

THE RIGHTEOUS WALK
IN INTEGRITY—HAPPY
ARE THE CHILDREN
WHO FOLLOW THEM!

~PROVERBS 20:7



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FROM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - DERIDDER!



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Pastor's Ponderings!

Father's Day, Flag Day, UM Army's Mission trip, the Louisiana Conference Annual Conference meeting and more! June is turning into an incredible month filled with missions, honoring our country and the people in our lives who mean so much to us.

I continue to rejoice and marvel at all the great ministry that this church does. In May we celebrated the Moms, and in June we celebrate the Dads. The United Methodist Army of youth and adults come in the third week of June – about 70 of them. They will be in town to work on various homes around town that were affected by the hurricanes. We are really excited to have them back. They did a great job last year. We will be feeding them dinner Sunday night the 19th and again on the 23rd. If you want to help with food or costs, please let Catherine or Grant or Julie Porter and see how you can help.

Our children and youth programs continue to grow thanks to all the volunteers and the leadership of Cathy Scott. Our children have really become leaders in the worship services also. If you want to help on Wednesday nights or help with food on those nights, please contact Cathy! The kids arrive hungry, and they need us to help them to continue to grow not only physically, but also in their faith and leadership. July will be really busy with three different opportunities available for Vacation Bible School!

Of course, every week there are other ways for you to be involved. You can help in worship, sing in the choir, help with the sound system or cameras, help serve communion, attend Sunday School or Bible Studies, make a prayer shawl and so much more. Getting involved helps us to grow in our faith, connect in fellowship with one another and more! After two years of barely getting to see each other, it is great to be getting back to normal and enjoying being with each other in the Body of Christ! Come and get involved. There is room for everyone!

See you Sunday!

Blessings,
Laraine

Bible Study

The next Bible Study is being postponed until after June. Between being gone for Annual Conference and the UM Army group being here, it is just hard to get something going with being able to consistently meet. I will say I am excited about the next study!
Stay tuned!



Happy Father's Day!
Sunday, June 19th

**BEAUREGARD
WATERMELON
FESTIVAL**



Thursday, June 23rd to
Saturday, June 25th!

Church Camp!

If you are interested in registering your child for any of the camps, please ask me for our Church's registration code. The code will require that the parent pay 20% of the camp fee at registration. The remaining portion will be paid out of the funds raised at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner fundraiser.

Happy Camping!

Cathy Scott

Please visit this link to learn more and to register for the camps. Don't forget to contact Cathy to get your special discount code!
<https://campurc.com/summer-camp-registration>



Homes with showers needed!



So, our UM Army group from Texas is returning to DeRidder to work on homes the week of June 19th! We had such a great time with them last year and they did such great work in our community. We need 8-10 homes that have 2-4 bathrooms available to take showers Monday through Friday of that week. They generally arrive at your home around 4 or 4:30, and it takes them about an hour for the group to shower. It is such a great time to visit with them, hear their stories, listen to them share their faith, hear what is happening at their worksites and just offer a place of rest. Please call the church office to volunteer your home! What is UM Army? If you would like to learn more about this group, please go to their website <https://www.umarmy.org/>, or their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/unitedmethodistarmy>

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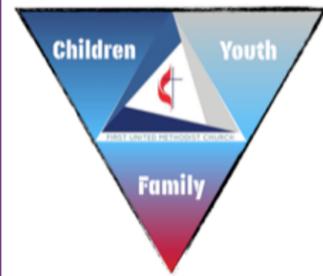
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MINISTRIES



Wednesday Evening Children's and Youth Ministry

Wednesday evenings continue to grow. Mary Launey continues to facilitate the kindergarten thru 2nd grade group - we also have a few pre-kindergarten children that attend. Laura Moses works with the 3rd thru 5th grade group and I continue with the youth group. We are always looking to expand this ministry; all children are welcome.

Wednesdays start at 5:00 with activity time. For drop off convenience parents can drop their children off at the gym doors (near the Church office), just pull into the circular driveway and we will meet you at the door. At 6:00 we all share a meal, then move on to lessons from 6:30 until 7:30.

Wednesday evenings ministries will continue through the month of June. We will not meet in July as our focus will be on Summer Camps and VBS. We will start back up the first week in August.

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.

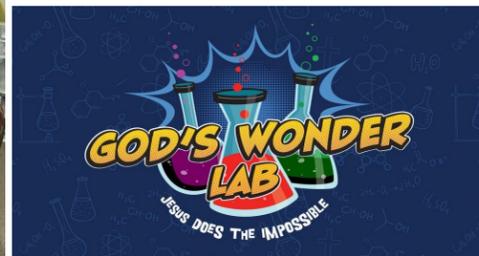
Children's Church

All children in grades K-5 are welcome to attend. This is a one room lesson where we mainly work on lessons out of the Deep Blue Series. This group continues to grow and volunteers are needed to ensure that the learning needs of all ages are met. To prepare the children for the lesson, they will receive a bag upon arrival to the Sanctuary. The bag will include a bulletin related to the weeks lesson. Please encourage them to work on the bulletin activities as they wait to be dismissed for Children's Church.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Cathy Scott
(337) 396-9610

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Coordinator



What do you think of when you hear the words Vacation Bible School (VBS)?

