

Happy New Year from First United Methodist Church - DeRidder!



This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

~Exodus 12:2



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Pastor's Ponderings!

It's hard to believe another year has gone by! We have so many things to celebrate! Worship that is almost back to normal. Choir is coming back this month. We have had our first two potluck meals! Worship in the Fellowship Hall. All of our groups are meeting again. We can go on and on. We love y'all coming back to worship and we hope even more of y'all feel comfortable coming back soon. We have missed you. We pray that, most of all, Covid stays away! In the meantime, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide worship through the internet. That is an opportunity that will be here to stay no matter your need, where you travel or anything else. One of the things that is back and desperately needs your help is our children's and youth program. Our kids are hungry for normalcy and to be able to fellowship with each other AT CHURCH! They cannot do this without adult help. Kids need time with their friends (without their parents - remember?), and parents need time to do other things for the family. We need adults, of ANY age, who are willing to help at Sunday School, Children's Church and Wednesday night programs and feeding the kids. Your presence has a huge impact on our kids. When they see you, they see that you and this church cares. Whether you can donate one day a month, two days a month or all the time, please call Cathy Scott at 337-396-9610. Change a life, change your life and come help our children and youth! They are the church of today and the future!

We are blessed. Be a Blessing.

Laraine

Bible Study

As we enter into a new year, our Bible Study group continues to study the New Testament. You are always welcome to come and join in the discussion with us. If you want to join, call or email Laraine so she can give you the readings we are doing. We will continue and finish at the end of January. Just in time to be thinking about what we will be doing for Lent.

Yes, Lent begins at the beginning of March!

5th Sunday Service!

Make plans to attend worship in the Fellowship Hall again! It's a fifth Sunday, and we have plans to worship there and have potluck in the gym (praying that Covid stays away). We are working on what this special day will be. Hope to see you there!



We will have a guest preacher on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Rev. Laraine will preach and serve Communion the following Sunday, January 9th. Thank you.



The Church Office will return to its regular business hours on Monday, January 3rd, 2022:

Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Fridays
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Thursday, January 6th
Women's Prayer Breakfast
Conference Room
8:30 AM*



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH.

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

January 2nd:
Greeters: The Tepley Family
Readers: & John Marcello

January 9th:
Greeter: Susan Hill
Readers: Barbara Haynes & Van Allen

January 16th:
Greeters: Betty & Scotty Nease
Readers: Betty Nease &

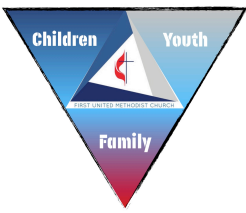
January 23rd :
Greeters: Catherine White & Grant Beal
Readers: Cathy Scott & Catherine White

January 30th:
Greeters: Becky & Ted Hammerschmidt
Readers: Tim Kindler & John Schwarze

*January Worship
Volunteers!*



MINISTRIES



Wednesday Evening
Children's and Youth
Ministry

Our Wednesday evenings are growing. We continue to averaging about 18 children and youth each week. The children's group continues to work their way through the Fruits of the Sprit lessons and the youth have been emersed in the Matt Rawle, *The Heart that Grew Three Sizes* study. Every Wednesday evening starts with Children's Music Ministry at 5:30, then at 6:00 we will share a meal, then move on to lessons from 6:30 until 7:30 PM.

Sunday Early Worshipers

Every Sunday from 9:00-9:45 our Early Worshipers meet. All children in grades K-12 are invited to attend. We provide light breakfast foods and juice to get the morning started. This time helps your child prepare for Worship and the lessons that they will learn during Children's Church. You can drop off as early as 8:45 if you are attending one of the adult morning classes.

Children's Church

All children in grades K-5 are welcome to attend. This is a one room lesson where We will be exploring the Matt Rawle, children's study, *The Heart that Grew Three Sizes* for Christmas. This series is designed to help children find faith in the story of The Grinch. Most of us have that family member that never really seems to get into the Christmas spirit. Or we worry about how the over commercialism of Christmas will impact our children. We will take this modern-day Christmas classic, and perhaps, discover new and unexpected ways to celebrate this Advent season. Merry Grinchmas!

Thursdays at Wesley

We have implemented a program for the children at the Wesley Education Center every Thursday from 3:30-4:30. This group is specifically for the children that utilize the after-school service that are provided there. Participation by the children is voluntary, but so far most of the children are excited for the programing. We have been providing short lessons on the meaning of Advent and completing a hands-on activity.

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Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Youth!

