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March 2018 Newsletter

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It has been amazing to hear from so many of you who have shared with us a deepening in your faith journey during this Lenten Season. To share this season with a community of faith who truly wants to follow in the footsteps of Jesus is humbling, empowering and encouraging! All of us need a time to settle in with our deepest feelings - both positive and negative - to embrace the healing that is offered through the love, mercy and grace of Jesus Christ. And so, the journey continues...



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Midweek Lenten Communion Service (March 7, 14, 21)
each Wednesday from 12:15-12:45

Wednesday Night Supper and Small Groups
Supper from 4:30-5:45, Small Groups 6:00-7:00

Chancel Choir Easter Musical
Sunday, March 25 at 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services

From Palms to Passion Service
Sunday, March 25 at 8:45 Path Worship Service

Holy Week Lunches with Guest Speakers (12:10-12:50)
Monday, March 26 - Father Craig Scott, St. Rita Catholic Church
Tuesday, March 27 - Father Rich Snow, St. Timothy Episcopal Church
Wednesday, March 28 - Pastor Nathan Martin, Christian Challenge International

Taize Prayer Service
Wednesday, March 28 - 6:00-7:00 (in the Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday - Reenactment of the Last Supper
Thursday, March 29 - 6:00-7:00 (in the Family Life Center)

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 30 - 6:00-7:00 (in the Sanctuary)

Blessings,
Ed & Jo Ann



Mission Team Trip (We Need Your Help!!)

When: April 5-7 Where: Uskichitto Retreat Center, Leblanc, Louisiana

What: Renovating cabins, the rope yard, etc., There are plenty of jobs for everyone’s skill level. Uskichitto is a Methodist owned summer camp/retreat center. Hundreds of kids and youth stay there each summer, many of them from PFUMC. For those unable to work every day, the church van will travel back and forth each day to Uskichitto. Food and Lodging will be provided, however, you must pre-register. **Deadline to register is April 1st.** On Saturday, April 7th at noon, we’ll have a worship service in the chapel in the woods and afterward, at 1:00pm, there will be a church wide picnic and all are invited. Please bring a dessert or salad. The main course and drinks will be provided. Please pre-register to work and/or attend the church wide picnic at: <https://pinevillefumc.wufoo.com/forms/uskichitto-retreat-center-mission/>

For more information, contact Bob Butterfield, Sr. at 318.264.8741.

Musically Speaking...

George Gross
Director of Music



Have you noticed something about the choir lately? Back in the Fall of 2017 the choir would have anywhere from 22 – 25 members sing on Sunday morning. Since the middle of November the choir has consistently had well over 30 members sing almost every Sunday. And on Wednesday’s the amount of choir members has grown significantly. There is a new excitement in the choir room every week. You can be part of it. Come and talk with Judy or George or just show up. We need and want you to sing Praise to the Lord.

As of the newsletter deadline, we are still anticipating singing our Easter musical for the Glenmora/Oakdale congregations this month. More details when things are firmed up.

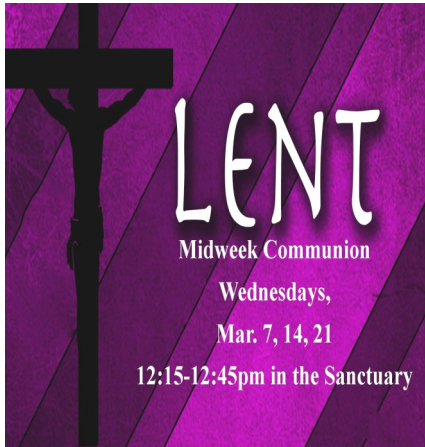
The choir will sing an Easter Musical, “The Day He Wore My Crown” for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on March 25th, Palm Sunday. Please make plans to attend.

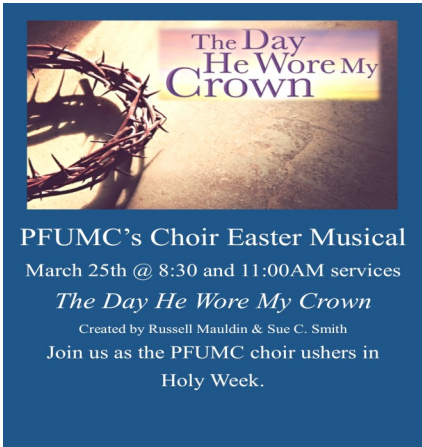
Next month I will share some exciting news with you about an event later this year.

Your words of encouragement mean so much to the choir. Thank you.

