

# HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH



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## Pastor's Ponderings!

I love the season of fall. Growing up, I was all about summers. I was all about swimming every day that I could, going to summer camp, going to my Grandparent's lake houses, playing outside with my friends, cartoon books and going fishing, slumber parties and boat rides. Somehow, when fall came, I was always ready to go back to school. I was ready for the next season. Ready for football on Friday nights and lunches with my friends at school. And yes, I even loved school. I have always loved to learn. And I pray that we can keep our schools open, our church open and that everyone stays healthy.

September will also bring an interesting Sunday that I think is so important for us to recognize. September 12th is the Sunday I am referring to. For one thing, it is Grandparents Day, and we will take time to honor and celebrate them. This is also the day after the 20<sup>th</sup> year since 9.11. Every year this event has meaning for us. Somehow, hitting decades like the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> always seem to take on special meaning.

This year, I believe it is even more important. With our military's withdrawal from Afghanistan, I know that many of us have watched with horror with how the Taliban have taken over the country so swiftly. I have also realized, that with living so close to a military base, and having a number of military people in our church and community, that this is all so very personal. The youngest military people were being born when 9.11 happened. Many who are retiring now were either already in the service or joined up when it happened.

It's deeply personal, for them, for their families, for their platoons and more – along with our nation and the people in Washington D.C., New York and Pennsylvania. Also, for our emergency personnel. The list can go on. We need to honor them. We need to remember. We need to pray. So please plan on coming. Please be praying for all of our military, the families, for Afghanistan, and for our country now. Please let them know we support them and their service to our country and for the world. This is a hard time for many reasons in our lives. 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11, "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Blessings, love and peace,

*Laraine*

P.S. I will be out the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>. My 40<sup>th</sup> High School reunion is now going to be my 41<sup>st</sup> High School reunion. I have prayed about whether or not to go to this in light of Covid. After talking with my classmates, this is going to be an outdoor event and masks will still be worn (accept maybe for some pictures). I feel like this event will be as safe as possible. I do not want to risk myself, others or you. You will be having a great message coming that day from Louis Micheils, the constable from Moss Bluff who has come before. I pray that you will come and hear the message that God has led him to bring to you.

## Bible Study!

We are wrapping up our summer Bible Study and looking to our next one. You will receive an email soon with the information. The group is talking, and we are looking at diving into some great Scriptures for the fall.

**Our new Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Aldersgate Sunday School Classroom. We will announce the book and how to order next week!**



LABOR DAY  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

The Church Office, MCLC, and the Wesley Education Center will be closed all day on Monday, September 6th.



**Thank you!**



**We Will Always Remember...  
9/11/2001  
20th Anniversary**

**Worship Service  
September 12, 2021**



OUR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED

PLEASE SEE BELOW:

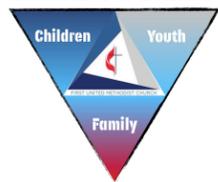
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
FRIDAY  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

THANK YOU!

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## MINISTRIES



As we move into the Fall Season, I am very excited to get our children's programming back into full swing. But with that comes the realization that this year will be different. First and foremost, I know your children miss Ashley; she loved and mentored them for many years. Please know that I will try to make the transition as easy as possible for them. Then we have Covid to contend with, and this new variant seems to be affecting the children more than the last. We are taking mitigation steps to minimize their risk of exposure while they participate in our programs. To include all children over the age of 5-years are required to wear a mask while in the church buildings.

Our Wednesday evening ministry will kick-off on September 1st. We will start the evening at 5:30 with the Children's Music Ministry. At 6:00 we will share a meal with the tweens and teens of the youth group, then we will have our lessons from 6:30 until 7:30. We are always looking for volunteers to help, there are a lot of opportunities to serve. Of course, we always can use an extra pair of hands in the classroom on Sundays and Wednesdays to assist the children with their projects. We also, have opportunities to provide, or cook and serve a meal on Wednesday's evenings. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Additionally, if you have a special talent that you would like to share with any age group, please let me know and we can work it into our schedule. The children enjoy meeting different church members, it helps them feel like a part of the church family.

Cathy Scott  
(337) 396-9610  
Director of Children and Family Ministries  
First United Methodist Church, DeRidder



The youth Back to School Supply Drive was a success. We met our goal to fill 39 backpacks and had extra supplies to donate in bulk to the schools. Fifteen of the backpacks went to the June Jenkins Women's Shelter. They were very appreciative! We have a few scheduling changes to our Wednesday evening programming. The youth now meet on the second floor of the Fellowship Hall Building. We have dedicated an upstairs classroom to the youth so they have their own space in the Fellowship Hall Building too. The move was necessary to be able to facilitate all of our Wednesday evening programming. We are still providing dinner to the youth. If any of our youth would like to join the children's music ministry, please arrive at 5:30. We will move from that to dinner from 6:00-6:30, then a lesson from 6:30-7:30.

