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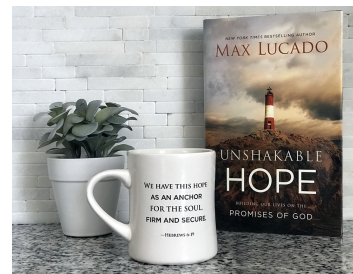
HAPPY NOVEMBER, EVERYONE! We are obviously into November and it is a time I like to really hone in on the things I am thankful for in my life. There are obvious things like my health, surviving the hurricanes, my church family (that's you!), all of the church staff, serving here in DeRidder, my dogs and so much more.

Then there are things we may not think about quite as quickly - all the teams that have come and worked on people's homes and cleared property, the Wesley Campus that housed those people while we also get it ready for expanding our after-school program, the leadership of this church, for the church members who cooked meals, hooked up electricity through generators, who have dealt with adjusters and contractors, the linemen, the floor moppers(!), the chainsaw workers and the tractors... the list goes on and on.

I want to challenge you to get your calendar, or print out one and write down 1-3 things you are thankful for each day this month! Are our times hard? Yes! However, there are so many blessings surrounding us and if we focus on the blessings, we will notice our spirits lift, our hearts warm and our smiles increase.

I want to thank you in advance for your prayers as I face a partial joint replacement in my foot on November 13th. This injury goes back 14 years and I'm now bone-on-bone with bone spurs formed. I trust that this surgery will go well, and I will be back on my feet quickly - literally. I will wear a boot for 6-8 weeks. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Karli Pidgeon, will be bringing the message while I am out also! Can't wait for you to hear her preach. She is dynamic! Also, remember that the last Sunday in November (also known as the Sunday after Thanksgiving), is the first Sunday in Advent. So, we need to decorate the church the Sunday before. Please come Sunday, November 22nd at 11:15 AM, to decorate for Christmas! We need the Good News of the birth of our Savior more than ever this year, so come and help make this Christmas extra special and let's get the church ready for the birth of Jesus!

***Blessings and grateful for you!***  
***Laraine***



Bible Study will continue in November every Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom, except November 25th (Thanksgiving week). We are almost halfway through, but we still encourage you to join! We have several members from the Presbyterian Church joining us and Pastor Jerry Egbert has partnered with Rev. Laraine in teaching this study.

**ALL are Welcome!**

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

### November 1st:

Readers - John Marcello & Ted Hammerschmidt  
 Ushers/Greeters - Janet & Lamar Oliver

### November 8th:

Readers - Frances Cole & Van Allen  
 Ushers/Greeters - Tepley Family

### November 15th:

Readers - Susan Hill & Charlotte McGee  
 Ushers/Greeters - Catherine White & Grant Beal

### November 22nd:

Readers - Janet & D. Lamar Oliver  
 Ushers/Greeters - Tepley Family

### November 29th:

Readers - Betty & Scotty Nease  
 Ushers/Greeters - Catherine White & Grant Beal



**ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST**  
**10:00 AM**

**Veterans Day**  
**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

We will be honoring Veterans  
 during our 10:00 AM worship  
 service on  
**Sunday, November 8th.**



***Thanksgiving blessings***

*The Church Office and MCLC will be  
 closed all day  
 Thursday, November 26th &  
 Friday, November 27th.  
 Happy Thanksgiving!*

## 2020 poinsettias

Due to the TWO unexpected  
 hurricanes, we need to submit our  
 poinsettia orders early this year.  
 Please call or stop by the Church  
 Office to place your order. You may  
 let Erin or Mary know who the  
 poinsettia is in memory of, and if you  
 are interested in donating your  
 poinsettia to a shut-in.  
**All poinsettia orders are due**  
**Monday, December 6th.**

*Thank you!*

## CONTACT US!

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## Children, Teen, & Family Ministries

I can not believe October has already flown by and we are now entering into our Holiday Season.

The resilience the children and teens exhibit is amazing. From Covid, to Hurricanes nothing makes their Faith dwindle. They come already knowing how to be socially distant and wear their mask proudly. They have enjoyed creating separate supply bags to keep each of them safe.

