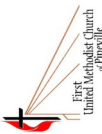


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Pineville First United Methodist Church
January 2020 Newsletter

“Living Life Like It Matters”

As I write this article, our Pastors along with several church members are removing their belongings from the Parsonage which was destroyed by the December 16, 2019 tornado that ripped through our community. Fortunately, no one sustained injuries and stuff can be replaced.

Most are aware by now that Pastor Jo Ann is leaving us to go serve as Senior Pastor in Gretna, Louisiana. Pastor Ed will be here preaching, teaching, and visiting until June 2020.

Pastor Jo Ann’s last Sunday will be January 19, 2020. We will have a joint service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

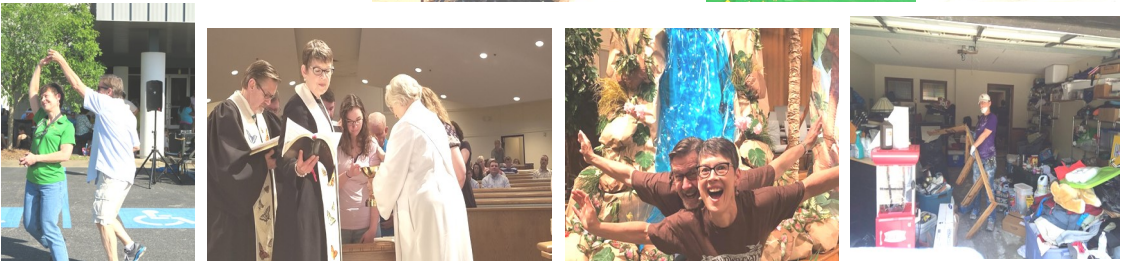
Pastor Jo Ann has been a huge blessing to our church, our staff, and to me personally. I hope everyone can attend the service on the 19th! It will be a special spirit filled time as we send her off to Gretna.

Since I am not a wordsmith I decided to share in pictures some of the awesome times we have had with Pastor Jo Ann over the last four and a half years.

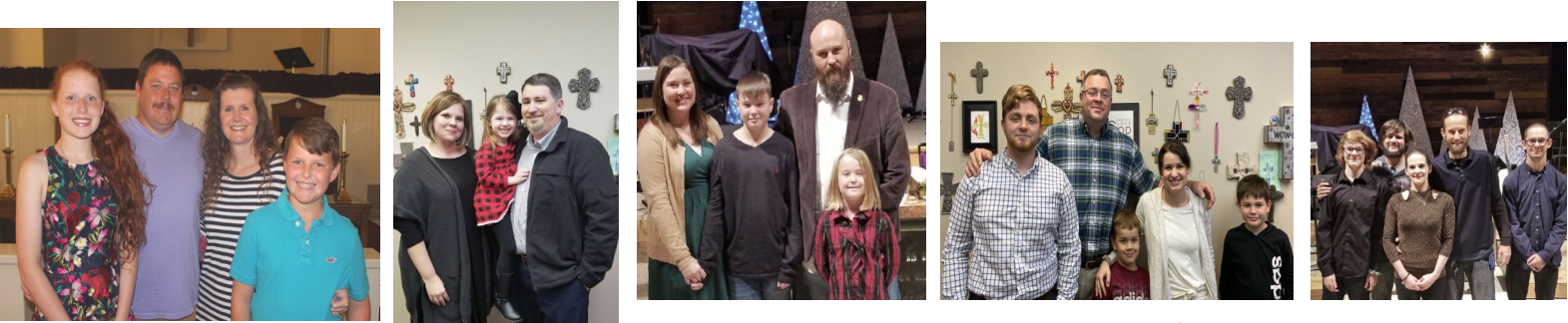
“Living Life Like it Matters”

Sincerely,

Jay Quinton
Business Administrator



Welcome New Members!



Bill, Leslie, Allison, & Trace Frietch

Kerry, Amanda, & Lila Alwell

Eric, Kathy, Connor & Kinley Smith

Tevor, Yvie, Adam, Luke, & Jack Fry

Brandi Dobard

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE SPRING CLASSES

WOMEN'S Bible Study

Women's Bible Study
What Is The Bible?

