



Home - a place of refuge, a place to gain strength for life's challenges, a place where we grow together in our commitment to uphold God's Church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

"A Place to Call Home"

Pineville First United Methodist Church
 2550 Monroe Highway
 Pineville, Louisiana 71360
 (318) 640-1050

Non-Profit Org.
 US Postage
 PAID
 Permit #58
 Pineville, LA



If you are interested in receiving church wide emails regarding upcoming events and announcements, please contact the church office and provide us with your email address.

Church Staff

Pastors

Ed Cooper (ed@pinevillefumc.org)
 Jo Ann Cooper (joann@pinevillefumc.org)

Business Administrator

Jay Quinton (jay@pinevillefumc.org)

Administrative Assistant

Amy Slaughter (amy@pinevillefumc.org)

Director of Student Ministries

Julie Lafosse (julie@pinevillefumc.org)

Communications Coordinator

Teresa Farrar (teresa@pinevillefumc.org)

Director of Children's Ministries

Niki Hoyt (niki@pinevillefumc.org)

Director of Music

George Gross (ggross3@suddenlink.net)

PATH Worship Leader

Thomas Bonner (thomasbonner92@gmail.com)



Website:
pinevillefumc.org



Pineville First United Methodist Church

Office Phone: (318) 640-1050
 Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM;
 Friday 8:00 AM – Noon



Pineville First United Methodist Church

Inside this issue:

From the Pastors 1

**Musically Speaking/
Upcoming Events 2**

**Missions News/
CCW Trip 3**

Youth Focus 4

Kids' Focus 5

Upcoming Events 6

Focus on Caring 7

"A Place to Call Home"

Pineville First United Methodist Church
November 2017 Newsletter

The cooler weather allows us to notice more intently the beautiful night sky. We see the big dipper and the sight takes us back to our childhood. The wonder and amazement is still there. "I found it! I found it!"

It causes us to wonder how God continues to consume us with his love, mercy and grace - yet we as mere mortals continue to exclaim, "I found it! I found it!"

We look back to the heavens only to discover the big dipper is gone! How did so many stars move away so quickly? Something about the earth's rotation around the sun, which we all know! And yet...

In our lives we see ourselves sitting still, standing firm - assuming everything else is moving. We can't seem to grasp what we know to be true - it's a dance of sorts - to and fro, spin and turn, ebb and flow. But instead of embracing the mystery, we curse the big dipper for leaving us behind. Even the moon loses its wonder because it, too, will soon lose its brilliance and will hide in its shame.

Yet, all the while, it was we who couldn't stay still. For to do so would be the end of the universe, of order, of the wonder, mystery, and amazement.

So, what about our faith community? How are we moving forward, embracing the Mystery, cherishing the journey? November—a wonderful time for our church family to harvest the amazement of God's goodness as we journey together.

Blessings,
 Ed & Jo Ann

Musically Speaking...

George Gross
Director of Music



We’re GROWING!!!! Yes, since the “Come and Sing with the Choir” event in September, the choir has gained 5 new members. THAT IS HUGE! And I have great news. There is still room for YOU!!! So we welcome our newest members and invite YOU to come and check us out.

Now for a bit of not so great news. With growth comes some good difficulties. For a few months now, we have been missing two choir robes. I am sure that they were borrowed for some type of ministry and are just laying around someplace wondering, “Hey I miss the other robes in the choir room.” So if you know where they are, bring them back. No questions asked. Put them in a plain brown bag, sneak them into the choir room and run. If they are dirty, wrinkled, whatever, we’ll take care of all of that. Sometimes when I walk in the choir room, I can hear the other robes saying how much they miss the two lost robes. (If animals can talk in the movies, so can choir robes.) There will be much rejoicing in the Kingdom when those that were lost have been found. That sounds familiar to me.

As we move towards Thanksgiving and Advent, one more request. On Sunday morning, November 26 we’ll be transforming the Path, Sanctuary and areas of our facility and decorating for Advent/Christmas. We would love your help. More info to follow.

Thank you for your love and Support,
George



Thanksgiving Church Office
Holiday Hours

Monday, November 20th—8:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 21st—8:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 22nd—8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 23rd– Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday, November 24th– Office Closed



Volunteers needed after the Path and
11:00 service. Lunch Provided.

