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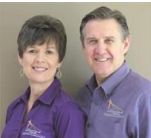


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November seems to offer a totally different “feel” in the air - and it has very little to do with the weather. It’s as though our spirits know this is a time to settle in and reflect. November invites us to remember and honor those in our church family who have died this past year, it offers us a time to honor our veterans and it most certainly calls us to a mindset of Thankfulness.

November seems to call each of us to pause and give notice to the gifts we may often overlook. November, according to the Christian Calendar, also offers us the privilege to celebrate Christ the King!

To proclaim Christ as “King” can be a day on the calendar that honestly resembles every other Sunday, or it can be a proclamation of a journey of faith that continues to be shaped by the love of Christ. I suppose it depends on how we have responded to the life that has been ours to live. Christ the King Sunday is also the last Sunday of the Christian Year (November 25th) and ushers the Church into Advent - a time to celebrate the birth of Christ, and more importantly, prepare for Christ’s return.

It will be very tempting, and may even feel necessary, to begin planning for all that December holds. But even in the midst of a hurried season, there is a reason November seems to offer a totally different “feel” in the air. May we not miss it.

Ed & Jo Ann



CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR CHILDREN (CCC 2018)

Once again, FUMC/P will participate in CCC! Last year we assisted 41 families with approximately 94 children! On Sunday, November 18th, 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 9th. 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 the FUMC Alexandria office. It must be turned in by Nov. 7th.

Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



I ran across a Youth Ministry article today from Youth Specialties. I was reminded that Parents who have teenagers these days grew up in a time when youth ministry was quite different. It was a time when we thought that having mostly (or only) young/college aged adults leading youth ministry was the best way to reach students. Today, study after study has shown that students need a variety of people in their lives including those of us who are, well, life seasoned 😊 And Parents, you are the biggest & most important influence in you student’s life. So, I wanted to share a few assumptions, from the article, that many parents have about being involved in their child’s youth ministry experience.

Assumption #1: As students move into their teen years, the influence of parents diminishes and the influence of peers (and youth culture) begins.

False: The influence of peers does increase, but parents remain the number one influence in faith formation.

Assumption #2: Faith development is the responsibility of trained experts (youth pastors/student ministries).

False: No one is better equipped to know and understand teenagers than a parent of a teen.

Assumption #3: My child needs space and doesn’t want me to serve in the student ministry.

False: Students likely don’t want their parents serving in their small groups, but they probably wouldn’t mind if their parents serve in other capacities.

You don’t have to be cool, you just have to be available & care.
You don’t have to be a theologian, you just have to listen.

Just know that if you would like to be more involved, we would love to have you join us on Sundays & Wednesdays. If you want to discuss the possibilities, let’s do coffee. We cannot do this alone, we need each other. I’ve been a parent of 2 teenagers, and it’s not easy but together, we are so much better!!!
To read more: <https://youthspecialties.com/blog/incorporating-parents-in-youth-ministry/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Regular Youth on Wednesdays 5:45pm – 7pm & Sundays 4pm – 6pm. JOIN US!!

11/2-4 – Junior High Retreat

11/11 – Sushi Sunday

11/16-17 – Operation Christmas Child Shopping & Lock In – 5:30pm until 9am

11/18 – Pumpkin Pie Baking for our Homebound members – 2pm – 6pm

11/19 – Pumpkin Pie Delivery @10am

12/9 – Take Home Meal - Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin 😊

Proverbs 22:6 - Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

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

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



- 1– Matthew & Will Triche, Ken Cox, Tod Beaman, Lorrie McKay
- 2– Jeff McMillan, Franklin Hill
- 4– Wayne Wirfs, Mary Maddox, Cutter Divers
- 5– Carolyn Dufrene, Amber Klock, Carly Gordon
- 6– Kathleen Hutchinson, Jacque Murphy
- 7– Helen Moore, Clarence Fields, Sr. Tinsley McMillan, Tracy Jones, Amy Owensby, Carolyn Green
- 8– Cliff Kelley, Marcie Thomas, Gibson Russell,
- 9– Jonathan Crawford
- 10–Shelley Doine, John Carroll, Preston Keiser
- 11– Tonya Montgomery
- 13– George Mickey
- 14– Leisha Hines, Phillip Tassin, Scott Hawkins, Lorene Christie
- 16– Lauren Lemmons, Joelle Flaherty, Maddie Barnette
- 17– Flash Gordon
- 18– Kenneth Clear
- 19– Hunter & Cole Farrar
- 20– Rocky Procell, Kaitlynn Shelton
- 21– Trena Bordelon
- 22– Mike Lee
- 23– Anita Wright, Larry Dufrene
- 24– Kolt Martin, Linda Hoover, Ross Campbell
- 25– Brandie Jeanise, Katie Glass, Brittany Tassin
- 26– Brenda Sanders, Nathanael Boone, Laura Ford, Marilyn Stewart
- 27– Trina Barron
- 28– Jenny Brazil, Earl Wenzel, Carolyn Graham
- 29– Aaron Malone, Belinda Carner, Martha Overbey, Kayden Martin

December Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday November 14th.

If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is November 14th. 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

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



- 2– Bob & Louise “Meaux” Butterfield
- 4– Roy & Traci Walker
- 16– Chris & Tara Malone
- 21– Steven & Rachel McKay
- 25– Jeremy & Ginnie Locke, Brian & Mary Lee Mattox



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Musically Speaking...

George Gross
Director of Music



Writing to you from the Jewel of the Seas in Italy. Sharing the Journeys of Paul cruise with a group from our church. Awesome so far.

