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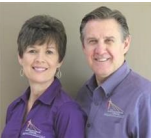
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October 2018 Newsletter



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A few weeks ago the pastors invited the church family to a meeting to discuss **PFUMC’s 2018 Pumpkin Patch**. As promised, we want to share the specifics of that meeting. First, we are so grateful to the volunteers, the young families, the Children’s Ministry Team, and the staff for the amazing work that now allows our church the opportunity to embrace a new direction for the Patch.

Here are a few of the major revisions:

#1 –The Patch is longer a fundraiser for ministries within our church. It is now an **OUTREACH MINISTRY**, a gift, to our community. With this major change, families of all walks of life are able to enjoy the patch. Folks will be able to make a donation, but it is not required. Our children’s ministry team is doing an amazing job of designing activities that create a hospitable and fun setting for all who visit.

#2—The scope of the patch will change, as will the hours of operation. In order to provide a meaningful experience for our guests and a manageable schedule for our volunteers we will have fewer pumpkins and less hours of operation.

#3 - What has not changed is our need for volunteers to help set-up, unload, and provide hospitality to all who visit the patch.

Realizing the need for space to allow this new ministry to take shape, we do want to offer a few dates and times for you to consider:

Sunday, October 14 - After 11:00 Worship
Prepare the Patch (put out hay bales, tent, other decorations)

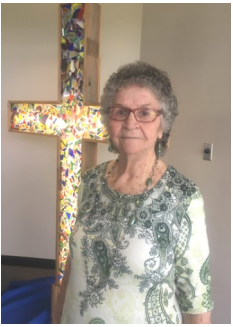
Monday, October 15 - More information to come
Unload Pumpkins (we will need trucks, trailers and able bodies).

Wednesday, October 17 - The Patch Opens!!!!
Please sign up to help support this outreach ministry!

Sunday, October 21 - TRUNK OR TREAT
We need **40 TRUNKS!** Here are the ways you can help:
#1 - Decorate your trunk and provide candy for the kids who visit.
#2 - Adopt a trunk - donate candy and/or monies to purchase candy
#3 - Decorate a trunk and offer a smile! (candy will be provided)

Sign-ups for the Patch and Trunk or Treat are online and in various locations around the church. Please sign-up today and let’s show our community what true hospitality looks like!

Welcome New Members!



Wilma Bratcher



Mark & Renee Conley

Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



A while back my daughter, Kaitlyn, sent me a link to a song. She said, “I know that you are not really a country music fan but since you lead youth, you need to hear this song.” She and her husband heard it in the car one day and they were both in tears when it was over. They have a 3 year old & an 8 month old and realized that they need to be more aware of the things they do & say, even when they do not think that Aubrey and Noah see, hear or understand.

So, although, I’m not really a country music fan, I love this song because it is so true. You may have heard it “Watching You” by Rodney Adkins. Here is the Youtube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uzK3VwzraM>

Parents, your kids are watching you. They are learning by how you react in traffic ☺, how you deal with daily stress, love others, love Jesus, how you worship & pray, etc.

Now more than ever, teenagers are in desperate need of strength and perseverance—especially as they try to follow Jesus in a culture that seems to be rapidly moving away from Him. Our youth are in a place that neither we nor any other society has experienced. Not only are they experiencing people of many different faiths in person, they are also exposed to beliefs of all kinds through the connectional powers of the internet & television.

Remember:
There are 8760 hours in a year.
Your youth spends 1062 hours, 12%, in school.
Approximately 2920 hours, 33%, sleeping
An Average of 770 hours, 9%, doing extra curricular activities.
and 104-208 hours, 1%-2%, working on their spiritual lives (praying, reading their Bible, youth group, attending church)

The remaining 3800 hours, 43%, are mostly spent with you, their parents. Research shows that parents are one of—if not the—biggest influences on their kids’ faith. Yes, even for teenagers - turns out they are listening or watching even when it doesn't seem like it. “Hollow Faith” by Stephan Ingram

YOUTH
SMALL
GROUPS

CONNECT IN
small
GROUPS

Sundays @4pm-6pm

Junior High led by The Barrons

Senior High led by Ritchie Martin

Food, Fellowship, Connections, Fun!!

AIR1
POSITIVE
HITS
TOUR

ZACH WILLIAMS

WE ARE THE ROOTS

JASON MRAZ

GLEN CAMPBELL

BARBRA STREISAND

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

AIR1

POSITIVE HITS TOUR

@CROSSROADS CHURCH in Lafayette, La

Saturday, October 20th

Bus leaves the church at 4:00pm

Tickets \$20

Please Sign Up & Pay for your Ticket ASAP



Register NOW
7th & 8th Grade

\$90 per person
(adults included)
now - 10/1

Late Registration:
\$120 per person
October 2 - 22

Register Early!!

