

WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY

“Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.”

—THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2021 10:00 AM
First United Methodist Church - DeRidder



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The people of The United Methodist Church



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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS!

The older I get, the more in love I have fallen with the season of fall. I love the crispness in the air when the cool fronts come through. Even my dogs, Autumn and Sage get friskier! I love the

changing of the leaves and the fall colors. I love a good fire in the fireplace or in the firepit I have in the backyard. I love the fall football season and the energy in the air with the excitement of everyone. I love Thanksgiving and spending some extra time on all the things I am thankful for in my life.

God has given us a tremendous blessing of all four seasons. Winter gives us a season of plants and bugs and trees going dormant so they can come back renewed and with brilliant color in the spring. Spring gives us all the beautiful wildflowers, the azalea bushes, the daffodils and all our pretty new gardens and the tree's leafing out again. Summer gives us vacations, warmer (hot) weather, swimming and fishing and breaks from school. Obviously, there is so much more we can list for each of the seasons! What is it that you love about the seasons?

It is wonderful to think about the incredible imagination and creativity of God when he formed not only this world but of the entire universe! No one has created anything like it, nor can they. When is the last time you thanked God for all these many blessings?

This fall brings many new activities, studies and events. We are still being cautious with Covid, and we want you to choose wisely for yourself. We hope and pray that Covid will go away so we can get back into the full swing of our church life. Please take care of yourself not only physically but spiritually. Do not neglect your need to continue to grow and thrive in our faith. Each of you are an important part of the Kingdom of God!

God bless you all,

Laraine

PS – Have you thought about joining handbells? We have a great group and could always use some more people! You don't have to even be able to read music – just know how to count to at least four! Come and join us!



Bible Study

There's still time to join the new Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 - 7:15 PM! This "Fast-Track" of the New Testament meets in Aldersgate Classroom, or on Zoom. Contact the Church Office for more details. ALL Are Welcome!

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Come join us on Sunday, October 3rd at 10:00 AM! It is such a special day as we reflect, remember, and celebrate on how Christ came to save the whole world! John 3:16-17! God loves us all, and we need to celebrate that and invite others, too!

Come, let us rejoice!



Women's Prayer Breakfast is **BACK!**
Thursday, October 7th
8:30 AM
Conference Room

MISSIONS MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
AT 11:15 AM
CHOIR ROOM

MISSIONS
across the street & around the world



We have reserved a booth this year at the fair. Please call the Church Office if you would like to volunteer to share FUMC - DeRidder with the community! The Church Office, MCLC, and Wesley Education Center will be closed all day on Friday, October 8th.

Happy Fair Day!

November Newsletter Deadline

Friday, October 22nd

Please submit any photos or articles to the Church Office by Friday, November 22nd for next month's newsletter.

Trunk or Treat!
Sunday, October 31st
5:00 - 7:00 PM

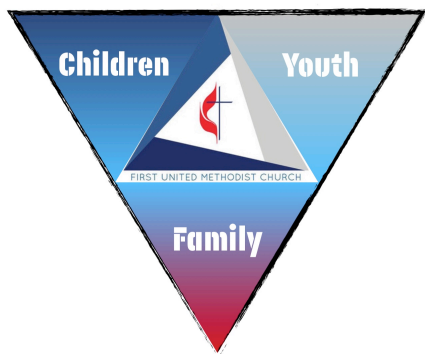
Reserve a spot and get creative with your trunk at BOTH the MCLC and the Wesley Campus Parking Lots! Please contact Cathy Scott or Erin Tepley to reserve your parking space. Candy donations are always appreciated, and may be left in the Church Office.

Thank you!

Erin Tepley
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Follow our online worship services on Facebook at First United Methodist Church - DeRidder, or on our YouTube page: DeridderFUMC

MINISTRIES



Nursery



GREAT NEWS! Nursey services are now available on Sunday mornings during Sunday School and Worship. Parents can drop off their cherubs as early as 8:45. Please spread the word. We are looking to expand to Wednesday nights soon. Please stop by the Nursery and welcome our newest staff member, Katherine Barton. We are still looking to hire another part-time Nursery staff so if you know someone that many be interesting, please give them my contact information: Phone 337-396-9610 or email cathy@fumcderidder.org. Volunteers are needed as well, if you feel the need to get a little snuggle time in just let me know and we will get you on the schedule. We will also have a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary foyer for your convenience. Cathy



The children's program is in full swing! We meet every Wednesday evening and start Children's Music Ministry at 5:30, then at 6:00 we will share a meal with the tweens and teens of the youth group, then move to our lessons from 6:30 until 7:30. We are 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. 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, Youth, and Family Ministries



Movie Night at Wesley Campus!

