



# Easter Sunday 03.31.24

6:45 AM & 10:00 AM  
First United Methodist Church of DeRidder



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Beauregard Parish Schools  
Spring Break Holiday  
Friday, March 29th -  
Friday, April 5, 2024



## Pastor's Ponderings!

Greetings in the name of Christ! I hope and pray that your Lent season is going well. I hope you are taking time to reflect on your faith and what Christ has done for you during this Lent season. Maybe you are a part of our Lent Bible Study with the book *Remembrance*. A great look at God's covenants with humans through the Old Testament and, of course, the covenant of Christ through his death and resurrection. Maybe you have become involved with a Sunday School class or are coming to worship more. There is nothing more that God wants than to be in a deep, loving, grace-filled relationship with each of us. I pray you have those "close" moments with Christ this Lent and deepen your faith.

You may be someone who hasn't quite gotten there yet in reflecting on this Lenten season. One of the things I asked my staff to share with each other during our meeting was, "What wins have you had in your faith walk since the first of the year?" The second question was, "What are three priorities that you have in your ministry between now and Easter?" I think that these are great questions that each of us can ask ourselves. I hope and pray that as you go through this Lent season you can find wonderful experiences that inspire you in your faith and your ministry, because ALL of us, as followers of Christ, are in ministry each and every day of our lives.

I also hope that you take a close look at the section in the newsletter that gives you the details of Holy Week between March 24th and 31st. There are so many events that are happening that week to help us go through the incredible highs of Jesus' ministry, to the betrayal, his death, and the joy of resurrection. Mark your calendar now to walk with Christ through these days as he gives so much for you and for me. And don't forget to invite someone to come and be a part of all that this great congregation is doing in the name of Christ!

See you soon, Laraine

## Dulac Presentation

The Dulac Mission Team will be hosting a presentation on Sunday, March 3rd at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall, and everyone is invited to attend! This team recently served in Dulac, and there is still so much that we can do to help! Special guests Vickie and Mark Bollinger will share information, insights, and needs of the Dulac Community Center. Vickie is an active member of Houma FUMC, a board member of the Dulac Community Center, and serves in numerous capacities for the United Women in Faith on the state level.

We will share photos, testimonials, information, and laughter with all, so bring a friend and come learn how your local church joins other Christians to inspire people through the powerful love of Jesus Christ.

We'll have so much fun that we won't want to leave! Therefore, we will remain in the Fellowship Hall for worship at 10:00 AM. See you there!



Shalom,  
Dulac Mission Team



## Welcome Patty McCullough!

We are happy to have Patty help us in the front office Mondays to Fridays in the mornings. Make sure to stop by and give her a warm welcome!



## Easter Lily Orders

Pick up an order form in the church office or in your Sunday bulletin! \$15 per plant



## Flowering of the Cross

He is Risen! On Easter Sunday, bring flowers from your garden or use the carnations provided to flower the cross in the Sanctuary!

## Camp Uskichittio Summer 2024

A week-long adventure, filled with exciting challenges, engaging Bible studies, and opportunities to make new friends. We have fun and talk about Jesus! Activities include swimming, archery, climbing tower, crafts, teambuilding, hiking, and so much more!

### Elementary Camp - (Entering 2nd-5th Grades)

A week-long adventure, filled with exciting challenges, engaging Bible studies, and opportunities to make new friends. We have fun and talk about Jesus!

Camp #1 May 27- 31, 2024 (Cost \$325.00)

Camp #2 June 24-28, 2024

### Middle/High School Camp - (Entering 6th-12th Grades)

Camp #1 June 3-7, 2024 (Cost \$325.00)

Camp #2 July 17-21, 2024 (Cost \$325.00)

Uskichitto Retreat Center  
590 Retreat Road  
Leblanc, LA 70651

337-738-4218

<https://campurc.com/summer-camp-registration>



## Methodist Children's Learning Center

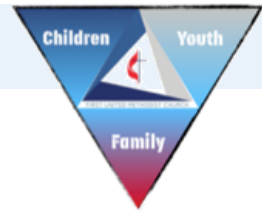


February was the month of LOVE! The teachers and kids decorated doors, and we experienced cold mornings and warm afternoons! On Valentines Day we celebrated love for our friends with pizza and treats!

Spring and Easter are just around the corner. Watch us grow as we add a class to our center and increase our capacity!



## CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES



### Nursery on Sunday Mornings

Nursery and Preschool care is available on Sunday mornings during Sunday School and Worship. Children aged from 6 months up to Kindergarten are eligible for this service.

Parents can drop off their cherubs as early as 8:45 AM for Sunday School, and 9:30 for Worship. Please spread the word. If you have any questions, please contact me at 337-396-9610 or email [cathy@fumcderidder.org](mailto:cathy@fumcderidder.org).



### SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School 2024  
Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Time: TBD

In an effort to meet the needs of the children in our community we will be hosting a Mega Sports Camp for our Vacation Bible School this year. It will be held at the Wesley Education Center. The target age group of participation is Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades; however, we will be needing many youths (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) to assist with the events. Proposed sports are soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, and basketball. We are open to other sports as well. We need adult volunteers that will take the lead on each of the sports activities as well as refreshment preparation, registration staff, on site nurse and many more. Please consider giving your time to this adventure. To volunteer, please reach out to Cathy at (337) 396-9610.