Our TGIFF Youth Fellowship (thank goodness it's the first Friday) continues to meet the first Friday of every month, from 6:00pm until 9:00pm, in the Youth Building. Encourage your youth to keep inviting their friends so we can continue to grow. If you know a tween/teen in your neighborhood that could use some positive influence, this is the activity for them. Remember, that we have some structured activities but the focus is on God and fellowship.

Counting my blessings.  
Cathy Scott



This picture is at the top of my "favorites" list. Let me introduce Rachel, one of the many great-grandchildren in our family, adored by everyone. The explosion of curls makes me chuckle every time I see them. But this picture also holds a heart-rending memory.

In the week before her Senior year, Marcie, my younger daughter, was in a serious car accident. She was flown to Lake Charles with a broken pelvis. As for Ted and I, fear was immense but our prayers were continuous. Later that day, as we stood by the ambulance preparing to take Marcie to New Orleans, my sister and her husband burst out of the hospital doors. They had run past anyone who might stop them so they could see Marcie, say "I love you", and place the picture of their granddaughter in Marcie's hand — seconds before the ambulance doors swung shut.

We were told she clutched that picture in her hand the entire 4 hour trip. At the hospital she insisted they tape it to her I.V. pole so she could see it at all times. She showed everyone her little cousin whom she loved. They even put the picture in the recovery room for her to see after surgery. She focused on that "little girl with the little curl right in the middle of her forehead" during her 10-day hospital stay. The picture rode back to Dry Creek, once again in Marcie's hand.

What was it about that precious picture? From the moment Aunt Dot and Uncle Wayne placed it in Marcie's hand, she saw the promise that she would heal, that she would run and play with cousin "Rachey", that she would get past the painful journey of wheelchairs and learning to walk again. And walk, she did! Then ran! Even re-joining her basketball team! The focus was on WHAT WAS TO COME — not the struggle to get there. Thank you, Jesus, for loving us and teaching us the truth.

13 Philippians 3:13-14 "No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. 14. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

~Mary Allen

# Make a Joyful Noise!!!



## Join us

### For Children/Youth Choir

Wednesday, September 1

5:30--Adult Choir Room

Peggy Williams-Director



## FUMC - DeRidder Music Ministry Notes

Our music ministry is continuing to grow in the midst of adversity. The choir is on "corona"-cation again, but we are looking forward to meeting soon. Until then, we will press on with other activities. The English Renaissance work, Ave verum corpus by William Byrd which was sung on August 15 as the anthem, is probably the most challenging piece of music sung in our sanctuary in a great number of years. We hope it touched your heart. If you weren't in church that Sunday, let not your heart be troubled. The vocal quartet will sing it again in the future. The Hand Bell Ensemble is practicing every Sunday at 4:30. The ensemble needs more ringers. It's never too late to jump into the role of bell ringer.

John Schwarze - Director of Music  
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## METHODIST CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER NEWS

We tell our little children that they should love God with all their hearts and treat others with kindness. A large part of being kind is choosing the words we use. Children are never too young to learn the importance of their words. Words can construct and deconstruct. They can build others up or they can tear them down. They can be used to help or they can be used to hurt. Let us teach children the power of words.

God is Love!  
Mary Launey  
Director of Methodist Children's Learning Center  
mclc\_director@yahoo.com

### Nominations Committee

Nominations Committee will be meeting on Monday, September 13th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. First, we need your input on where you feel called to serve the church. We will be sending out a form for you to fill out and turn in. We will have it available in email format and written format so that you can fill it out and turn it in either on-line, mail it in or turn it in through the office. Please be in prayer about how God is leading you to serve on one of the committees of the church. Obviously, not everyone can serve, however we want as many of you as possible to help be a servant-leader in this congregation.



### UMCOR Flood Buckets Project:

Another big thank you to our church for packing and loading the flood buckets for UMCOR. Below are photos of 500+ flood buckets made and given to UMCOR from FUMC-DeRidder. Again, THANK YOU for all your help!!!



## STILL RECOVERING FROM HURRICANE LAURA?

### WE ARE HERE TO HELP:

- ✓ Determine a Recovery Plan
- ✓ Navigate Insurance, FEMA, & SBA
- ✓ Help find resources in your area

### VISIT US AT THE BEAUREGARD PARISH LIBRARY

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Deridder, LA

Wednesdays from 9 AM – 5:30 PM  
Fridays from 9 AM – 5:30 PM



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CALL US AT 1-844-711-9326 OR VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.DCMPLA.COM. DCMPLA ASSISTS HURRICANE LAURA SURVIVORS IN THEIR RECOVERY THROUGH A FEMA GRANT.