On Saturday, October 23rd from 6:30-9:00pm the FUMC will host an outdoor Community Movie Night at the Wesley Education Center. Popcorn and water will be provided. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on. You are also welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks. No alcoholic beverages please. We will be showing Hotel Transylvania. It is rated PG for "some scary images, action, and rude humor". The movie will start at sundown and runs for about 90 minutes. Inclement weather will move the event into the Wesley Activities Building.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT!

It's Fall Y'All and we are getting ready for our annual Trunk or Treat event. In an effort to give children in our community the opportunity to have a safe environment to collect candy, we will host our event to coincide with the City of Deridder's door to door trick or treat schedule. Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00pm. In order to maintain social distancing, we will utilize every other parking space. We can host up to 14 trunks at the FUMC parking lot and 12 trunks at the Wesley Education Center (WEC). Trunk set up will begin in the FUMC parking lot at 3:30 and in the WEC at 4:00. If you will not be able to set up a trunk, candy or monetary donations will be greatly appreciated! You can bring them to the church office on weekdays or place them in the designated candy box in the Sanctuary Vestibule on Sunday. If you would like more information or would like to reserve a space, please call Cathy at (337) 396-9610. A reservation poster will be placed in the Fellowship Hall foyer as well.



METHODIST CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER NEWS

On payday, some people rush to the bank to make a deposit. There is another form of deposit that is very important. A child's mind is like a bank into which you may deposits... deposits of learning. A child's heart is like a bank into which you make a deposit...deposits of love. These are deposits into the child's future. The Staff of Methodist Children's Learning Center are dedicated to our children's futures and we will fill their hearts with love - God's great love for them all!

Mary Launey, Director
mcld_director@yahoo.com



What a life-changing day! We stood before the Judge as he gave my daughter and son-in-law the right to call this beautiful 5-month old their Daughter —Forever! He gave this tiny one the right to call them Mother and Father — Forever! She didn't understand any of those words, most likely, but she definitely understood the abundance of happy tears, laughter and rejoicing all around her. Do you realize the same thing can happen in your life? When you invite God into your life, you are adopted into His family. John 1:12 says "Yet, to all who receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." Romans 8:15 continues "the Spirit you received brought about your adoption...and by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." Forever! Immediately after the above picture was taken of this happy, laughing child, she looked around, found her Daddy and leaned her whole body toward(s)him, arms out-stretched. We can do the same; read the Words God wrote to you. Talk to him in prayer. He loves you. Adoption is beautiful!

~Mary Allen

Girl Scout News!

Girl Scout Troop 229 has resumed their regular meetings. We are in the 2022 Girl Scout season and are really hoping that we will be able to expand our activities and outings this year. We hosted our Bridging, Investiture, and Rededication Ceremonies all at the same time this season and had great participation. We currently have 44 girls registered in the Troop for the 2022 season.

The Troop hosted its first camp out since the pandemic began. The girls were so excited! Junior Girl Scouts spent a weekend at the Woodworth Environmental Center, in Woodworth, LA. They earned their Simple Meals Badge, Camper Badge, Space Science Adventurer Badge, and Think Like an Engineer Badge where they designed air powered race cars. Our younger Girls Scouts Daisy (K-1st), Brownie (2nd-3rd) and Juniors (4th -5th) meet on Tuesdays evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall building. We have 25 girls in these age levels and they keep us very busy. Our older girls, Cadettes (6th-8th), Seniors (9th-10th) and Ambassadors (11th and 12th) meet on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Building. We have 19 girls registered in these age levels.

Cathy Scott, Primary Troop Leader



Children's Music



The Children's Music Ministry is in full swing. We are busy learning music for Sunday Worship. A highlight of the rehearsal is playing the children's handbells. The children are doing very well. We will sing and play bells during Sunday Worship on October 17. Practice is every Wednesday evening at 5:30 in the Choir Room. Come be a part of this fun time!