TALL TIMBERS may
be used for overflow
accommodations
once maximum
capacity is reached

WESLEY CENTER
2350 Methodist Pkwy
Woodworth, LA 71485
(318) 449-4500
www.thewesleycenter.com

Check-in Begins @
8pm on Friday 11/2

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2018

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

In His Image Ephesians 2:10

*For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Junior High Retreat is for students in 7th & 8th grade and is designed to provide a spiritual experience with God as well as a connectional encounter with youth from all over Louisiana.

We will begin at 9pm on Friday evening on November 2nd and end our time together on Sunday morning, November 4th at 11:30am.

Online Registration
<https://louisiana-reg.brdapp.com/JuniorHighRetreat2018>
For more information contact Julie Lafosse –
youth@la-umc.org

TAKE HOME MEAL

YOUTH
Fundraiser

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:30am-1:00pm
Cost: \$8.00
Our CHEF is Andy Simpson!!

Please sign up to reserve your meals @
<https://goo.gl/forms/NaMoMmbweCB4WEk53>

Pulled Pork Sliders

Dirty Rice

Pickle Spear

Brownie

Thank you for
supporting our
youth!!

Peking Pumpkins

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 28th
@ 4pm—6pm

The youth will take part in
this object lesson / science
experiment that we call
“PUKING PUMPKINS”.
We hope you will join us!!!

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– Mary Maddox
Montclair Park Assisted Living, Shreveport, LA- Patti Wisenbaker
Savannah Grand, West Monroe, LA—George & Elaine Telifero

Nursing Home Friends

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



- 2– Tiffany King
- 3– Marsha Prestridge, Beth Marshall
- 4– Alice Pharis
- 5– Debbie Kelley
- 6– Melvin Harrison, Elaine Beck
- 7- Glen Collard
- 9– Jacob Stroud, Mark Bonner
- 10– Loretta Magee, Luke Lemmons
- 11– Bryan Lutz
- 12– Jonelle Walker, Anthony Jeanise, Alex King
- 13– Bonnie White, Lexie Theriot, Virginia Reeves, Alexis Cain, Ken Kerry
- 14– Kayla Kokemor
- 15– Elaine Jenkins
- 17– Berdette Soileau
- 18– Deidre Williams, Dylan Stroud
- 19– Claire Walker
- 20– Betty Crawford
- 21– Jess Courtright
- 22– Jane Oxenhandler, Randy Hoben, Joanne Brechtel
- 25– George Stafford, William Simpson
- 26– Chris Malone, Ashlyn Nugent, Landon Vallee, Erin Roes, Comfort Folarin, Emma Stroud
- 27– George Telifero
- 28– Jason Thomson, Nathan Keiser
- 29– Kathleen Crawford, Rachel McKay
- 30– Fred Eloï, Lesley Carter



Homebound Friends

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



- 1– Harold & Barbara Corley
- 10– Jason & Bliss Wise
- 14– Norman & Judy Bruce
- 19– Anthony & Brandie Jeanise
- 26– Michael & Cindy Barrios



November Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday, October 17th
If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is October 17th. Anyone can submit a 250 word or less article by the deadline each month. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



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Musically Speaking...

George Gross
Director of Music



Well Fall is in the air and with the 1st of October several things continue and some things look different.

The first major change you will see is the Chancel Choir back in Choir Robes. We enjoy a time of more casual dress but also love looking formal and uniform. The first Sunday in October is also World Wide Communion Sunday. There are many churches around the world that only serve Holy Communion on this day. We celebrate this Holy day with our sisters and brothers around the world.

We continue to prepare for Advent/Christmas. It is not too late for you to come join with us for the next few months. This is a great time to try out the choir. We'll give you a book and a CD and you can learn the music while riding around in your car, etc. Come and talk to us and see how you can sing the Joyous Music of the Season with us.

One more exciting bit of news. The Children's Choir, (2nd through 6th grade) have been rehearsing for a few weeks now and will sing very soon during the 11 a.m. service. It is not too late for your child/ren to come and sing with us. We rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Contact Judy for more info.

Signing off with a line from one of the songs we're teaching the children:

"Sing Praise to the Father, Sing Praise to the Son."

Love, George



Thank you for Pineville First United Methodist Church's donation of \$12,000 to the Food Bank's Backpack Program. Your support will provide food on the weekends for low-income students in Pineville. We were thrilled to have another successful backpack campaign and are grateful for the church's dedication to our organization and mission to alleviate hunger in Central Louisiana.

We are so blessed to have people like Ann Parvin in our community who have a passion to help those in need. "Because of Maddie" and the generosity of your congregation, First United Methodist in Pineville has donated more than \$67,500 to support our Backpack Program.

Sincerely,

Jayne Wright-Velez
Executive Director



Cookie Deadline:

Wednesday, October 24th, 2018

No nuts, fruit or peanut butter
Chocolate chip, oatmeal, lemon &
snickerdoodles are safe choices, and some of
the residents' favorites.