Love, George

LENTEN EVENTS

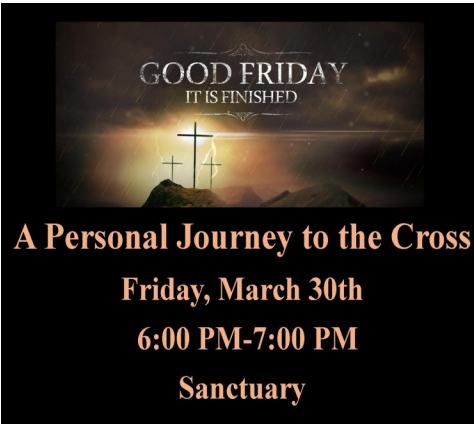

LENT
Midweek Communion
Wednesdays,
Mar. 7, 14, 21
12:15-12:45pm in the Sanctuary


The Day He Wore My Crown
PFUMC’s Choir Easter Musical
March 25th @ 8:30 and 11:00AM services
The Day He Wore My Crown
Created by Russell Mauldin & Sue C. Smith
Join us as the PFUMC choir ushers in Holy Week.


Holy Week
Holy Week Lite Lunches
Time: 12:10-12:50, Fellowship Hall (Donations accepted)
Monday, March 26 - Father Craig Scott, St. Rita Catholic Church
Tuesday, March 27 -Father Rich Snow, St. Timothy Episcopal Church
Wednesday, March 28 -Pastor Nathan Martin, Christian Challenge International
Make plans to join us as we focus on the sacredness of Holy Week.


Taizé Service
Taizé Prayer Service
Wednesday, March 28th @ 6PM
in the Sanctuary.
Regularly scheduled children and youth activities.


Maundy Thursday Service
Reenactment of the Last Supper
Thursday, March 29th
6:00 PM–7:00 PM
Family Life Center


GOOD FRIDAY
IT IS FINISHED
A Personal Journey to the Cross
Friday, March 30th
6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Sanctuary

Focus on Caring



Assisted Living Friends

- Bailey Place Assisted Living, Bunkie, LA- Vernalea Floyd
- Brookdale– Patsy Honigman
- Marigold House– Mary Maddox
- Montclair Park Assisted Living, Shreveport, LA- Patti Wisenbaker
- Savannah Court, Bastrop, LA—Elaine Tellifero
- Savannah Grand, West Monroe, LA—George Tellifero

Nursing Home Friends

- Christus St. Joseph Home, Monroe, LA— Joyce Lofton
- Hilltop– Meril Crawley, Christine Holland
- The Oaks– Cecil Hammond
- Out of State– Willa Vee Messer, TX



- 1– Larry Miguez
- 4– Andy Simpson
- 5– Denise Evans, Bill Wiley
- 6– Barbara Richardson
- 7– Jerry Gooden, Bonnie Sullivan, Kaytlyn Richard
- 9– Larry Owen, Lillian Robinette
- 10- Nicolas Morrow, Yvonne Pirtle, Kevin Divers
- 11– Tom Gauthier
- 12– Carla Sewell
- 13– Marcy Bowen
- 15– Kelley Pears, Gail Hazelton
- 16– Sherry Earnest
- 17– Kyla Martin, Pat Bordelon, Martha McMillan, Marilyn Farrar
- 19– Dee Jones, Daniel Johnson
- 21– Barbara Drago
- 22– Cliff Newton
- 24– Lindsay Procell
- 25– Ileen Fontenot
- 26– Barbara Lachney
- 27– Bob Butterfield Sr.
- 29– Mark Kokemor, Jason Wise
- 30– April Nugent, Teresa Farrar, Jean Lohrey
- 31– Lily Sewell

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



Homebound Friends

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



- 1– Cliff & Debbie Kelley
- 2– Jason & Amy Thomson
- 6– Rocky & Lindsay Procell, Jim & Frances Hurst
- 12– Mickey & Lajuan Durand
- 13– Ken & Holly Abate
- 14– Phillip & Vicki Terrell, Tracy Jr. & Sara Alletag
- 15– Kevyn & Kyla Martin
- 17– David & Lisa Frankovic
- 21– George & Elaine Tellifero



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Kids' Focus

Niki Hoyt
Director of Children's Ministries



PFUMC kids and leaders are counting down! You can feel the excitement! It is almost time for Eggstravaganza and not far behind is our favorite! VBS!!! Here is what you need to know about what is going on and how you can help make it the best it can be!!

- Eggstravaganza is March 25 from 4-6. It will be a fun time of fellowship for all ages! Live bunnies, egg hunt, bouncers, and more. How can you help? We will need lot of eggs and candy! And let Niki know if you are available to assist with egg hunts, children's activities, or even be the special costumed visitor!
- Shipwrecked VBS is coming June 11-15! We are planning for 200 kids! Please consider **volunteering your time** doing prep work and/or during the week of VBS!! Also look for our **donation boards** outside of both Sanctuaries. All you have to do is choose an item or two from the board you are willing to provide and bring it back to the church by the listed date!
- Shipwrecked VBS FunShop training event will be hosted by Group Publishing here at our own church! It is a fun morning of VBS tips and tricks to make VBS the best it can be! All VBS volunteers will enjoy this sneak peek!



Name: Bill Seamans

Daytime occupation: Walmart, Receiving

What role do you serve in currently? Pre-K Sunday School teacher; Pre-K/K Mission Possible Kids teacher

How long have you served in children's ministry? A little more than a year and a half

Why do you volunteer or what is your favorite part of serving? Jesus tells us that "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." The joy of being with these little ones is that I get to be one of them.

