Bible study
of Scriptural stories that challenge us to become
silence-breakers in a day where pressure mounts to
remain silent in order to protect the status-quo.
Class begins Sunday, January 13th.



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 Pastor Jo Ann for a 6-week study as we discover what our individual gifts are, and what our individual gifts are not!

Wednesdays, beginning January 16th at 11:00am



Healthy Living –
Mind, Body, & Spirit

Led by Jay Quinton,
Teresa Farrar, & Marie Simpson

Wednesdays, beginning
January 16th from 6-7pm

Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



It's 2019 y'all!!! As I write this, I am reminded of all the things we've shared in 2018. So many things from Snow Days & Bonfires in January, VBS and BigStuf in the summer, to Home for the Holidays and Youth Progressive Dinner in December. Then, of course, there are "All of the Things" in between. ☺ We are truly blessed!!

I am so THANKFUL for each of you!! Thankful for your commitment & support by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and your witness. JOYS and STUGGLES will come & go but may we remember that we are family and are on this journey of life together.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!!

There are so many good things to come this new year! Be sure to mark your calendars NOW & Save the Date, January 27, 2019. The purpose behind that mysterious little Orange postcard in your mailbox will be revealed ☺

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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Thank you for supporting our youth!!

24/7 Youth Bonfire

@ The Martin's
Sunday, January 13th
4:00 -7:00pm



Need a ride to the Martins? Meet @ the church @3:30.
Parent pick up @7:30 at the church.

Kids' Focus

Niki Hoyt
Director of Children's Ministries



December was an amazing time of serving, learning, and celebrating for the PFUMC kids! Whether we were eating cookies and visiting with Santa or making cards and collecting toys for CASA, we enjoyed celebrating the birth of Jesus! Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a special time of celebration! WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

And 2019 is here! So many fun things are coming! Make sure to save the date, January 27, 2019. The purpose behind that mysterious little Orange postcard in your mailbox will be revealed ☺

