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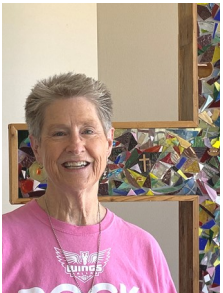


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Welcome New Member!



Dr. Shirley Snyder

**Pineville First United Methodist Church
November 2019 Newsletter**



“Embrace, Engage, Encourage, Energize”

Our friend, Dr. Craig Gilliam, shared an astonishing fact about each of us. Craig writes, “According to Donald Clifton, founder of Gallup’s *CliftonStrengths Assessment*, every person can do one thing better than any other 10,000 people.” Did you know that about yourself?

Your pastors see firsthand, week-after-week, the uniqueness that each of you offers to our Lord as you serve Him through His church. Whether it’s in children’s or youth ministries, music or mission ministries, we see your gifts manifested in Christ-like ways. At this time of the year, we pause to say, “Thank you!” Ministry happens because you do that one thing in such a way that 10,000 others can’t do—mainly, you do you in serving Jesus by serving others.

Advent 2019 is fast approaching. This year’s focus is *“Advent in Narnia.”* Studies and sermons will be based on H. Haverkamp’s *Advent in Narnia* and C.S. Lewis’ children’s classic, *Chronicles of Narnia*. Haverkamp writes, “Lewis’ creation of Narnia invites us to walk through a wardrobe of not only snow and cold, light and darkness, meals and gifts - but also temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope.”

We hope you will join us through this unique journey as we make our way through Narnia. Our prayer for our church family is that we all will allow this Advent Season to guide us into a deeper awareness of God’s Love, Mercy and Grace. It promises to be a unique Advent—like you!

Blessings,
Pastors Jo Ann and Ed Cooper



CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR CHILDREN (CCC 2019)

Once again, our church will participate in CCC! Last year we assisted 35 families with approximately 104 children and 42 adults! On Sunday, November 17th, 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 8th. There will also be an opportunity to provide a bag of food for these families. A bag with a list of items will be provided. 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.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS



FALL BACK

how to fall back

PHONE
Do nothing.

MICROWAVE
Just press random buttons.

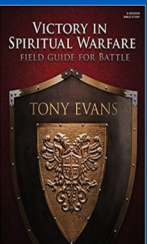
CAR
Just wait until March.

OVEN
Become an engineer.

WATCH
Spin the little spinny thing.

SUNDIAL
Move houses.

Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 2nd, or you'll be very early for church.



United Methodist Men
Monday Night Matters
Mondays, November 4, 11, 18
6:00 PM
Good News Classroom

Join us as we continue our study of *Victory In Spiritual Warfare* as Dr. Evans demystifies spiritual warfare so that we can tackle challenges and obstacles with spiritual power: God's authority.




Family Movie Night
Friday, November 15th
6:30pm
Family Life Center
We'll be watching
Narnia
Bring a comfy chair or blanket!
All Ages are Welcome!



We need volunteers to serve at Manna House
Friday, November 22
from 11:00 am-1:00 pm
2655 Lee Street in Alexandria
If you are able to serve, contact the church office.




The United Methodist Men (UMM)
will not be meeting in the month of November for their regular scheduled breakfast on the first Sunday of the month.



DMA (Don't Mention Age) Luncheon
Tuesday, November 5th at Noon.

Our guest speaker will be Richard Bushnell, former Director of the Wesley Center in Woodworth.
Bring a covered dish.
Hope you'll join us!



Christmas Cheer for Children
Christmas Cheer for Children Trees will be up Sunday, November 17th!
Look for them outside both worship areas.
Please choose a name or names (however you feel led), and bring your wrapped gifts to the church by Sunday, December 8th.
Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to our community!



Advent-Christmas Decorating
Sunday, Nov. 24

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



November 3rd during all three worship services. During this special service of commemoration, we will recognize those members of our church family who have passed away this past year.



Coffee and Conversation with Women (CCW)
Thursday, November 7th
Carpool leaves from PFUMC at 9:00am

We're going to the Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center in Ruston for lunch and a driving tour, and then head for home at 1:30pm.
All ladies are invited!



Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings Circle
will meet Tuesday, November 19th at 10:00 AM in the Parlor.
Hope to see some of you ladies.



Thanksgiving Church Office Hours
Wednesday, November 27th—8:00am—12:00pm
Thursday, November 28th— Office Closed
Friday, November 29th— Office Closed

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 Telfifero

Nursing Home Friends

Matthews Memorial, Alexandria, LA—Belinda Carner
Naomi Heights-, Alexandria, LA- Bob Nash
Summit, Alexandria, LA—Annie Hutchinson
The Oaks, Pineville, LA – Cecil Hammond
Tioga Manor, Pineville, LA—Francis “Bo” Smith
Out of State– Willa Vee Messer, TX

Homebound Friends

Elaine Beck
Ayme Beeson
Irma Brown
Rick Bryan
Geneva Clark
Barbara Drago
Bernie Misner
Joan Payne
Marie Reece
Virginia Smith
Fred Tannehill



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2– Bob Sr. & Louise Butterfield
- 4– Roy & Traci Walker
- 16– Chris & Tara Malone
- 19– James & Judy Edwards
- 21– Steven & Rachel McKay
- 25– Jeremy & Ginnie Locke

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Musically Speaking...