What would you say to someone considering volunteering? If you have a heart for children or, more importantly, if you have the heart of a child, then c'mon! There's a place for you here.




UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

Breakfast — Sunday, March 4th
7:00am, Fellowship Hall

We are looking forward to having Mrs. Linda Hutson from The Food Bank of Central Louisiana as UMM's March guest speaker.


Join us the first Sunday of every month for our monthly breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00AM

 **STONE SOUP MINISTRY**

When: The First Sunday of each month!
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!

 **United Methodist Men**
Monday Night Matters Kickoff
Monday, March 5th
at 6:00 P.M.
Good News Classroom

We will have a Bible study, eat tailgate food, and watch seasonal sports on tv. Come join the fun!

DMA LUNCHEON

March 6th
12:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert.

All ages are invited.

DMA meets the first Tuesday of the month.

Sunday, March 11
Move clock ahead 1 hour

 **SPRING FORWARD**

Coffee and Conversation with Women

Monday, March 12th, 10:15am
Katrina Adams will lead a workshop on Little Dresses for Africa. Please bring a sack lunch & join us for a time of fellowship and mission.

Tuesday, March 20th, 9:00am
(meet in church parking lot)
We'll be going to NSU to prepare and serve lunch for NSU Wesley Campus Ministry.

Share the Blessings On The Road

When: Sat. March 17th, 11:00am
Where: Pine Grove Apartment Complex
60 Pinecrest Drive, Pineville

Please bring your dishes to the church at 10:00am. We'll leave from the church or you can meet us there.

 **United Methodist Women**
PARTNERING PEOPLE - LEADING IN ACTION

Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings
Circle will meet on Tuesday,
March 20th at 10:00am
in the parlor.



Selfhelp

Four Week Self Help Series
Wednesdays, 6:00pm
March 21, April 4th, April 11th and April 18th

March 21st—Gardening (Ron Couch)
April 4th—General Law (Todd Farrar)
April 11th—Photography (Bill Morrison)
April 18th—Living With Cancer (Chuck Flaherty)

Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

March 2-4 – Senior High Retreat
(Please be in prayer for our students who may be at retreat right now)

March 11 – Take Home Dinner \$10 – served from 9:30am until 1pm

April 1 – Deadline for Graduating Senior Bios & Photos

April 5-7 – Uskichitto Retreat Center Mission (Youth & Adults)

April 22 – Senior Recognition Sunday

April 27 – Newsboys United Concert

TAKE HOME MEAL

Youth Fundraiser

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
9:30AM-1:00PM
Cost: \$10.00

Our CHEF is Andy Simpson!!
Please sign up to reserve your meals @
<https://goo.gl/forms/SZoetJi1UyG4yMVH2>
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!



Texas Style Smoked Brisket
Cajun Dirty Rice
Southern Style Cole Slaw
Roll
Cobbler





snacks

Youth Hang Out
Wednesday!!

Every Wednesday starting March 7th after school.
Pickup from: PHS, THS, PJH & TJH. (Parent must fill out consent form.)
Come hang out and do homework before youth.
Students are welcome to bring a friend as long as we have parental consent.

10,000 Blessings

We have started a 10,000 Blessings board in the Youth room. Students & adults are encouraged to write down & pin up a blessing or God moment any time they are in the youth room. It has been so inspiring to read the ways our students are being blessed each week.





CALLING ALL GRADUATING SENIORS

We Want Your Name, Bio & Pictures!
Deadline: April 1st
Senior Sunday is April 22nd.
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.

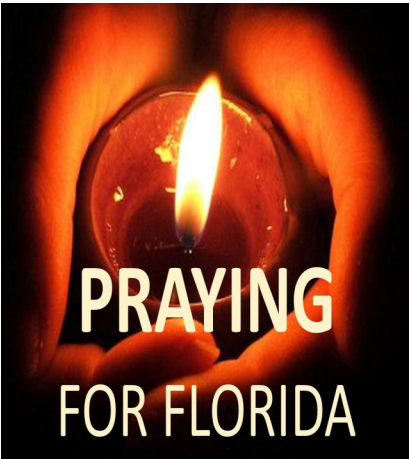




NEWSBOYS UNITED

& Zealand Worship
@the Rapids Parish Coliseum

Friday, April 27th
Bus leaves at 5:30pm
Tickets \$30
Very limited supply!
Please Sign Up & Pay for your Ticket ASAP



PRAYING FOR FLORIDA

Youth Pics

The Youth Rooms have been getting a bit of spring cleaning and updating over the past month or so. We have cleaned out closets, rearranged furniture, touched up paint, repainted the old youth office which is now the Junior High classroom. We have a bit more to do but everything is looking great. Special thanks to Justin & Beth Marshall, Susan Divers, Nathan Hoyt, Tim Lafosse, Travis Burch and others, for your hard work! It's looking GREAT!!