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
Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries



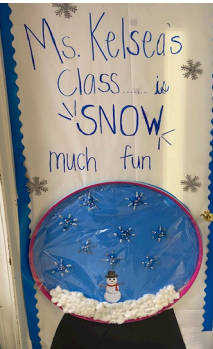
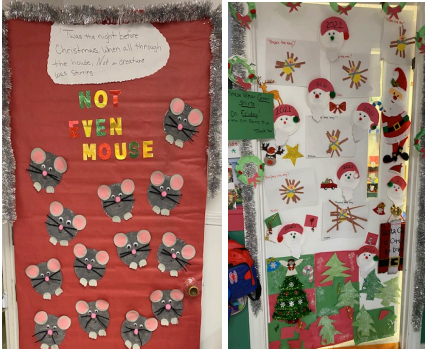
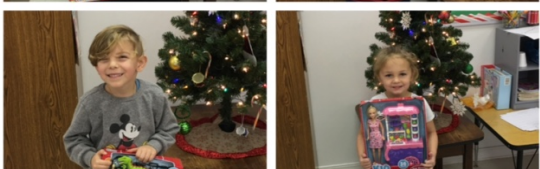
Breakfast with Santa was a huge success! We served 196 breakfasts of pancakes and sausage to the community. Santa and Mrs. Clause visited with the children. Santa even read them a story. We also had Santas reindeers and many, many elf helpers. Thank you to the DeRidder High School Juniorettes for coming out to help as well. Merry Christmas!



Methodist Children's
Learning News

There are many exciting and fun things happening at MCLC this month. Christmas is a busy happy time here! We have enjoyed Grinch Day, Polar Express Day, a Door Decorating Contest, Christmas Parties, and a trip to C&M Farms. As the new Director, I would like to personally thank everyone who has helped welcome me. The teachers, parents, and espeially the children are a joy to work with every day.

Happy Holidays!
Natalie Ruano
MCLC Director



Children's Music
NOTES



Come be a part of the children's music program. We meet each Wednesday at 5:30 in the Choir Room. Our next rehearsal will be Wednesday, January 5. Hope to see you there.



FUMC - DeRidder Music Ministry Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It is with excitement that the music ministry approaches this brand-new year of 2022. COVID-19 seems to be unwilling fold its nasty tents and go away. Nevertheless, we must press on ahead. Groundwork was laid for the future in 2021, as all musical ensembles experienced growth due to the dedication of members. Our praise ensemble is maturing in skill and musicality. Our children's choir is back in full swing, and the Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals again on Wednesday, January 5. The handbell ensemble is melding nicely, and of course, the vocal quartet will continue to seek out and perform the most difficult musical works. I am so proud and thankful that in the face of the adversity of 2020 and 2021, we now have five musical ensembles. A thriving music ministry needs courageous members who are willing to step out of their comfort zone. Is that you? Come and join the choir on January 5th at 6:15 and help us sing for the glory of God.

John Schwarze - Director of Music
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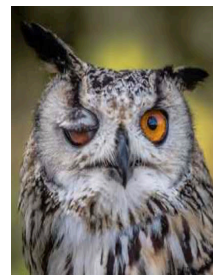
Well ... We made it! Successfully or not, good or not-so-good, we are past Christmas. Whew!

But do you feel like Mrs. Owl? Poor thing. She's so tired she can only open one eye. Her ears aren't even on straight. Her feathers are fluffed out, not beautifully preened as usual. But she got it done! She braved the crowds. Cooking, shopping, wrapping, singing in the choir, helping those less fortunate, packing Christmas boxes AND had time with family — those that were easy to visit and those that took a little more effort.

But now it's quieter, less hectic. We should sit for a time, maybe wrapped in our favorite blanket or throw. Warm. Tired but happy. We should savor seeing the faces of family after such a long time. We should hold close to our heart the children as they sang about the Baby in the manger. Slow your thoughts and cherish the feeling of being fortunate enough to help give food out to families. Imagine the joy on the faces of children all over the world opening boxes of gifts packed by your hands. Go before God in prayer, thanking Him for the gift of Baby Jesus, the One who arrived in an unexpected manner, lived a sinless, selfless life and took the punishment and death we ourselves deserved.

Dear Jesus, The greatest Gift ever given was You — the gift that no one can afford, no one can earn, and no one but God can give. As I start this new year, I ask you to remind me often who You are and help me grow to be more like you. Amen.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."
~Ephesians 2:8



Poinsettias have been placed in our Sanctuary this Christmas Season in Remembrance & in Honor of the Following Loved Ones:

In Memory of Ellen Sisco
From Bambi & David Hardesty
In Memory of Bill Sisco
From Bambi & David Hardesty
In Memory of Rita House
From Bambi & David Hardesty
In Memory of George Hardesty
From Bambi & David Hardesty
In Memory of Clara Monson
From Bambi & David Hardesty
In Memory of Paula Hilbert
From Bambi & David Hardesty
**In Memory of Mr. & Mrs.
Holton Hardy Vincent**
From Elizabeth & Dale Vincent
**In Memory of Mr. & Mrs.
J. Cooper Patterson**
From Elizabeth & Dales Vincent
In Memory of Christine H. Snavelly
From Cathy Scott
**In Memory of Catherine R.
Cosentino**
From Cathy Scott
**In Memory of James E.
Snavelly, Sr.**
From Cathy Scott
In Memory of Larry Pence
From Cheryl Pence
In Memory of Tom Witt
From Cheryl Pence
**Donation of Poinsettia to
Homebound**
From Cheryl Pence
**In Memory of Robert &
Richard Rathburn**
From Jane Rathburn
**In Memory of Mamie &
Macon Rathburn**
From Jane Rathburn
**Donation of Poinsettia to
Homebound**
From Jane Rathburn
In Memory of Mark Ades
From Marcia & Roy Ades
In Memory of Mark Ades
From Marcia & Roy Ades
**In Honor of Maya Lewis &
Nathaniel Lewis**
From Susan Hill

**In Honor of Jarrett, Morgan,
& Abbott Tepley**
From Susan Hill
In Honor of Mrs. Jane Staples
From Susan Hill
In Honor of Garrett & Bella Oldaker
From Susan Hill
In Memory of James Pearl
From the Tepley Family
In Honor of Mary Launey
From DiAnne & Tim Kindler
In Honor of Rev. Laraine Waughtal
From Debbie & Van Allen
In Honor of Debbie Allen
From Van Allen
In Memory of Curtiss & Bess Cook
From Janet & Danny Craft
In Memory of Curtiss & Bess Cook
From Janet & Danny Craft
In Memory of Wallace Womble
From Donna & Robert McCullough
In Honor of Doris Womble
From Donna & Robert McCullough
In Honor of Julie Porter
From Darrell McDonald
In Honor of Rev. Lamar & Erin Oliver
From D. Lamar & Janet Oliver
**In Honor of Carolyn & Michael
Haushalter**
From D. Lamar & Janet Oliver
In Memory of Brian Porter
From Julie Porter
In Memory of Ronnie Nelson
From Marjorie & Keith Nelson
In Memory of Scott Nelson
From Marjorie & Keith Nelson
In Memory of Harry Marshall
From Rick, Renee, Nancy, Kathy,
& Susan Reed
In Memory of Minerva Marshall
From Rick, Renee, Nancy, Kathy, &
Susan Reed
In Memory of Nana and PaPaw
From Rick, Renee, Nancy, Kathy, &
Susan Reed
In Memory of Sam J. and Helen Miller
From Catherine White
**In Memory of Charles D.
and Bill Perkins**
From Catherine White

In Memory of Vicki Beal
From Grant Beal
In Memory of Daisy Geiger
From Grant Beal
In Memory of Paulette Benard
From Sarah & Roy Blessington
In Memory of Judge Bill Bell
From Mary & Charles Bell
**In Memory of Jack &
Sylvia Waughtal**
From Rev. Laraine Waughtal
**In Memory of David &
Jackie Teel**
From Rev. Laraine Waughtal
**In Memory of Cora Lee &
Arlie Teel**
From Rev. Laraine Waughtal
**In Honor of the FUMC - DeRidder
Staff**
From Rev. Laraine Waughtal
**In Honor of Eleanor
Marcello Jones**
From John Marcello
In Memory of Rick Wisdom
From Mary Alice Wisdom
In Memory of Helen M. Jones
From Kelly & Sam Jones
**In Memory of
Dr. Charles A. Jones, Jr.**
From Kelly & Sam Jones
In Memory of James L. McCoy
From Kelly & Sam Jones
In Memory of Dick Myers
From Susan Myers
In Memory of David Calhoun
From Susan Myers
**In Memory of Jack &
Ruby Bennett**
From Dana & Robert Bennett
In Memory of Roger Sterling, Jr.
From Roger Sterling III & Joe Ann
Lillie
In Memory of Truman Lillie
From Roger Sterling III & Joe Ann
Lillie
**In Memory of Wanda &
Nordal Schroeder**
From Roger Sterling III & Joe Ann
Lillie
**In Honor of Betty &
Scotty Nease**
From Stephanie, Richard, & Shelton
Chavez

Thank you for your Gifts to the glory of God in Memory & in Honor of Loved Ones!

**THANK
YOU!**

Dear Friends in Christ,
Today I write personally to thank you for the gift of \$12,000.00 to Hurricane Ida relief. Your generosity and kindness will help alleviate the challenges encountered by so many as they begin the restoration process.

Through the caring hands of the followers of Jesus, such as you, I am personally convinced that "All will be well." Please keep us in your prayers as we move into an uncertain future with a feeling of certainty that God is leading us to a new tomorrow. May the blessings of Christ be abundant in your life and in the lives of those you love as you continue to be a servant of the Servant.