### Women's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, March 7th at 8:30 AM  
in the Conference Room



### Circles on a Mission Meeting

Sunday, March 3rd at 11:15 AM  
in the Choir Room



### Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays  
at 5:15 PM  
in the Conference Room



### Lenten Bible Studies

Wednesdays  
at 11:00 AM & 6:15 PM

### Music Ministry Notes

Lent is upon us, and the music ministry ensembles are hard at work learning new music to present. We are praying it will be a blessing to you. Going forward, I am going to be singing solos more frequently as many of you have requested. How about that Children's Choir!! They bless us again and again. They are singing so well right now and putting a smile on everyone's face. The hand bell ensemble is working hard on a very difficult piece of music for Easter Sunday. You will not want to miss that. Lastly, the choir has been blessed with another singer. Thank you, Lizzie Robinson, for joining us. If you would like to join the choir too, or any of our musical ensembles, we would love to have you. All you must do is show up to rehearsal, and you are in. Easy peasy, lemon squeezy! God Bless :)

John Schwarze, Director of Music Ministries

### Children's Music

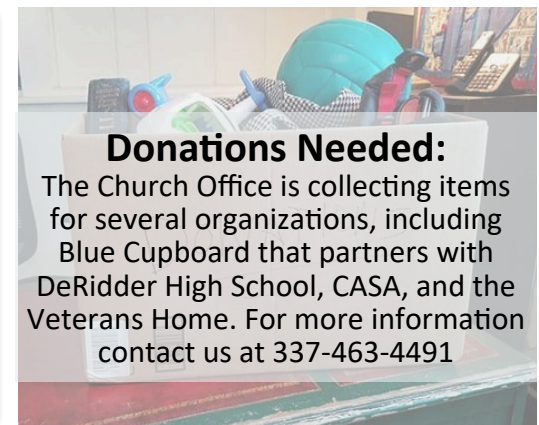
#### NOTES



Children's Choir will be singing on Palm Sunday. Come be a part of the children's music program. We meet on Wednesdays at 4:45 in the Choir Room.. Hope to see you there.

### Donations Needed:

The Church Office is collecting items for several organizations, including Blue Cupboard that partners with DeRidder High School, CASA, and the Veterans Home. For more information contact us at 337-463-4491





# Join us for Holy Week Activities and Easter Worship at First United Methodist Church DeRidder!

## Sunday, March 24th

*Palm Sunday Service*  
10 AM in the Sanctuary and Online  
*5th Sunday Meal*  
11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall

## Monday - Wednesday

*UNF Luncheons with Devotional Time*  
12 PM in the Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, March 28th

*Maundy Thursday Worship*  
6 PM in the Fellowship Hall and Online

## Friday, March 29th

*Good Friday Meditative Prayer Time*  
Come and go at your convenience  
7:15 AM - 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, March 31st

*Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Communion*  
6:45 AM at the Wesley Campus  
Bring your own lawn chair and/or a blanket  
*Sunday School*  
9 AM in the Fellowship Hall building  
*Easter Worship with Communion*  
10 AM in the Sanctuary and Online

## Thank You!

We want to give a great big thank you to Laura Schultz as both a fill-in and as a part-time office staff member off and on over the last few years. She has been such a wonderful support to the office and church! Laura has moved to Leesville and now has a full-time job with benefits. Congratulations, Laura!  
Please stop by and welcome Patty McCullough as our new part-time employee in the office. She is working 8-noon Monday through Friday. Patty is a great person and brings many great talents to our office. Miranda, of course, is still with us and is full-time.

## Memorials

In Memory of Margie Labby  
From Tim & DiAnne Kindler  
From Brigitte Booth

## March Worship Assistants

### Sunday, March 3rd

Readers - Charlotte McGee & Sandra Wertz  
1st Sunday Communion Servers (During Service) -  
Mary Wisdom, Julie Porter, and Barbara Haynes

### Sunday, March 10th

Readers - Van Allen & Erin Tepley

### Sunday, March 17th - UWF Sunday

Greeters - Frances & Raymond Cole  
Readers - Donna McCullough & Betty Nease  
Ushers - Susan Hill, Diane Hennigan,  
& Phyllis Blanton

### Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday

Readers - Gayle Bailey & Barbara Haynes  
After-Service Communion Server -  
Tim Kindler

### Sunday, March 31st - Sunrise Service

Readers - John Schwarze

### Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday

Readers - John Schwarze & David Hardesty

## From the Heart by Mary Allen

### Through The Eyes of a Child

NOTHING can describe your love for the first grandchild. I sang Happy Birthday to her as she was making an entrance into this world, to her mom's mortification! Becoming grandparents surprised Ted and I by its grandeur, splendor, and sense of new beginnings. Our hearts were captured by her eyes, her smile, her baby skin, ten tiny toes, her curiosity, head full of dark hair, and how she looked like an angel when sleeping. Everything she did amazed us.

From the beginning, I loved her sweet voice. She was quiet, not one to speak all the time (as opposed to myself, her grandmother). I encouraged her by asking, "What color is this?", "Which letter is this?", or "Which animal says 'moo'?"

I guess I didn't realize how relentless I must have seemed, because one day when she was about three years old, I was asking her 1000 questions about a book we were reading. She closes the book, faces me eye-to-eye and asks with grave concern, "Grandma, did you GO to SCHOOL??"

This still makes me laugh! My Baby Girl thought I didn't know my ABC's and 1,2,3's even though she had told me the answers dozens of times. I have loved this child from her first breath to her recent 20th Birthday —And it's just the beginning! God's Word is true:

**Proverbs 17:6 - "Grandchildren are the crown of grandparents, and parents are the glory of their children."**



*It's Time to Spring Forward!*

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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- Dana Morrow
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- Robert Bennett III
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- Shelton Chavez
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Anniversaries

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