Wednesday evenings in October we got settled back into our classroom routine, with some changes. We are still practicing social distancing so dinner still can not be served. But we have had some generous donations of great snacks to hand out on the way home. This month we learned all about the Armor of God, while having some swash-buckling fun! Our Silly Wednesdays were this **Ye Olde Hat**- The helmet of salvation, **Ye Olde Eyepatch**- The shield of faith and breastplate of righteousness, **Ye Olde Hook**- The sword of the spirit, **Ye Olde Buckle**- The belt of truth, and last but not least the

**Ye Olde Peg Leg.** Wednesday

Evenings in November will be all about, Thankful to God on Biblical Thankfulness.

We continue to soar the Heavens with our Bible Heroes during our time together in Children's Church. The girls have asked why are they always boys? I was happy to let my strong willed tweenies know that there are quite a few girls in our series. We will get to meet Esther, Miriam, and Lydia.

You may have noticed some new faces in the Nursery. We have Alexis, Sydnee, and Jessica.

Please take a moment to

introduce yourself to them. They are three young military spouses who love to be with our children. They have also been a big help with Sunday Children's Church.

As more and more families are coming to church, I'd like to bring back our Acolytes. If your child is interested let me or Erin know.

As many of you may or may not know Lucas has been up top in the balcony every Sunday running the new sound system. We are looking for a few more teens and/or adults who would like to be in the balcony to assist with the technology needs. Technology needs in this case is really just pushing a button to help scroll through the slides on the laptop located upstairs. Don't worry Lucas and Erin can show you how. Let one us know, all help is greatly appreciated and needed.

As the holidays approach I have quite a few surprises planned.

Christmas season may look a little different this year, but don't worry we will not let the new normal change our Christmas Spirit.

Advent Workshop is planned for November 22, 2020 from 2:00-4:00.

We may either get to have a hands-on Workshop, this decision will be based on our Governor's next direction. We may even end up having a Pickup You Own Advent Family Activity Pack. Either way we are celebrating! Follow our FB page for all future information.

With Lots of Love,  
Ashley - Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries  
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## METHODIST CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER NEWS

Finally, Fall!!!! MCLC children are getting a kick out of playing on our playground in this beautiful weather. The excitement about our

Fall Festival parties is building exponentially with the talk of costumes and trick or treating. What a blessing after all the stormy weather. There is light at the end of the tunnel! Thank you, Father in Heaven for Your faithfulness!

Love,

Mary Launey

Director of Methodist Children's Learning Center



**COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME**  
By Henry Alford & George J. Elvey

~ ~ ~ ~ ~  
Come, Ye thankful people, come, raise the song  
of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms  
begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be  
supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Sunday morning, I was sitting at the organ,  
preparing my mind and music for Worship.  
The musicians had already gathered and sang  
hymns; Reverend Laraine was walking through  
the sanctuary in a beautiful preparation time  
before members arrive, blessing the altar and  
praying. All of these things are a sweet  
preview of our worship of the One who loves  
us most.

I hear people arrive with soft conversation and  
greetings. I hear laughter and a baby's voice,  
reminding me that a beautiful baptism is to be  
part of this morning's service. The sounds  
increase as more and more gather. It makes  
me sit back, eyes closed, listening to the  
sound of a family seeing each other after  
being apart. Questions are asked - Are you  
okay? Can I help in some way?  
Commiserations are spoken - Yes, it IS hard. I  
know what you are going through.  
Encouragement is offered - Things will get  
better, I know it will! I am here if you need  
me!

The circle of sound grows. Just as the words in  
our Thanksgiving hymn proclaim, our thankful  
people have come to worship. All are safely  
gathered in. God our Maker has provided and  
supplied. Now we raise our song.

### Girl Scout Troop 229

On October 20<sup>th</sup> Troop 229 officially kicked off the 2020-2021 Girl Scout Season with our first in person meeting since Covid-19. Everyone was super excited to be back, even with all of the Covid-19 restrictions that we have in place. We are starting the season strong with fifty-seven registered girls in Kindergarten thru 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Daisy (K-1<sup>st</sup>), Brownie (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) and Junior (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) girls meet every Tuesday evening in the Fellowship Hall Building from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Cadette (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) girls meet each Thursday in the FUMC Annex Building from 5:30pm until 7:00pm.

The mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts isn't just something girls do—it's who they are, day in and day out. Girl Scouts isn't a one-and-done activity. It's a way of life that brings out the best in girls. Thank you for supporting the girls in our community!

~Cathy Scott





# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

Join us in Fellowship Hall!

In order to keep social distancing in place, we invite 20 (or about 2-4 families) to help pack shoeboxes. We will be filling a total of 100 shoeboxes. You may sign up during any of these hours to serve.



**Please call the Church Office if you would like to volunteer & pack shoeboxes for this ministry!**



**Thursday, November 5th  
4 - 7 PM**

**Friday, November 6th  
4 - 7 PM**

**Saturday, November 7th  
9 AM - 1 PM**



A sincere word of thanks again to all. This year's effort to take Jesus to all nations throughout the world has been a huge success!



## Memorials & Honorariums

*When giving memorials or honoraria for persons other than church members, please provide the name and address of the person to be notified of the gift. Thank you.*

**In Memory of Gordon Jenkins**

Linda & Ken Bailey

**In Memory of Jim Hamilton**

Marcia & LeRoy Ades

Betty & Scotty Nease

Susan Hill & Billy Hill

Julie Porter

Gayle & Ken Bailey

**In Memory of Willie Bea Moses**

Betty & Scotty Nease

Stephanie & Richard Chavez

Billy Kilman

**In Memory of Clyde Elliott**

Joyce & Jerry Lewis

**In Memory of Doris Davis**

Joyce & Jerry Lewis

**In Honor of Susan Hill**

Dianne & Bill Penney

**In Honor of Susan & Carl Slover**

Dianne & Bill Penney

**In Honor of the Tepley Trio (Jarrett, Morgan, & Abbott)**

Dianne & Bill Penney

**In Memory of Elizabeth Anne Jones**

George LeRay

**In Memory of Stuart Kay**

George LeRay

**In Honor of Eddie Smith**

Susan & Billy Hill

**In Honor of John Meadows**

Susan & Billy Hill

**In Memory of Betty Henderson**

Elisabeth & Donald Savant

## First United Methodist Church - Wesley Campus News

On Saturday, October 17th, we had a wonderful crowd of 28 church members and friends meet at our Wesley campus. They helped put up a chain-link fence for the expansion of our afterschool program for elementary age kids. A delicious taco soup lunch was provided and wonderful fellowship was had by all! We wanted to share some pictures to show what a truly blessed day we had. THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with this Wesley project. We are truly excited about expanding our ministry within the community!



## Welcome to the FUMC - DeRidder Family, Reech Family!

On Sunday, October 18th, we welcomed John & Mary Reech to our FUMC - DeRidder church family. Rev. Laraine baptized their son, Thomas Cannon Reech, during the service. We are so fortunate to have them here and wanted to share some adorable photos of Baby Thomas during his baptism!





November 2020



BIRTHDAYS

- 1David Lee Prather
- 2Kandy Luttrell
- 6Heather McDonald Dixon
- 9Vail Luttrell
- 9Claire Jones
- 10Maylee Hawes
- 11Ray Hauser
- 13Susan Slover
- 15Kristen Maddox
- 15Mary Allen
- 17Julie Robinson
- 18Jerry Lewis
- 19JoAnn Lilie
- 22Brandi Godair
- 22Billy Hill
- 26Raymond Henderson
- 26Tina Parris
- 27Ashley Carpenter
- 29Scotty Nease
- 29Jo Calhoun
- 30Abigail Cobb
- 7Ricky & Cindy Iles
- 13Gary & Margaret Crowe
- 17Don & Liz Savant
- 17David & Anna Wiggins

