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**May 2019 Newsletter**



*“Embrace, Engage,  
Encourage, Energize”*

As Summer fast approaches and all that it offers—sun, fun, relaxation, vacation—let’s not forget what it means to be a dynamic member of the Body of Christ. Which is, the giving of ourselves in the serving of others as His hands extended.

FUMC is involved in many ministries that truly touch the lives of those who hurt. Many of you are involved in preparing meals for those in need, making hospital calls, visiting nursing homes as well as *Share the Blessing on the Road*, and making Mission Trips - local and foreign.

One unique mission/ministry, which allows us to touch some of our area’s most “vulnerable,” is St. Christiana’s Nursing & Rehab Center in Wardville. Recently, a group from our church spent time with the residents. To express their gratitude, the staff & residents shared the following photo and note with us. How incredibly touching. That’s the church being the “hands & feet” of Jesus!

One more Missions blessing! Donations made toward our Holy Week lunches allowed us to present \$250 to the “Summer Reading Program to Students with Special Needs” in honor of our speakers. Thank you for your continued generosity!



*“It’s through people like you that Jesus shows His love for us. You are God’s greatest blessing...”*

*The Residents of  
St. Christina Nursing  
and Rehab Center*

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**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ONE SERVICE AT 10:30**  
**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE AND WELCOME THE**  
**2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS!**



UPCOMING MAY EVENTS



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND**  
**6:30-7:00AM**  
There will be a short service in Fellowship Hall.  
Sausage Biscuits & Coffee will be served  
afterward.



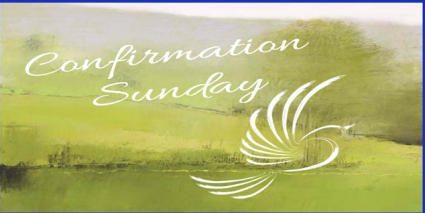
**DMA (Don't Mention Age)**  
**Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, May 7th at Noon.**

**Bring a covered dish.**  
**Hope you'll join us!**

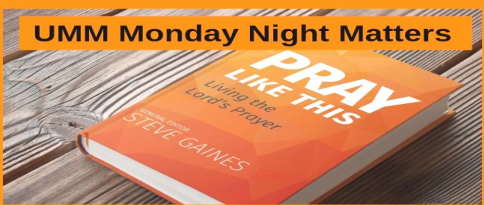
Coffee and Conversation  
with Women (CCW)

Will meet  
**Monday, May 13th at 9:45am**  
for food, visiting and  
crafting for VBS!  
**Hope You'll Join Us!**

**Estelle Dameron-**  
**Betty Cummings Circle**  
**will meet Tuesday, May 21st**  
**at 10:00AM in the Parlor.**  
**Hope to see some of you ladies.**



**COMBINED WORSHIP**  
**MAY 5, 2019 @10:30AM**  
No Sunday School Classes



UMM Monday Night Matters will begin the  
Bible study

"Pray Like This"  
May 6th & 20th @ 6pm

We meet in the Good News classroom.  
Join us! Men of all ages are invited for  
Food & Fellowship.



The church offices will be closed  
Monday, May 27th  
in observance of Memorial Day

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 Telfero

*Nursing Home Friends*

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3— Michelle Boone
- 4— Jewel Beisser, Patti Woods
- 5— Justin Lemmons
- 6— William Ford
- 8— Jim Beisser
- 9— Pat Cook
- 10— David Weir, Elaine Conerly, Bill Gates
- 11—Tom Russell, Grady Thomson, Suzanne Gauthier
- 12— Kayla Lemmons, Zachary Holmes, Jim Lee
- 13— Austin Nelson
- 14— Billy Fuller, Allison Clear, Willow Stroud
- 15— Peggy Wenzel, Geneva Clark
- 16— Samantha Trowbridge, Jo Ann Cooper, Mallory Baker
- 17— Chris Graves, Monica Nelson, Travis Vallee, Hank Smart,  
Laura Hawkins, Presley Procell
- 18— Emily Walker, Justin Walker
- 19— Henry Martin
- 20— Nita Taylor, Larry Prestridge
- 22— Haley Tassin
- 23— Dale Barnette, Shirley Hoben
- 24— Wayne Martin, David Miller
- 26— Nancy Meilleur, Karen Carter
- 27— Lajuan Durand
- 28— Nancy Baker
- 29— George Jones
- 30— Henrietta Dauzat
- 31— Aaron Keiser

**June Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday, May 15th**

If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is May 15th. 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  
Rick Bryan  
Geneva Clark  
Annie Hutchinson  
Bernie Misner  
Joan Payne  
Marie Reech  
Virginia Smith  
Fred Tannehill



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3— Darren & Trina Barron, Scott & Laura Hawkins
- 6— Jeff & Nancy Meilleur
- 14— Craig & Janet Annis
- 15— Franklin & Ester Hill
- 19— Mark & Jerri Bonner, Richard & Lillian Robinette
- 20— Kevin & Jenni Brazil
- 22— Bob & Linda Nash
- 23— Thomas & April Bonner
- 28— William & Zina Ford
- 29— Andy & Marie Simpson



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# Musically Speaking...

George Gross  
Director of Music

What does it take to make all the different parts of a worship service and/or special FUMC event happen? Hours of planning, resources and people. There were many hours of planning, resources and people that went into all the events of Lent, Holy Week (from Palm Sunday through Good Friday) through Easter. By now you know that because of some weather events the choir could not travel to sing for the church in Oakdale and the Eggstravaganza was called off twice. Hopefully plan B will work. You'll will hear about those later.