Judy and I want to digress for a moment to say thank you to the children's choir and parents. It was the first time singing for this newly formed choir. They sang well. You will hear more from and about them in the near future.

So here we are in November heading towards the holiday season. The choir continues to work on music for each Sunday and a major musical for Christmas. It is not too late for you to join us to sing Christmas music. We'll give you a book, CD and the info and you can listen to the CD and learn the music. Come and try it.

Speaking of Christmas, we will decorate the Sanctuary (and other areas of the church facility) following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday. November 25th. Everyone is invited to lend a hand. More info to follow.

Thank you to all of those who share in the music ministry.

Blessings, George



The Lake Charles North District “Mini Mission U” held on September 29th at First Methodist Church Pineville had 2 speakers– Rev. Ashley McGuire of First Methodist Church Alexandria and our very own Rev. Jo Ann Cooper. Rev. Ashely spoke on “The Earth’s Perspective on Covenantal Living” and Rev. Jo Ann spoke on “What About Our Money? -A Faith Response”. A light breakfast was served and lunch. Serving the breakfast and handling the registration was the Dianne Bolton Circle. The Estelle Dameron/Betty Cummings Circle served lunch. At the end of the meeting, the pastors were given a token of our appreciation for their time sharing with us in the form of a small marble pear shaped serving platter. Both circles also wish to thank some of our members of the United Methodist Men (Bud Crick, Bob Nash, & Cliff Kelley) for helping serve lunch.

Thank You



GIDEONS
INTERNATIONAL

Your congregation’s love for The Word of God, is obvious. The offering, given in the amount of \$946.00 will allow the Gideons to purchase and place 189 Hotel Bibles, or 700 New Testaments, in the traffic lanes of life. We can Trust God, to use His Word as promised in Isaiah 55:11 “So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of mouth; it shall not return unto me void...”

Serving Him Together,
Andy Byon
Church Ministry Chairman
Pineville Camp

Kids’ Focus

Niki Hoyt
Director of Children’s Ministries



October was such an exciting month for PFUMC! The pumpkin patch brought joy to many families as they visited to find their perfect pumpkin and took pictures in the patch of their children and even their puppies! Trunk or Treat 2018 was one for the record books!!! We had more than 1200 guests drop in for a hay ride, train ride, and candy from 36 trunks!!! Thank you so much for all you do to make outreaches like these possible! Families from our community were able to truly experience hospitality and grace at Pineville First United Methodist Church! Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Time Change Sunday School Fun!
November 4th

Children’s Sunday school classes will have a HUGE cereal buffet for breakfast as we celebrate the time change!

Bring your favorite box of cereal!
All unopened boxes of cereal will be donated to the food bank!!!

Election Day Fun!
Calling all kids in K-6th grade!!!



We will be making and delivering goody bags to first responders!

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\$5 to cover cost of mission and lunch

Family Movie Night
November 9
6 p.m.



Community Outreach/Trunk or Treat Pics



UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

**MOPS and MOMSnext
Fall Fundraiser
Photo shoot mini
sessions**

**SATURDAY
November 3rd**

\$45
20 minute photography
session
5 edited photos on a disc
with photo rights

ONLY 20 spots Available
text Kyla @ 318-715-2223 for open time slots

UMM **American Heart Association**

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

**Our guest speaker will be
Ashley Walker
from the American Heart Association.**

We hope you will come join us!

SS STONE SOUP MINISTRY

**When: Sunday, November 4th
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!**

**Coffee and Conversation with
Women (CCW)**

Monday, November 5, 9:45am, Fellowship Hall
Jane Phillips will visit with us about the women's Bible
Study Fellowship that meets at PFUMC on Fridays.
We're still collecting basic school supplies for TJH,-- pens,
pencils, and paper.
All ladies are welcome!

For more information, contact Debbie Kaylo or Liz Ford.

UMM

**United Methodist Men
Monday Night Matters**

**November 5th & 26th at 6:00 P.M.
Good News Classroom**

**We're studying
"Lord Change My Attitude"
by James McDonald.**

DMA LUNCHEON

**November 6th, 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall**

**Our guest speaker will be Pat Barone
from Crossroads Riding Center.
"Changing Lives, One Ride at a Time"
Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert.
All ages are invited.**

Share the Blessings On The Road

**When: Sat. November 10th, 11:00am
Where: Pine Grove Apartment Complex
60 Pinecrest Drive, Pineville**

We'll be serving a home cooked, Thanksgiving
meal to our friends. Join us—you'll be blessed.

SHOEBOXES

AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!
Filled Shoeboxes are due
Sunday, November 11th.

**Estelle Dameron-
Betty Cummings Circle**
will meet Tuesday, November 13th
at 10:00AM in the Parlor.

LS LifeShare

LifeShare Blood Center will be here November 18th!
9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. (Outside in the Blood Center Van)
We all know that giving blood saves lives, but did you know that when a member
of PFUMC donates, credit for each unit collected goes into an "account"? When a
member of our church goes into the hospital and a blood transfusion etc., is
required, they can draw on our account, which saves them in the cost of the
blood. There is always a shortage of blood so if
you are able to donate, please do.
If you would like to donate, but can't make it on November 18th, you can go to
LifeShare offices on North Mall Blvd and donate at any time,
and the church still receives credit.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Church Office Hours

**Wednesday, November 21st—8:00am—12:00pm
Thursday, November 22nd— Office Closed
Friday, November 23rd— Office Closed**

**Advent-Christmas
Decorating**
Sunday, Nov. 25

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