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| <div>1</div> <div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>10:00 AM All Saints Day Worship Service with Communion in Sanctuary &amp; Online</div>  | <div>2</div> <div>6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Gym</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 meet on 3rd floor of MCLC Education Building</div>                             | <div>3</div> <div>9:30 AM MCLC Chapel</div> <div>5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building</div>   | <div>4</div> <div>8:00 AM Facebook Live Morning Devotional with Communion</div> <div>5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study in Fellowship Hall &amp; on Zoom</div> <div>6:00 PM Children &amp; Youth Meet in LLL Room &amp; Conference Room (no meal)</div>  | <div>5</div> <div>Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party in Fellowship Hall</div>   | <div>6</div> <div>4:00 PM OCC Packing Party in Fellowship Hall</div>   | <div>7</div> <div>8:00 AM Junior Girl Scout Journey in the Youth Building</div> <div>9:00 AM OCC Packing Party in Fellowship Hall</div> |
| <div>8</div> <div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service in Sanctuary &amp; Online</div> <div>11:15 AM Staff Meeting in the Church Office</div>                                    | <div>9</div> <div>6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Gym</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 meet on 3rd floor of MCLC Education Building</div>                             | <div>10</div> <div>9:30 AM MCLC Chapel</div> <div>10:00 AM Mary Martha Circle</div> <div>5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building</div> | <div>11</div> <div>Veteran's Day</div> <div>8:00 AM Facebook Live Morning Devotional with Communion</div> <div>5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study in Fellowship Hall &amp; on Zoom</div> <div>6:00 PM Children &amp; Youth Meet in LLL Room &amp; Conference Room (no meal)</div>  | <div>12</div> <div>5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building</div>  | <div>13</div> <div>6:00 PM Girl Scout Cadette/Senior Event in the Youth Building</div>   | <div>14</div>   |
| <div>15</div> <div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service with Noisy Offering in Sanctuary &amp; Online</div>  | <div>16</div> <div>5:00 PM Finance</div> <div>6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Gym</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 meet on 3rd floor of MCLC Education Building</div> | <div>17</div> <div>9:30 AM MCLC Chapel</div> <div>5:00 PM Trustees</div> <div>5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building</div>            | <div>18</div> <div>8:00 AM Facebook Live Morning Devotional with Communion</div> <div>10:00 AM Rosemary Cady Circle in the Conference Room</div> <div>5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study in Fellowship Hall &amp; on Zoom</div> <div>6:00 PM Children &amp; Youth Meet in LLL Room &amp; Conference Room (no meal)</div> | <div>19</div> <div>12:00 PM Articles &amp; Photos Due for December Newsletter</div> <div>4:30 PM Boy Scout Banquet decoration prep</div> <div>5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building</div> | <div>20</div> <div>Fellowship Hall reserved for Advent Workshop Preparations</div>   | <div>21</div> <div>2:00 PM Family Advent Workshop in Fellowship Hall</div>  |
| <div>22</div> <div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>10:00 AM Thanksgiving Celebration Sunday Worship Service in Sanctuary &amp; Online</div> <div>11:15 AM Decorate for Advent Season in the Sanctuary</div> | <div>23</div> <div>6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Gym</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 meet on 3rd floor of MCLC Education Building</div>                            | <div>24</div> <div>9:30 AM MCLC Chapel</div> <div>5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary</div>   | <div>25</div> <div>8:00 AM Facebook Live Morning Devotional with Communion</div> <div>12:00 PM Church Office Closes for Thanksgiving Break</div>   | <div>26</div> <div>Thanksgiving Holiday</div> <div>6:30 AM MCLC Closed All Day</div> <div>8:30 AM Church Office Closed All day</div>   | <div>27</div> <div>Thanksgiving Break</div> <div>6:30 AM MCLC Closed All Day</div> <div>8:30 AM Church Office Closed All Day</div> | <div>28</div> <div>1:00 PM Reserved birthday Party in the Gym - covid guidelines enforced</div>   |
| <div>29</div> <div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div> <div>10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service in Fellowship Hall &amp; Online</div>  | <div>30</div> <div>6:30 PM Cub Scouts meet in the Gym</div> <div>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 meet on 3rd floor of MCLC Education Building</div>                            | <div>1</div> <div>9:30 AM MCLC Chapel</div> <div>5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building</div>   | <div>2</div> <div>8:00 AM Facebook Live Morning Devotional with Communion</div> <div>5:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary</div> <div>6:00 PM Bible Study in Fellowship Hall &amp; on Zoom</div> <div>6:00 PM Children &amp; Youth Meet in LLL Room &amp; Conference Room (no meal)</div>  | <div>3</div> <div>5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building</div>   | <div>4</div>   | <div>5</div> <div>8:00 AM Brownie Girl Scout Journey in the Youth Building</div>  |

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