Tuesdays, 10:00AM (6 weeks study)
Beginning January 14th
Led by Lorrie McKay

How many times have you ever wondered "What is the Bible?" This six week study will give a broad overview of the Bible, including how to select a Bible, how the Bible is organized, how the books of the Bible were chosen, different ways people approach the text, and what we can learn from archeology. This class is for casual students and those wanting to go a little deeper. There will be lots of reading, discussion and learning going on! Open to women of all ages!

The Cost of Discipleship, Part 2.

If we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What will it demand? What is the cost?

Join Pastor Ed for the 12 week continuation of *The Cost of Discipleship, Part 2.*

Class offered Wednesdays at 11:00am and 6:00pm beginning January 15th

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE 2020!

MEALS & CLASSES

BEGIN JANUARY 15, 2020

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

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

Grace Missions Confirmation Quadrilateral CoLABorate Prayer Salvation Retreat Bible FUMC Pineville Ministry

Confirmation Starts Sunday, January 5th @ 9:45am

For 6th grade and older.

Another exciting and fun Confirmation is about to begin! Don't miss it!

We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. Matthew 2:2

Join us on Epiphany Sunday, January 5th, at all three services, as we celebrate the gifts presented to the Christ Child.

We Need Your Help!

Taking Down Christmas Decorations Sunday, January 5th following the 11:00 service

What goes up must come down!

CCW Ladies are collecting gently used prom and mardi gras dresses. They will be altered and donated to young ladies who cannot afford a formal dress.

If you have a dress to donate, please bring it to the church no later than February 15th. And thank you for supporting the "Dancing In Love" ministry.

Share the Blessings On The Road

When: Sat. Jan. 11th @11:00am
Where: Pine Grove Apartment Complex 60 Pinecrest Drive, Pineville

We'll leave from the church at 10:30am or you can meet us there.

Join us—you'll be blessed!

Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers are Invited
Orange Celebration Ice Cream Social
Celebrating 1 year with Orange Strategies
January 12, 2020 at 4:00 pm
Family Life Center

Why Should I Volunteer?
What you Know can Influence a Kid or Teenager's Future

IT'S PERSONAL

Remember Your Baptism
Sunday January 12th, all three services

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

We're collecting bottled water for the Homeless Coalition. Pull up to the flat-bed trailer parked under the Sanctuary awning and we'll unload for you. Thank you for supporting this mission.

10:30 AM ONE SERVICE

Sunday, January 19th.
(No Sunday School or Life Groups)

Sunday, January 19th, will be Pastor Jo Ann's last Sunday at PFUMC. Please join us in celebrating her in the life of our church!

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP

JANUARY 26, 2020
8:45 AM & 11 AM

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—Elaine Telfiero

Nursing Home Friends

Matthews Memorial, Alexandria, LA—Belinda Carner, Albert Dean
Naomi Heights, Alexandria, LA—Bob Nash
Tioga Manor, Pineville, LA—Francis "Bo" Smith
Out of State—Willa Vee Messer, TX

Homebound Friends

Elaine Beck
Ayme Beeson
Geneva Clark
Barbara Drago
Geneva Clark
Bernie Misner
Marie Reech
Virginia Smith
Fred Tannehill



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1— Brenda McCarty
- 3— Grant Eloi, Samantha Manning
- 4— Lisa Chauvin, Bill Wieger
- 5— Floyd Grimes, Alice (Noel) Lee, Alice North
- 6— Danny Magee, Shelby Richard, Christine Holland
- 8— Travis Gordon
- 9— Addison Fuqua
- 10— Adam Fry, Charles Flaherty Jr., Anita Grimes, Mark Cosenza, Tommy Reeves, Sonya Woodard
- 11— Linda Nash, Candace Russell
- 12— DiAnn Stafford
- 13— Sharon Rudisill
- 14— Larry Crawford
- 15— Amy Porche, Marsha Marcantel
- 16— Helen Ford
- 17— Rodney Moore, Claire Dauzat
- 18— B.J. Crick
- 19— Katrina Adams, Lisa Fuller, Laura Wilson, Bea Brown
- 21— Andrew Walker
- 22— Pat Bennett, Carol Simpson, Mary Leckie
- 27— Cory Banette, Matthew Fontenot
- 28— Frances Hurst, John Cummings, Thomas Dean, Babs Hathorn
- 29— Becky Clear, Blake Jones, Teresa Harrison, Janet Annis
- 30— Judy Cosenza
- 31— Lisa Naquin, Garrett Carter



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

The Church Office will close on Tuesday, December 31st at noon and will be closed Wednesday, January 1st through Friday, January 3rd in observance of New Year's.



