



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2026



There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

~Ephesians 4:4-6



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## Dear Faithful Friends:

Thank you for your recent gift of \$12,000.00 to Methodist Children's Home of Southwest Louisiana. Your donation allows us to provide a wide array of residential and community-based ministries, while providing the highest quality of care.

Please pray for our youth and staff. They are truly blessed by your gracious generosity.

Learn more about the services you support by visiting our website at [www.LUMCFS.org](http://www.LUMCFS.org) and look for our next issue of Pathways, our newsletter.

Again, I thank you for your gift. You have done a great thing!

Sincerely,

*Luke Allen*

Interim Chief Executive Officer

## Pastor's Ponderings

In the fall, in Louisiana, there are a number of crops that are harvested. Pumpkins, sweet potatoes, winter squash, carrots, radishes, cabbage, cauliflower, and more. For the farmer and the gardener, the fall season is usually such a good season following the heat of summer. Watching the brilliant colors of these foods being harvested is a time of reward, satisfaction, and smiles for the hard work of preparing the soil, planting, weeding, praying for rain and growth, and seeing the fruits of your labors coming in with their beautiful colors of yellow, orange, red, green, and white. You know you will be enjoying wonderful meals with the harvest and also sharing it with friends and neighbors. The reality is that we are harvesting and tending to gardens every day. Those gardens may include nurturing various "crops," such as your children, grandchildren, growing friendships, learning more about the Bible and growing your faith, learning at school, working at your job, and spending time with your family. We are also called to plant the seeds of faith in all that we meet and share the love of Christ with others. Making and growing disciples is critical to the very soul of everyone that we meet. Jesus tells us in Matthew 9:

*36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (NIV)*

And who are those workers? You and I. The harvest is all around us. We all bring different gifts to help with the harvest, just as the farmers and their neighbors would help gather harvest in the fields together. We work as a team to make those disciples, and we all grow in our relationship with God, each other, and with the new disciples that are made. It doesn't get any better than that! So, what are you harvesting right now? What all crops are you growing in your home, your family, and your faith? Come and worship. Come and participate and feed your soul so that you can help feed the soul and grow the harvest for the sake of our Savior and the souls of all. Have a beautiful fall and keep praying for cooler weather!

See you Sunday!  
*Laraine*

**97<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**Beauregard PARISH FAIR**

ROOTED IN TRADITION, GROWING THE FUTURE

**GATE HOURS**

| Day                 | Time                |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| TUESDAY OCTOBER 6   | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  |
| WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7 | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  |
| THURSDAY OCTOBER 8  | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM  |
| FRIDAY OCTOBER 9    | 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM |
| SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 | 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM |

**KIDS DAY!** ALL CHILDREN ENTER FREE FROM 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**ADMISSION**

**\$5.00**

★ **ADMISSION** ★  
SCHOOL AGE & ABOVE

**ALL MILITARY ENTRY FREE ALL WEEK!**  
ID REQUIRED

**NO REFUNDS** FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS.

**OCTOBER 6-10, 2026**

DERIDDER, LOUISIANA

★ FUN • FAMILY • FOOD • LIVESTOCK • EXHIBITS • ENTERTAINMENT ★

LET'S GO TO THE FAIR!

**Bible Study**

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION WITH OUR TWO CLASSES, ALONG WITH LOOKING AT AVAILABLE BIBLE STUDY BOOKS, WE WILL STUDY **THE BOOK OF JAMES** AS OUR NEXT SELECTION!

THE COST OF THE BIBLE STUDY BOOK IS **\$10**. WE WILL BEGIN OUR NEW CLASS ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST AT 11 A.M. OR 6 P.M. IN THE UPPER ROOM CLASSROOM** IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THIS CLASS WILL BE FOR FIVE WEEKS. LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEW STUDY!