Grace and Peace,
Cynthia Fierro Harvey
Bishop, Louisiana Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

Dear Pastor Waughtal,
I would like to personally thank the congregation of First United Methodist Church - DeRidder for their faithfulness, and for your leadership, in paying 100% of the 2021 Louisiana Conference Apportionments in October. Again, I would like to thank you and the entire congregation for your dedication and service as we strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In Christ's love and service,
Sandy O'Brien
Executive Director, Administrative Services
Louisiana Conference - The United Methodist Church



Let's Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 TJ Tepley
- 2 Jo Blankenship
- 5 Kelly Jones
- Ryne Robinson
- Betty Nease
- 6 Catherine White
- 7 Blake Hammerschmidt
- 10 Tyler White
- 11 Cathy Lockwood
- Ricky Iles
- 12 Frank Chapman
- 13 Tannie Helms
- Dominique Prather
- 14 Jimmy Hicks
- 16 Don Savant
- 18 Maegan Loupe
- 19 Julie Porter
- 20 Tim Kindler
- 24 Mike Nothnagel
- 25 Brenda Vaughn
- 26 Vincent Labue
- 27 James Evans
- 29 Anna Wiggins
- 30 Phyllis Blanton
- Morgan Tepley

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Aaron & Jill Cooper
- 22 David & Carolyn Burton
- 24 John & Dana Delborn
- 28 Dale & Elizabeth Vincent
- 29 Rick & Lynn Erpelding
- 30 Claude & Laura Moses

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary & Online	27 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Church Office Open from 8 AM - 12 PM (Brenda Jones)	28 8:00 AM Church Office Open from 8 AM - 12 PM (Laura Schultz) 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym	29 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Church Office Open from 8 AM - 12 PM (Laura Schultz) 10:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym Choir Room - Stewardship 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary	30 8:00 AM Church Office Open from 8 AM - 12 PM (?) 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym	31 New Year's Eve 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Church Office Open from 8 AM - 12 PM (Barbara Haynes)	1 New Year's Day
2 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Service with Guest Preacher in the Sanctuary and Online	3 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Church Office Back to Regular Business Hours	4 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC 5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building 6:30 PM Estimated Giving Meeting in Church Office	5 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:30 PM Children's Music: Choir Room 6:00 PM Children & Youth: Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Bible Study in the Conference Room & Zoom	6 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym 8:30 AM Women's Prayer Breakfast in the Conference Room 5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building 6:00 PM Scouts Parent/Committee Meeting in the Conference Room	7 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 PM TCIFF - Youth in the Youth Building	8 9:00 AM CPR & Other Training - MCLC Teachers in Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM Coach Chavez - Basketball in the Gym
9 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Communion Sunday Worship in Sanctuary & Online 2:00 PM Fury Elite Softball Team in the Gym	10 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Meet in the Gym 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 meet on 3rd floor of MCLC Education Building	11 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC 10:00 AM Mary Martha Circle in the Conference Room 5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building 6:30 PM Granny Basketball in the Gym	12 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:30 PM Children's Music: Choir Room 6:00 PM Children & Youth: Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Bible Study in the Conference Room & Zoom	13 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym 5:30 PM Fury Elite Softball Team in the Gym 5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building	14 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym	15 9:00 AM Cub Scouts - Pinewood Derby Day in the Gym 10:00 AM Coach Chavez - Basketball in the Gym
16 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Noisy Offering Sunday Wor-ship in Sanctuary & Online 11:15 AM Staff Meeting in the Choir Room 2:00 PM Fury Elite Softball Team in the Gym	17 MLK Jr. Day - Church Office Closed 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 6:30 PM Cub Scouts Meet in the Gym 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 meet on 3rd floor of MCLC Education Building 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	18 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting 5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall Building 6:30 PM Granny Basketball in the Gym	19 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 10:00 AM Rosemary Cady: Conference Room 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:30 PM Children's Music: Choir Room 6:00 PM Children & Youth: Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Bible Study in the Conference Room & Zoom	20 February Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM PYYo (Pilates & Yoga) Class in the Gym 5:30 PM Fury Elite Softball Team in the Gym 5:30 PM Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in the Youth Building 6:30 PM Round Table District Scout Meeting in the Conference Room	21 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym	22 10:00 AM Coach Chavez - Basketball in the Gym
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January Memorials & Honorariums:

In Memory of
Dick Myers
DiAnne & Tim Kindler

In Honor of
Julie Porter
Dianne & Bill Penney

In Memory of
George Jouban
Stephanie & Richard
Chavez

Betty & Scotty Nease
Jimmy Hicks & Martha
Banks

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