Each week, more than 52 times every year, (Sunday and special times during the year) the Chancel Choirs plans music for worship. All of the choir members cannot be there every Sunday. Again, I ask you to consider how you might become a part of the choir. You don't need to be a great singer. You just need to have a song in your heart. So if you really want to know what it's like to sing in the choir, don't ask George or Judy, we're gonna try and sell you. Ask a member and let them tell you why they are part of the choir. Telling is always better than selling. If you have ever thought about it and were a bit timid to come and talk to us, then ask someone you know in the choir and let them tell you their story. Come and be part of our plan.

Love,  
George



Thank you, my church family, for your thoughts, concerns, love, support, acts of kindness, and the many prayers expressed toward me during my recent knee surgery. I am so proud and blessed to be part of a loving, kind, caring church family who is always there for you. God Bless each and every one of you.

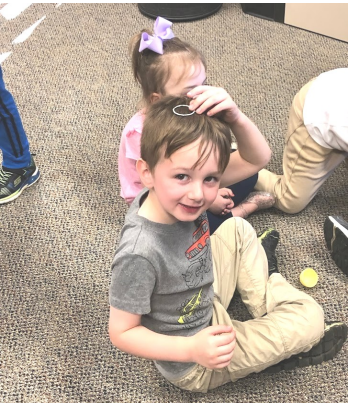
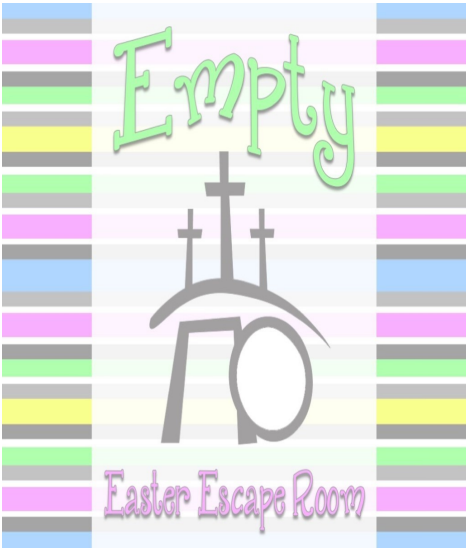
Love,  
Connie Gates

Thank You

I'm sending this card on behalf of each & every resident who so enjoyed the meal last Saturday. We love you & appreciate so very much your continued efforts, your preparation of all the delicious food, the serving of the food, & also the door prizes. You are all such a beautiful ray of sunshine to us each year. We look forward to you coming every year.

May God Bless You,  
Glenda James  
Apartment #310  
Twenty Eight East Apartments

# Children's Ministry Pics





## Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse  
Director of Student Ministries



School is almost out and the Youth will be spending this summer by sharing Christ through serving others.

Our first opportunity will be **May 3-4** at Camp Uskichitto Retreat Center (URC). We will join with other adults to help get Camp URC ready for summer.

The Youth are excited about Vacation Bible School, **June 17-21**. They will be an integral part of VBS and will serve as crew leaders, station leaders, on stage with opening & closing each day, set up, clean up and beyond.

The **last week of June** the Youth will be serving at Delta Grace in Mississippi. I spoke with Rev. Veronica Pritchard, the owner/director of the mission, a few weeks ago who is excited that we are coming.

VBS & Missions will replace our regular Sunday and Wednesday evening programing during the month of June. Be watching for flyers & social media posts about other opportunities for getting together. Sweet Frog or coffee outings, Small Group hangouts, etc.

### Upcoming Events:

5/3-5/4 – Uskichitto Retreat Center Mission  
5/12 – Mother's Day – NO YOUTH  
5/26 – Memorial Day – NO YOUTH  
5/28-31 – Summer Kick Off  
6/24-29 – Mission Trip to Delta Grace in Mississippi (More information to come)  
7/25-28 Weekend of the CROSS mission in Shreveport. Sign up sheets are in the Youth Room.



*Since we started the Delta Grace ministry in January of 2014, we have hosted more than 1,600 missionaries from 20 different states who have worked on more than 140 homes. We still have more than 300 applications on file of homes needing work. The people of the Mississippi Delta are gracious people in need of others willing to give them a hand up not a hand out.*

*Your team will work on homes within a 30 minute radius of the Delta Grace mission hub. The poverty rate within this area is approximately 35% which is twice the poverty rate of the Appalachians Mountains. Many of the homes need bathroom repairs, kitchen repairs, floor repair and roof repair. But all the homes need people who love Christ and are willing to share His love with others.*

## Kids' Focus

Niki Hoyt  
Director of Children's Ministries



Vacation Bible School 2019 is almost here! Mark your calendars for June 17-21 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration is open!!! Please register to volunteer!! Please register your children!!! Register at [vbspro.events/p/19vbs](http://vbspro.events/p/19vbs) today!

This year's theme is amazing! We will journey to Africa as we learn that "Life is Wild and God is Good!" Can you imagine how different our children's lives could be if they really, truly knew that God is good when life is unfair, scary, and changing?

I want to challenge you to invite the children in your life to attend this special week! If you are bringing your own children or grandchildren, arrange to fill up any empty seats you have in your car with neighbor kids!

I also want to challenge you to begin praying now for each participant and volunteer! Pray for them to stay healthy and safe during the week of VBS. Pray for their hearts to be open. Pray for them to feel loved and accepted. And most importantly that they know how much Jesus loves them!



New Friends! Amazing Experiments! Incredible Music!

Creative Games! Safari Treats! Surprising Adventures!

## Vacation Bible School!

**Location:** Pineville First United Methodist Church

**Dates:** June 17th-21st

**Ages:** PreK-6th

**The Fun begins at:** 9:00am

**The VBS day ends at:** 12:00pm

**Preregister at:** <http://pinevillefumc.org/>

**For more information:** Niki Hoyt, 318-640-1050