Focus on Caring



Assisted Living Friends

Bailey Place Assisted Living, Bunkie, LA- Vernalea Floyd
Brookdale- Patsy Honigman
Marigold House- George & Elaine Telligero, Mary Maddox
Montclair Park Assisted Living, Shreveport, LA- Patti Wisenbaker



Nursing Home Friends

Hilltop- Meril Crawley
The Oaks- Cecil Hammond
Out of State- Willa Vee Messer, TX



- 1– Ken Cox, Matthew Triche, Will Triche, Lorrie McKay, Tod Beaman
- 2– Franklin Hill
- 4– Cutter Divers, Wayne Wirfs, Mary Maddox
- 5– Carolyn Dufrene, Carly Gordon, Amber Klock
- 6– Jacque Murphy, Kathleen Hutchinson
- 7– Clarence Fields Sr., Carolyn Green, Helen Moore
- 8– Cliff Kelley, Marcie Thomas
- 9– Jonathan Crawford
- 10– John Carroll, Shelley Doine, Preston Keiser
- 11– Tonya Montgomery
- 13– George Mickey
- 14– Leisha Hines, Lorene Christie, Phillip Tassin
- 16– Joelle Flaherty
- 17– Flash Gordon
- 18– Marq Webb, Kenneth Clear
- 19– Hunter Farrar, Cole Farrar
- 20– Rocky Procell
- 21– Trena Bordelon
- 23– Larry Dufrene
- 24– Ross Campbell, Linda Hoover
- 25– Brittany Tassin, Brandie Jeanise, Allison Glass
- 26– Laura Ford, Nathanael Boone, Brenda Sanders, Marilyn Stewart
- 27– Trina Barron
- 28– Earl Wenzel, Carolyn Graham
- 29– Belinda Carner, Aaron Malone

Homebound Friends

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



- 2– Bob & Louise Butterfield
- 4– Roy & Traci Walker
- 16– Chris & Tara Malone
- 21– Steven & Rachel McKay
- 25– Jeremy & Ginnie Locke




December Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday, November 15th
If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is November 15th. Anyone can submit a 250 word or less article by the deadline each month. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how much mercy he has shown you.” Mark 5:19


UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS



Coffee and Conversation with Women (CCW)

Wednesday,
November 1st at 10:15am
in the Family Life Center

We'll be making Thanksgiving cards for our shut-ins!
It will be a great time of fellowship. Hope to see you there!





Breakfast — Sunday, November 5th
7:00am, Fellowship Hall




CLHC
CENTRAL LOUISIANA HOMELESS COALITION

We will have guest speaker
Kyle MaGee.
He will speak about the Homeless
Coalition and their mission
in our area.



OWL Salsa & Jelly Sale

The United Methodist
Men Ministries will sell
OWL Salsa and Jellies
Sunday, November 5th
from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM in the
Fellowship Hall to support the
Louisiana Children's Home in
Ruston.



**STONE SOUP
MINISTRY**

When: Sunday, November 5th
Time: 4:00-5:00PM

Where: Parking lot of old KRRV building, 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!

The Gospel Tones In Concert!




Sunday, November 5th @ 5:30pm
in the Sanctuary.

The free concert is for families, children and
youth. Bring a friend!



United Methodist Men
Monday Night Matters
Nov. 6th and 20th @ 6:00PM

We're studying The Making of a Man by NFL
All-Pro and Heisman Trophy Winner
Tim Brown



Discipleship

**Adult Discipleship
Meeting**
Monday, November 6th
6:00 P.M.
Large Conference Room

DMA LUNCHEON

November 7th at 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert.
All ages are invited.

DMA meets the first Tuesday of the month.



For Ben Hurst and Julia FitzPatrick

Visa Gift Card Wedding Shower
November 12, 2017
2pm – 4pm in the Parlor

*You Are Invited
To A Wedding
Shower*



United Methodist Women

**Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings
Cipele Meeting**
will meet on November 21st @ 10:00am
in the parlor




Coffee and Conversation with Women (CCW)

Monday, November 27th
at 8:30am in the parking lot of PFUMC
for a road trip to Sally Cooper's Camp

We'll learn how to make award winning pralines!
We'll also make Christmas cards for shut-ins. Taco Soup lunch
will be provided. Don't miss it!

Contact Jane Jones at 641-8884 for more information.

**Reademption
Book Club**



**Tuesday
November 28, 6:00pm**
Mercy Never Sleeps
by Jamie Blaine
Order on Amazon.com
Contact Bonnie White
@basnmw@gmail.com or 318.451.6728.
Reademption Book Club on Facebook &
Receive updates by texting @readem to 81010.

Missions



CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR CHILDREN (CCC 2017)



Share the Blessings On The Road

When: Sat. November 11th, 11:00am
Where: Our Lady's Manor
402 Monroe Street, Alex.