"Living Life Like It Matters"



George Gross
Director of Music

Musically Speaking...

Happy New Year!!!!

I am going to digress for just a moment. Special thanks to everyone for ALL the great musical program participants during the month of December. Your “I will serve” was huge. “For Unto Y’all – A Cowboy Christmas” was a huge success. (Over 350 people saw the presentation over 2 nights) The live drama during the choir cantata, “Come Let Us Adore” was wonderful. So many opportunities for people to serve. THANK YOU.

Now the new year. Here it comes. You can be a part of the music ministry. Ask some of the choir members what it’s like to be a part. Ask them about the “what if’s?” We have a place for you. At least come and try us out. We need YOU!

And the final thing. Yes, what goes up, must come down. Yep, the Advent/Christmas decorations must come down. Please join with us on Sunday, January 5 following the 11 a.m. service as we take them down and pack it all away. It does not take long at all.

Thank you for cards, notes, emails and words of support and appreciation all year long. It’s nice to the work by so many in the music ministry means something to you.

Love and continued Blessings in the New Year,

George



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support during our time of grief. Mrs. Annie Loved her family at FUMC Pineville and longed to be back with you during her months in Lake Charles.

Your presence made her memorial celebration joyful. The amazing reception afterwards gave us time to fellowship and have a meal with loved ones before they returned home.

Your prayerful kindness during Mrs. Annie’s decline and time in the nursing home sustained us all. She always knew she was loved by her church family.

We love you all!

Odis, Brenda, & Carolyn Hutchinson



"Big thank you to our Church family! Back in August, I asked for unwanted Christmas trees to be used for Advent in Narnia. And we received just the right amount to use for decorations in The Path and in the Fellowship Hall! Thank you so much!!

We recycled foam boards, painted branches, Niki had collected white lights and lighted decorations from garage sales, and so much more of “let’s use what we already have”.Thank you to Katrina Adams for painting our closet doors, the sleigh, and a picture of Aslan. All on recycled foam board."

“Cowboy Christmas”



Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



2020 is here, Y'all!!

2019 was a great year and I look forward to what we will share together in 2020. 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, STUGGLES and TRANSITIONS will come & go but may we remember that we are family.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER, especially as journey through our Pastoral transition, this year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Regular Wednesday Night Youth Small Groups begin again on January 15th from 5:45pm – 7pm. Sundays evenings continue each week from 4pm – 6pm. JOIN US!!

UPCOMING:

1/5 – Confirmation Classes begin (during Sunday School & they are not just for 6th grade students. If you have not been through Confirmation talk to one of the Pastors or Julie for more information.

1/19 – Bonfire at the Martins

1/26 – Youth Sunday!!!!

2/2 – Superbowl Sunday – NO Youth

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP



JANUARY 26, 2020
8:45AM & 11AM

24/7 Youth Bonfire

@ The Martin's
Sunday, January 19th
4:00 - 7:00pm



Need a ride to the Martins? Meet @ the church @3:45.
Parent pick up @7:00 at the church.



Kids' Focus

Leslie Frietch
Director of Children's Ministries



Wow! What a fun-filled December! We had an amazing turnout for Narnia Night with Santa and Kid's Night Out. I cannot say thank you enough to all those who volunteered and who participated. I'm so happy to be adopted into the PFUMC church family.

Dates to Remember.....

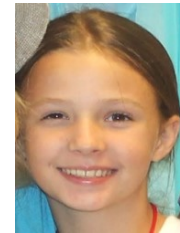
Jan. 5 – Confirmation Classes Begin

Jan. 12 – Orange Celebration and Leader Training

Jan. 15 – Wednesday Night Live Returns

Kid Spotlight...

We asked, "What is your favorite part of Advent at PFUMC?"



Katy White answered:
"Lighting the candles in Mr. Ritchie's class"



Gabe Graves answered:
"The candles"



Willow Stroud answered:
"Lighting of the candles"