George Gross
Director of Music

We’re gonna be talking about Advent and Christmas music. I hear you saying, “But George, it’s only November.” Yes true, but the music ministry folks have been working on Christmas music since September. It’s still not too late for you to come and sing some of the most joyful music of the year.

I mentioned in October the musical, “For Unto Y’all” a Cowboy Christmas. The main characters have been cast and rehearsals have started. It is not too late for you to be part of the ensemble cast. Come and talk to Judy and/or George and see how you can help. Also, we are looking for WESTERN type items. Clothes, hats, decorations (think “Little House on the Prairie” type items.) If you are lending us something, please clearly mark it with your name. Also save the date of **December 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** I promise, you’re not gonna want to miss this.

And one more musical presentation will be the choir cantata/music on Sunday morning, December 15th. You are invited to sing along with us for this musical. We have CD’s so you can listen in the car or at home and you’ll find it is very easy to learn.

On Sunday, November 24th we’ll start the facility transformation by decorating for Advent/Christmas. If you can spare a bit of time following the 11 a.m. service we would appreciate your help.

Giving Thanks for those who say “YES, I will serve!”

Love, George

Thank
you!

To My Church Family,

Thank all of you for the prayers, phone calls, & blessings. It is gratefully appreciated with all my heart. Keep me in your prayers as I had surgery on my left eye on October 8th. Thank you so much.

Love,
Carolyn F. Green

Upcoming Meetings

DMA (Don’t Mention Age) Luncheon—Tuesday, November 5th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Trustees Meeting— Tuesday, November 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Pairs & Spares Classroom
Estelle Dameron/Betty Cummings Circle— Tuesday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor



Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



One Sunday evening, a couple of weeks ago, while watching the youth play Ga-Ga ball, I noticed a little patch of yellow wildflowers growing in the limestone driveway right in front of the church bus. I walked over with my phone and took a picture of it because, that’s what I do. ☺ One of our youth ran over to me and asked that I send her that picture. She said, it’s so pretty and it reminds me that there is life & beauty even in the rocks. She said that she & her friend were talking about that at school. Wow, all I could do is smile, hug her & send her the picture. On another evening after youth, another student sent me a text about why she loves the things we do as a Youth group. With her permission, I’m sharing some of the content of that text.

I feel like when we have youth on Sunday nights or on Wednesday nights; when we have Wednesday night live and on Thursday mornings when we meet at Harlow's or pretty much any youth event, I just forget about what has happened at school or outside of church and it just gives me a refresh so I feel like I don't have to worry about anything.

Y’all, these kids are growing in their faith and in relationship with Jesus. Pray for them all. God is doing great things in the life of our church and it shows up in the little things that we sometimes overlook.

Regular Wednesday Night Youth begins at 5:45pm – 7pm & Sundays 4pm – 6pm. JOIN US!!

- UPCOMING:
- 11/1-3 – Junior High Retreat. See Julie to get more information and the link to sign up.
 - 11/15-16 – Operation Christmas Child Lock-In & Narnia Movie Night
 - 11/24 – Pumpkin Pie Baking & Delivery for our Homebound Members
 - 11/27 – NO YOUTH
 - 12/01 – NO YOUTH
 - 12/08 – Take Home Meal!!!! & “For Unto Y’all” Cowboy Christmas play
 - 12/15 – Youth Progressive Dinner



Community Outreach/Trunk or Treat Pics



Kids' Focus

Leslie Frietch
Director of Children's Ministries



A Look Back.....

Fall is in full swing! The weather is changing, the leaves are changing and it's that time of year when everything smells of pumpkin spice! We celebrated this season with the our Who Am I? series, the Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat.

A Look Ahead.....

This month the theme for First Look (Preschool-Kindergarten) is "I Can Thank God for Everything", and the theme for 252 Kids (First – Sixth Grade) is, "Honor: Honor Others by Putting Them First."

Dates to Remember.....

Nov. 3 – Time Change Pajamas and Cereal
Nov. 10 – Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are Due
Nov. 15 – Family Movie Night – The Chronicles of Narnia
Nov. 20 – Last Wednesday Night Live

Family Moment....

Take a walk as a family to enjoy the changing leaves. According to Professor Michelle Harris of William James College, "When you're walking and focusing on the changing leaves, you're no longer cuing your brain to run or fight. Instead, you're cuing your brain to pay attention to something beautiful and enjoy it." Get out and enjoy God's beauty with your family and you just may find a break from the stressors of life.



Time-Change Sunday School Fun!
November 3rd
Children's Sunday School classes
will have a PAJAMA and CEREAL
celebration!
Bring your favorite box of cereal
to share!

Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes Due
November 10th
Items for Youth
Packing Night Due
November 15th
(Narnia Movie Night)

Ways to Support Operation Christmas Child

- Pack your own shoebox
- Donate Items for youth shoebox packing night
- Sponsor a Shoebox (each box costs \$9.00 to process and ship)
- Pray for the children, volunteers and pastors

Why Pack a Shoebox?

- Bless children in need around the world
- Teach your family the value of giving