Peggy Williams, Children's Music Ministry Director



FUMC - DeRidder Music Ministry Notes

We have some exciting music in store for the month of October. The hand bell ensemble will be hopefully ready for its debut sometime in later part of the month. It's never too late to throw your name into the mix for the hand bell ensemble. Our vocal quartet has great things in store for Sunday, October 17th, and All Saints Sunday, November 7th. The quartet anthem for October 31 is more extended than usual, and you don't want to miss that blessing as we sing to the Father, our Creator, who has spun the universe into existence, giving us the changing seasons and other untold blessings. Tim and Lexi both have solos in this extended anthem with Mary Allen on the organ. That's October 31st so plan to be there. Be sure and relay your appreciation to all those involved in the music ministry of our church.

John Schwarze,
Director of Music
schwarze@fumcderidder.org

THANK YOU from the Missions Team!



Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.
~Matthew 5:16

Hurricane Ida has impacted all of Louisiana. Some communities are still waiting for electricity and clean water. Other areas are assessing the damage and making steps to recover. Our church and community have offered countless prayers, words of encouragement, and extraordinary generosity. The lights have been on! 500 flood buckets and 325 hygiene kits will be expressions of God's unfailing love and faithfulness. God's light shines through you, FUMC DeRidder, Girl Scout Troop 229, and Boy Scout Troop 30.

Shalom,
Susan Hill - Missions Coordinator

Operation Christmas Child!

These gift-filled shoeboxes go to some of the most difficult-to-reach places on earth. These include areas that are hostile to the Gospel, places where whole people groups are yet unreached, and hundreds of remote Pacific islands.

Shoeboxes are used by local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, even in places where His Name has never been heard. As a result, children, families, and entire communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel and new churches are started.

The following items are needed in order to complete our shoebox we are sending for this year! We are looking for these items below that range from 5 - 9 years old. Thank you for all the love and support!

Boys:
Socks - 6
Underwear - 41
Shirts - 55

Girls:
Socks - 35
Underwear - 29
Shirts - 56

Toys:
Small Stuffed Animals - 26
Doll Clothes - 38
Marbles - 57
Small Balls - 123
Musical Instruments - 125

Beauregard
PARISH FAIR
Exhibits • Livestock • Carnival • Eats
OCTOBER 5-9, 2021



The Beauregard Parish Fair kicks off on Tuesday, October 5th with its parade downtown! Bring a chair and come join the celebration. Water bottles will be given out at the Youth Center right along the parade path. See you all there!



Thank you for your kindness and generosity in the blessing of lunch and desserts. This was appreciated and brought joy to a difficult time as we remembered and fellowshiped. The meal helped lift a burden and we are grateful.

*Warmly,
The Family of
Daisy Geiger*

October Worship Volunteers

October 3rd
World Communion Sunday

Greeter:
Lennie Hanchey
Readers: Mary Alice
Wisdom & Francis Cole

October 10th
Sunday Worship

Greeters: Susan Hill
Readers: Betty Nease &
Gayle Bailey

October 17th
Children & Youth
Sabbath Sunday

Greeters:
Tepley Family
Readers: TBD

October 24th
Greeters: Betty & Scotty
Nease

Readers:
Tim Kindler & John Schwarze

October 31st
Reformation Sunday
Greeters: Ted & Becky
Hammerschmidt
Readers: Cathy Scott
& Van Allen

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“[The sacramental bread is] the grand channel whereby the grace of his Spirit was conveyed to the souls of all the children of God.”

JOHN WESLEY, SERMON 26



ANNIVERSARIES

3 Raymond & Francis Cole

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Darrell McDonald
- 7 Janice Vinyard
- 8 Marty Smith
- 10 Duncan Clanton
- 10 Laura Fisher
- Peggy Williams
- Tanya Craig
- 12 Chad Hammerschmidt
- Kadron Luttrell
- 13 Jeannie LeRay
- 15 Cameron Craig
- 16 Kyle Bennett
- 17 Mary Chapman
- 19 Stacie Husak
- 21 Stryder Husak
- 23 Nikolai Chapman
- 25 Stephen Lewis
- 26 Joanna Hauser
- 28 Mary Launey
- 29 Dale Vincent

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406 W. Shirley St.
DeRidder, LA 70634