### September Focus: TOYS! Operation Christmas Child



Thanks so much for your generous donations to Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. We continue to collect hygiene articles, T-shirts, underwear, and socks in the month of August. Beginning in September we will be collecting toys. We are in need of Barbies, monster trucks, small musical instruments, tops, spinners, marbles, jacks and small lego sets. Stuffed toys the size of Ty beanie babies are an excellent size for shoeboxes. Thanks again for all you do.

~Donna McCullough

### Teddy Bear Mission Project

Jon Reid, the Operations Supervisor at Med Express, wanted to share his appreciation for the teddy bears given to the ambulance service for children when in time of need. He stated on facebook that these adorable bears will be given to children in their time of crisis.

*Thank you for donating!*



### Safe Sanctuary Training

God calls us to make the Church a safe place to do all we can to protect children, teens and other vulnerable persons from the devastating effects of abuse. Therefore, all persons who volunteer with children and teens through the ministries and activities of FUMC of DeRidder must attend the Safe Sanctuary Training every other year. We are coming into the holiday season and will have many opportunities to volunteer with the children and youth programs. If you think that you might like to participate in any activities with the children please attend.

We are offering a refresher course for those that have previously taken the Safe Sanctuary Training following church service on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:15-12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Then we will host the full training on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall for all others. Registration is requested so that we have ample materials prepared. To register please call/text me at (337) 396-9610 or email me at [cathy@fumcderidder.org](mailto:cathy@fumcderidder.org).



Dear Faithful Members,

Your investment in our ministry maintains the programs which are instrumental to healing the youth in our care. We simply could not do it without your help. Thank you for remembering our children with your gift of \$130.00. Please remember them in your daily prayers, specifically ask for self-restoration for these young lives that we have been blessed to care for.

Sincerely,

*Rick Wheat, President & CEO*

### September Worship Leaders

#### September 5th

Greeters: Betty & Scotty Nease

Readers: Betty Nease &

John Marcello

#### September 12th

Greeters: Susan Hill

Readers: John Schwarze &

Joe Ann Lillie

#### September 19th

Greeters: Catherine White &

Grant Beal

Readers: TBD

#### September 26th

Greeters: Tepley Family

Readers: Barbara Haynes

& Van Allen

### September Meetings

**9/13: Nominations**  
Conference Room

5:30 PM

**9/14: PPR**  
Choir Room

5:30 PM

**9/21: Trustees**  
Room TBD

5:30 PM

**9/30: Finance**  
Conference Room

5:00 PM

**9/30: Church Council**  
Conference Room

6:15 PM

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children &  
FAMILY SERVICES

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

- BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Matthew Brister
  - 2 Brenda Jones
  - 3 Sarah Wright
  - 4 David Wiggins
  - 5 Bob Dukes
  - 6 Gary Crowe
  - 7 Brigitte Booth
  - 8 Aimee Bennett
  - 9 Laura Coltharp
  - 10 David Prather
  - 11 Amber Taylor
  - 12 Patricia Limmer
  - 13 Bella Oldaker
  - 14 Mary Brister
  - 15 Howard Helms
  - 16 Claude Moses
  - 17 Pam Godair
  - 18 Britain Ann Prather
  - 19 Jane Rathburn
  - 20 Kaleb Luttrell
  - 21 Van Allen
  - 22 Seth McCullough
  - 23 Veronica Luttrell
  - 24 Debbie Clanton
  - 25 Rebecca Blankenship
  - 26 Richie Blankenship
  - 27 Martha Lou Roberts
  - 28 Richard Chavez
  - 29 Marcia Ades
  - 30 Gayle Bailey
  - 31 Michael Luttrell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Pam & Gary Godair
- 4 Howard & Tammie Helms
- 5 David & Rebecca Prather
- 6 Roy & Marcia Ades

# September 2021



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 Gervis "Butch" Bailey**  
 Donna & Robert McCullough  
 Gayle & Ken Bailey

**In Memory of Helga Wood**  
 Gayle & Ken Bailey

**In Memory of Dalton Doyle**  
 Gayle & Ken Bailey

**In Memory of Earnie Pierce**  
 Gayle & Ken Bailey

**In Honor of Dick Myers**  
 Gayle & Ken Bailey

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Continued prayers to ALL teachers and students who have returned to school this year.



Stay safe and have fun!