Cookies should be 2-2 1/2" in diameter
One dozen per Ziploc

Kids' Focus

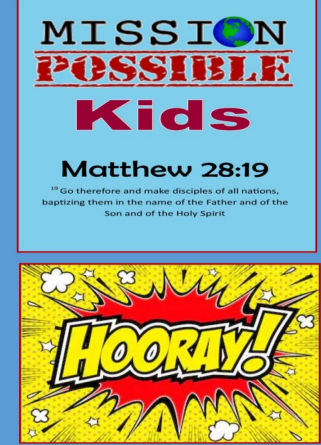
Niki Hoyt
Director of Children's Ministries



It is October! And although the pumpkin patch will look differently this year, October presents us with opportunities to welcome our community to our campus. My favorite October event is Trunk or Treat. I love to see the creativity of the trunks and families handing out candy together. I love to see families from our community making memories as they go on hayrides and pose for pictures in the patch. And as our biggest outreach of the year, we need every member of our church family to participate. Of course, we always need candy but more importantly we need your presence! Families are not just coming for candy. They are seeking true community. For two hours on a Sunday afternoon, may they experience that community.



Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION
Christmas Child
SHOEBOXES
AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!
Filled Shoeboxes are due
Sunday, November 11th.



Mission Possible Kids
Wednesdays, 5:45-7pm
- Teachers will be in place at 5:45! Many of our teachers work and pick up kids from activities prior to classes, so please don't drop off early.
- Make sure an adult signs your child in and out. This is a safety precaution for our children.
We are looking forward to an exciting year in MPK!

KAIROS MINISTRY/CHILDREN’S PICS



My name is Phillip Tassin and I am a part of Prison Ministry. You may be familiar with baking cookies for Kairos - twelve dozen baked cookies per ziploc, no fruit or nuts and have them at the church by a certain date, but what happens to those cookies after they leave the church?

We minister at Winn Parish Correctional and these prayed over cookies are the first indicators to the inmates that people who don’t know them love them and want them to know that Jesus loves them. Most of them know that cookies will be there when they arrive on Thursday night. At first, most guys think this is a one-time thing and they better grab all they can, but then they’re told “not to worry because there will be cookies all weekend and you will have some to take back to the dorm.” Then they begin to understand the seriousness and that we like them and want to be friends. The cookies help them feel they are part of a family. It’s amazing to see them in just a day or so passing the tray of cookies around their table, sharing. They become more relaxed and comfortable with discussing what the Kairos means and does in their lives. In the words of Bobby Taylor of Kairos, “The cookies are an ice breaker as well. We minister to men who have been locked away for a long time, and have set up boundaries that are not easy to get around. The cookies are a big help to start tearing down walls.”

The key ingredient in these cookies is praying over them. Pray over them when you’re mixing, baking and packaging. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners during Kairos weekend.

As you can see, these cookies are so much more than just cookies placed in a ziploc bag. They help the inmates know that people they will never meet took the time to bake for them and pray for them, and by doing that you are showing the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for always supporting the Kairos Cookies Ministry.



UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

DMA LUNCHEON

October 2nd 12:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Our guests will be the nurses from Rapides Regional's Cardiac Rehab. Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. All ages are invited. DMA meets the first Tuesday of the month.



Breakfast — Sunday, October 7th 7:00am, Fellowship Hall

Our guest speaker will be Debra Faircloth from the Family Justice Center. We hope you will come join us!



OWL Salsa & Jelly Sale

The United Methodist Men Ministries will sell OWL Salsa, Pepper Jelly, and Fruit Jelly on Sunday, October 7th from 9:30 AM—12:00 PM in the Narthex.



STONE SOUP MINISTRY

When: Sunday, October 7th 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)

The Coffee and Conversation with Women's Group will meet on Monday, October 8th at 9:45am in the parking lot of PFUMC for a road trip to

Sally Cooper's Camp

We'll be making Potato Soup Mason Jars for charity. Bring a sack lunch. Contact Liz Ford for more information.



United Methodist Men Monday Night Matters



October 8th & 22nd at 6:00 P.M. Good News Classroom

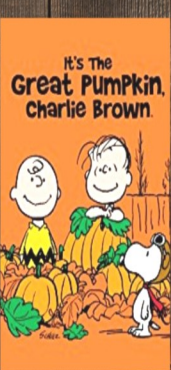
We're studying "Lord Change My Attitude" by James McDonald.



Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings Circle will meet Tuesday, October 16th at 10:00AM in the Parlor.



We need five volunteers to serve at Manna House Friday, October 26th from 11:00 am-1:00 pm 2655 Lee Street in Alexandria. If you are able to serve, contact the church office.



Church Wide Family Movie Night Wednesday, October 31st in the Family Life Center

4:30-5:45pm Kid-Friendly Meal (think Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, etc.) 6:00pm—MOVIE TIME "It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown." This is a Church Wide, Family event.