October 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div>26</div> <div><div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div><div>10:00 AM Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary & Online</div><div>11:15 AM Safe Sanctuary Refresher Course in the Fellowship Hall</div><div>4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary</div><div>5:00 PM Court of Honor for Scouts in Fellowship Hall</div></div> | <div>27</div> <div><div>5:30 PM Safe Sanctuary Training in the Fellowship Hall</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> | <div>28</div> <div><div>9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC</div><div>5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building</div></div> | <div>29</div> <div><div>8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion</div><div>9:00 AM Merry Malters in the Church Office</div><div>4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary</div><div>5:30 PM Children's Music: Choir Room</div><div>6:00 PM Bible Study: Conference Room</div><div>8:00 PM Children & Youth: Fellowship Hall</div></div> | <div>30</div> <div><div>5:00 PM Finance Meeting in the Con-ference Room</div><div>5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building</div><div>6:15 PM Church Council in the Confer-ence Room</div></div> | <div>1</div> | <div>2</div> |
| <div>3</div> <div><div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div><div>10:00 AM World Communion Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Online</div><div>4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary</div></div> | <div>4</div> <div><div>4:00 PM MCLC Board Meeting in Aldersgate Classroom & Zoom</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> | <div>5</div> <div><div>9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC</div><div>5:00 PM Fair Parade Downtown DeRid-der</div></div> | <div>6</div> <div><div>8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion</div><div>4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary</div><div>5:30 PM Children's Music: Choir Room</div><div>6:00 PM Bible Study: Conference Room & Zoom</div><div>6:00 PM Children & Youth: Fellowship Hall</div></div> | <div>7</div> <div><div>8:30 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast in the Conference Room</div><div>5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building</div><div>6:00 PM Scouts Parent/Committee Meeting in the Conference Room</div><div>7:15 PM Promotional Table at the Fair!</div></div> | <div>8</div> <div>Fair Day Holiday</div> | <div>9</div> <div><div>4:00 PM Promotional Table at the Fair!</div></div> |
| <div>10</div> <div><div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div><div>10:00 AM Sunday Worship in the Sanc-tuary & Online</div><div>11:15 AM Missions Meeting in the Choir Room</div><div>4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary</div></div> | <div>11</div> <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> | <div>12</div> <div><div>9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC</div><div>10:00 AM Mary Martha Circle at Pat Limmer's House</div><div>5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building</div></div> | <div>13</div> <div><div>8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion</div><div>4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary</div><div>5:30 PM Children's Music: Choir Room</div><div>6:00 PM Children & Youth: Fellowship Hall</div><div>6:00 PM Bible Study: Conference Room & Zoom</div></div> | <div>14</div> <div><div>5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building</div></div> | <div>15</div> | <div>16</div> |
| <div>17</div> <div><div>9:00 AM Sunday School</div><div>10:00 AM Children & Youth Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary & Online</div><div>11:15 AM Staff Meeting in the Choir Room</div><div>4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary</div></div> | <div>18</div> <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> | <div>19</div> <div><div>9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC</div><div>5:30 PM Trustees Meeting</div><div>5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building</div></div> | <div>20</div> <div><div>8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion</div><div>10:00 AM Rosemary Cady: Conference Room</div><div>4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Choir Room</div><div>5:30 PM Children's Music: Sanctuary</div><div>6:00 PM Children & Youth: Fellowship Hall</div><div>6:00 PM Bible Study: Conference Room & Zoom</div></div> | <div>21</div> <div><div>5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building</div><div>6:30 PM Round Table District Scout Meeting in the Conference Room</div></div> | <div>22</div> <div>November Newsletter Deadline</div> | <div>23</div> |
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Since our last newsletter, these gifts celebrating others were given to FUMC:

In Memory of Betty Jo Presley
John Marcello
Joyce & Jerry Lewis

In Memory of Daisy Geiger
John Marcello
DiAnne & Tim Kindler
Laura & Claude Moses
Susan Hill
Susan & Dick Myers
Mary Alice Wisdom
Merle Stout
Susan Johnson
Marcia & Roy Ades
Joyce & Jerry Lewis
Dianne & Bill Penney
Scotty & Betty Nease

In Memory of Tom Witt
Jane Rathburn

In Memory of Dewayne Hicks
Susan Hill

In Memory of Art Howell
Susan & Dick Myers
Angela & William Craig

In Memory of Butch Bailey
Susan Johnson

In Memory of Clarence McKnight
Joyce & Jerry Lewis
Dianne & Bill Penney

In Memory of Velva Day
Phyllis Blanton
John Marcello