-REV. LARAINÉ

READING ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE:

**OCTOBER 21ST:**  
CHAPTER 1 IN THE BIBLE;  
LESSONS 1, 2, & 3 IN THE STUDY BOOK

**OCTOBER 28TH:**  
CHAPTER 2 IN THE BIBLE; LESSONS 4 & 5

**NOVEMBER 4TH:**  
CHAPTER 3 IN THE BIBLE;  
LESSONS 6 & 7

**NOVEMBER 11TH:**  
CHAPTER 4 OF THE BIBLE;  
LESSONS 8 & 9

**NOVEMBER 18TH:**  
CHAPTER 5 OF THE BIBLE;  
LESSONS 10, 11, & 12



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WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT THAT OUR PROGRAM WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS MONTH – THE PARISH FAIR! WE WILL HAVE A BOAT FULL OF LOVELY FACES TO GREET OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE COME SEE US ON OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 5PM. WE WILL HAVE CONCESSIONS OFFERED AND PRIME SEATING! WE WILL BE THE FLOAT THAT...WELL...FLOATS!

UPCOMING  
EVENTS:

- 10/6 – FAIR DAY PARADE
- 10/7 – NO WEDNESDAY STUDY
- 10/14 – PIZZA & BIBLE TRIVIA NIGHT
- 10/28 – HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR THE PROGRAM

THE ARK  
NEWS

OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS:

- HANK J.
- JACKSON D.
- COLTON P.

DISCOVER ALL RESOURCES OF  
THE UNITED  
METHODIST FOUNDATION!  
WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 14th, following the 5 PM dinner as Chris Spencer, President of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana, shares how the foundation can help strengthen the ministry of First UMC of Deridder — and help you plan for the future. Learn about resources available to your church that can help fund ministry and make a lasting difference in your community. Chris also will share ways individuals and families can leave a legacy for generations to come, including creative ways to establish a gift that can help provide for your church year after year. Come discover how the foundation can help you make your generosity last — today and for generations to come!



LEARN ABOUT:

- INVESTMENTS
- LOANS
- GRANTS
- THE PERRY FUND

See you there!

JOIN THE  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR!



The FUMC - DERIDDER Children's Choir meets every Wednesday from 4:45 PM – 5:15 PM in the choir room  
Children will sing Sunday, October 18, 2026  
Come make a joyful noise with us!  
Sing Together • Grow Together

CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION  
October Newsletter

Homeschool Hangout



MCLC with Patty  
on Wednesday  
Mornings!



October Homeschool  
Hangout Dates:  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup>  
A casual, come & go  
setting from  
9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at  
701 North Texas Street  
Questions?  
call (337)375-3796

We had so much fun last month & looking forward to the coming months & holidays!

WESLEY  
Newsletter

LAST MONTH WAS GREAT. BUT WE'RE SO  
READY FOR FALL AND EVEN MORE READY FOR  
LOVE BUG SEASON TO END!



If anyone would like to donate candy so we  
can make goodie bags to hand out at the  
end of the month we would appreciate it!

HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS'  
DAY  
FROM MCLC!

The classrooms in the Methodist Children's Learning Center celebrated Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Upstairs students enjoyed a special craft project with their grandparent, and downstairs students spent time eating milk and cookies together!





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OCTOBER 2026 NEWS!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES CONTINUE TO BE A LINCHPIN FOR SPREADING THE "GOOD NEWS" OF GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL THE WORLD. AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THIS MISSION, MANY THIRD WORLD CHURCHES HAVE BUILT THEIR FOUNDATIONS ON THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION. OCTOBER FOCUSES ON **LAGNIAPPE**: MONETARY DONATIONS FIT NICELY HERE. UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CAN PURCHASE EXTRA THINGS NEEDED PLUS COVER THE COST OF SHIPPING EACH OF THE 100 PLUS SHOEBOXES. PLEASE JOIN UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH TO BRING SMILES AND HOPE TO CHILDREN WHO NEED A BRIGHTER DAY. **YOU ARE THE KEY TO THIS MISSION.** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!

~DONNA MCCULLOUGH

## GET TO KNOW GOD



### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK FOR THE CATALYST CLASS!

CREATING THE CANON IS PERFECT FOR ANYONE SEEKING TO FURTHER UNDERSTAND HOW THE CHURCH GOT THE NEW TESTAMENT, AND IT IS AN IDEAL SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT FOR COURSES INCLUDING BIBLICAL STUDIES, CHURCH HISTORY, THEOLOGY, OR ANY CLASS EXPLORING THE DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CANON.