*Please bring your Chicken Supreme and Dump
Cake dishes to the church at 10:00. We'll leave
from the church or you can meet us there.*

Once again, FUMC/P will participate in CCC! Last year we assisted 63 families with approximately 125 children! On Sunday, November 19th, choose the name of a needy child or children from our little CCC Tree. You will find a note which will include sizes and ideas for appropriate gifts Please purchase & wrap a few Christmas gifts for them and return them by Sunday, December 10. Thanks for making Christmas happen for these families!

P.S. If you know of families who need help, ask for the CCC Application Form at our FUMC/P office. It must be turned in by Nov. 3rd

Coffee and Conversation with Women (CCW)

Members of the CCW enjoyed visiting the Louisiana Orphan Train Museum and Le Vieux Village in Opelousas on October 19th. Visitors and new members are always welcome.



Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



The Rise Out of the Dark Tour was wonderful. Sixteen youth & adults traveled to Lafayette for the Concert on Friday, October 20. We had a wonderful time.

Youth Day in the Patch was a beautiful day. We sold lots of pumpkins and more importantly we were able to show the love of Christ to families in our community who came out to visit us. We played games with the children, helped families find the perfect pumpkins for carving or decorating, and lots more. Cara Jeansonne was our story teller & Nathan Hoyt drove the train loaded with children & adults for most of the day. The youth consolidated pumpkins, stacked empty pallets and discarded the “bad” pumpkins. It was a wonderful day!!

It's Hard to believe that the holidays are here already. We have lots of things planned and are looking forward to the Advent season.

Upcoming Events & Activities:

11/3-5 – Junior High Retreat

11/11 – Pallet Painting Fundraiser

11/12 – Sushi Sunday

11/17 – Operation Christmas Child Shopping & Lock In

11/21 – Pumpkin Pie Baking for our Homebound members & Air U!

**I
WAS
SBL
INDBU
TNOWISEE**

JOHN 9:25

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2017
JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

VISION JOHN 9:25
I Was Blind, But Now I See

Junior High (grades 7-8 & 9) grade and below
to provide a spiritual experience with God as well as a connection with youth from all over Louisiana.

We will begin at 8am on Friday evening November 3rd
our time together on Sunday morning, November 5th at 11am.

For more information:
Online Registration
<https://busanareg.intsigp.com/juniorhigh2017>
youth@la-umc.org or 337-458-0163

**REGISTER NOW
7th & 8th GRADE**

**\$90 PER PERSON
(ADULTS INCLUDED)
NOW - 10/23**

**LATE REGISTRATION:
\$120
PER PERSON
OCTOBER 24 - 30**

REGISTER EARLY!!

**TALL TIMBERS WILL
BE USED FOR OVERFLOW
ACCOMMODATIONS
AT MAXIMUM
CAPACITY AT THE
WESLEY CENTER**

WESLEY CENTER
20500 Memorial Plaza
Woodward, MI 48145
(313) 448-4500

www.thewesleycenter.com

Check In Begins
9am on Friday 11/3

PALETTE PAINTING FUNDRAISER

693 Creativity

NOVEMBER 11, 2017

You have 2 options (or do both!)

10:00 am & 3:00pm!

ROOF
24/7 Student Ministries
P.O. Box 10000, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310

Only \$35

Sign up today to reserve your spot!
<https://tinyurl.com/yco2z9ph>

Click on "Tinyurl Ticket" to choose your design & time slot.

It's Going to be so much FUN!!!

Bring a Friend!!!

Questions? Call Julie 353-640-1050

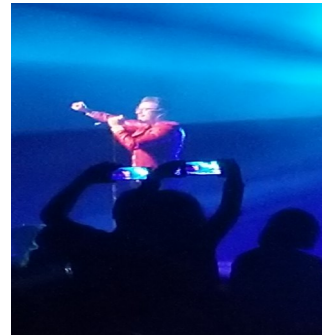
**YOUTH
SUSHI**

SUNDAY

**November 12
12:30pm**



YOUTH LOCK & BONFIRE
OPERATION CHRISTMAS FOR THE CHILDREN
NOVEMBER 17-18
5:30pm—10:00am
Bring your sleeping bag, air mattress, toiletries, etc.
Don't miss this!
Cost \$15 per person
(to help purchase gift items for the children)



Kids' Focus



Niki Hoyt
Director of Children's Ministries



The PFUMC children have been busy during Mission Possible Kids and Summer Mission Mondays learning to be the hands and feet of Jesus around the globe.

Can you help us by packing a shoebox or two or even three? The PFUMC kids want to challenge the church to collect 150 boxes. Bring your boxes to church Sunday, November 19th for a special blessing before they are sent out. The Bible study group or Sunday School group that packs the most will even receive a very special prize made by the PFUMC kids!!!

Look for the Operation Christmas Child displays at church for more details on how to pack your boxes! And thank you from the PFUMC kids for helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus around the world!