JOIN THE CATALYST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IN THE UPPER ROOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM. PLEASE REACH OUT TO DAVID GRAY WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



*From  
Mary Allen...*

This whole story is the amazing, life-changing evidence of God's graciousness!

I have been staying the last few days with my daughter and son-in-law. Yes, we live next door to each other, but they still invite me to stay. Before school, my sweet granddaughter came in my room to "visit" by sitting on the arm of the recliner; she gave me the best compliment EVER.

"Grandma," she softly said. "I like you staying with us. The house feels different when you are here."

My breath was taken away for a long minute. Since then, I have replayed her sweet voice over and over in my mind.

This beautiful grandchild is adopted. It seems MIRACULOUS in ALL ways! She was born 7 months after my husband died unexpectedly. When my daughter brought home this tiny child as a newborn, I got to hold her A LOT! While I was singing to her in the rocking chair, I was suddenly rendered completely still and silent. In total astonishment, the thought dawned on me that just months before, I was crying out to God, asking Him to help me remember how to breathe and make it through each day. At the same time, far away, someone else was crying out to God, asking what was best for the new life growing within her.

And there we have it, friends. God heard us both! He answered us both! His mercy and unchanging love were poured out! Amazing! In the picture, her head is laying on my shoulder. Oh, my heart...

CALLING ALL BAKERS & CANDY MAKERS:

## UWF FALL BAKE SALE!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 11:15 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ARE PLANNING A FALL BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK LUNCH. ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE BAKED GOODS/HOMEMADE CANDY WHICH WILL BE AUCTIONED AS A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT UWF MISSIONS. YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE KITCHEN NLT NOON ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL DIANNE PENNEY  
337-226-9300

## 2027 HONDURAS MISSION

SPONSORED BY  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAKE ARTHUR



DATES:  
Feb. 27-Mar. 6, 2027



PROFESSIONALS  
AND  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

### MISSION PROJECTS:

- Medical
- Pharmacy
- Children's VBS
- Reading Glasses
- Construction



Estimated Cost  
PER TEAM MEMBER:  
**\$1700**

Includes airfare,  
lodging, food,  
insurance, and  
some mission  
supplies

FUNDRAISERS AND DONATIONS ACCEPTED

## October 2026

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## Birthdays

- |    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 6  | Kaleb Lewis            |
| 8  | Duncan Clanton         |
| 10 | Cheri Miller           |
|    | Tanya Craig            |
| 11 | Laura Jones Haydon     |
| 12 | Chad Hammerschmidt     |
| 15 | Cameron Craig          |
| 16 | Kyle Bennett           |
|    | Anna Rathburn Carson   |
|    | Patrick Perkins        |
| 17 | Mary Chapman           |
|    | Dale Hershey           |
| 18 | Richard Anderson       |
|    | Erin Bardin            |
| 19 | Stacie Husak           |
| 21 | Stryder Husak          |
| 22 | Jason Henderson        |
| 23 | Britney Wimer-Langbein |
|    | Alicia Brewster        |
| 25 | Stephen Lewis          |
| 26 | Joanna Hauser          |
| 28 | Mary Launey            |
| 29 | Caitlyn Reed           |
|    | Jessica Vaughn         |
|    | Dale Vincent           |

## Anniversaries

- 11 Darrell & Carolyn Midriff  
19 David & Wilma Jean Rogers



**WELCOME**  
*October*  
*October 4th*

Greeters: Monica & James Bailey  
Readers: Kelley Allen & David Hardesty  
Communion After Service: Jo Blankenship

*October 11th - World Communion Sunday*

Greeters: Catherine & Grant Beal  
Readers: LiAna Gray & Blake Hammerschmidt  
Communion During Worship:  
Susan Myers, Betty & Scotty Nease

*October 18th:*

Greeters: Betty & Scotty Nease  
Readers: Betty Nease & Erin Tepley  
Communion After Service: Erin Tepley

*October 25th:*

Greeters: Susan Myers & Jimmy Hicks  
Readers: Mary Alice Wisdom & Van Allen  
Communion After Service: Susan Myers