Maybe you have great memories of participating as a child. Maybe you have fond memories of volunteering as an adult. Or perhaps you or are you wondering if VBS still relevant for today's kids? I say YES, they need it now more than ever! VBS is not only intended to reinforce learning to our FUMC children, but also to minister to the children of DeRidder. While VBS only lasts a week, connections will be made that will last a lifetime. VBS is our opportunity to help lock Bible truths in a child's heart and mind! The God's Wonder Lab curriculum lays foundational truths that will help children understand who Jesus is and why they need to know Him. Children will talk about the events of VBS that excited them, engaged them, and helped them to know that God and the FUMC family really cares about them! Who would not want that for every child? We will create memories and we will change lives. I encourage every adult to volunteer and every child to participate in this experience!

Cathy Scott
Child, Youth, and Family Programs Coordinator

Vacation Bible School 2022

Evenings: Monday, July 11th - Friday, July 15th
6:00pm-8:30pm

VBS Registration is OPEN!

Please log into <https://vbsmate.com/FUMCDeRidder> and register your child or to volunteer.

The theme for our 2022 VBS God's Wonder Lab. Where a science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible, but in Jesus' ministry, He did things that are impossible. At God's Wonder Lab, children will discover that Jesus does the impossible for all of us.

Volunteers Positions still available:

Science Station Leader - Responsible to lead the station(s) that conduct experiments that will reinforce the Bible story.

Snack Station Leader - Responsible to lead the rooms(s) that help children make and eat snacks that reinforce the Bible story.

Team Leaders - Responsible to lead small groups of children. You will get to know the kids and keep them involved and focused on activities.

Room Assistants - Will be dedicate to specific areas to assist with activities (Music Room, Story Telling, Science, Crafts, Outdoor Games, Snacks)

Volunteers must register online. You will be able to select the area you prefer to work in, the ages of children that you prefer and the days you are available. If you can volunteer every day great, but if your time is limited, please consider volunteering for a few days. All volunteers must have completed Safe Sanctuary Training or refresher training within the last year. We will hold another training and refresher before VBS.

Save-the Dates:

VBS Volunteer Introductory Meeting, Sunday, June 5th at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room

VBS set-up is scheduled for Sunday, July 10th after Worship.



We have been busy this past month with celebrating Mother's Day, learning about space, and preparing for the Pre-K graduation ceremony that is taking place on Wednesday, May 25th at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Our pre-k students also took a trip to K.R. Hanchey to visit the elementary school in preparation for fall. We have added a NEW 3 year-old classroom upstairs, so if you know of any friends and family who needs child care, they may contact us at 337-463-3750! Your 3 year-old must be potty trained and have an up-to-date shot record.

Best Wishes and Many Blessings,
Natalie Ruano, MCLC Director
natalie@fumcderidder.org



FUMC - DeRidder Music Ministry Notes

Well, the summer is upon us. The schoolhouses are empty of children. Many of you will be heading out on vacations to parts unknown. Our music ministry must move forward regardless. The Praise Ensemble will be without Lexi for a while as she takes, well, let's call it a sabbatical. We pray that she will return soon. While she is out, we need another singer to step up and fill in for her. Male or female, it makes no difference. If you are willing to serve as a singer in the Praise Ensemble, send me an email at schwarze@fumcderidder.org. It is most helpful if you can read music, but not required. Children's Choir will begin again in August or September, and the Handbell Ensemble and Chancel Choir are also rehearsing throughout the summer.

John Schwarze - Director of Music
schwarze@fumcderidder.org



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for praying for our family for the last year. They have carried us through each illness. We have been sustained, encouraged and felt the peace only God can give by your prayers. I ask for your prayers as God continues to provide healing. We pray for God's richest blessings for each of you.

Robert, Donna, Patty and Seth McCullough



Ding!

Have you ever had one of those difficult times going to sleep after going to bed? You've wrestled in bed reviewing the day's events and have planned for tomorrow in excruciating detail. Finally, exhausted, your mind relaxes enough to nod off to sleep. At that moment, ding! (pause)...ding! You are startled awoken by one of those telephone alert notifications. Wanting to ignore it, you roll over, hoping you can quickly drift back into that slumber you had only moments ago. Nope. Can't do it. Got to see if it is an emergency that must be dealt with now. Or maybe, on Friday afternoon after a long work week, as you relax on the back porch, your boss or client calls with an important bit of information they think you need right then. They just wanted you to know in case they forgot. Really? It could have waited until Monday. We are blessed to live in an age where communications can take so many forms, but at times they seem a bit intrusive. Figuring out how to balance our work life with our personal life remains a challenge for many of us. It doesn't end at retirement. My 'awake' hours simply don't always match those of others. To this day I remember calling my parents one night back in my college days just to visit. I didn't realize the lateness of the hour. Their response is why I remember the short conversation so vividly. As a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, I recognize Reverend Laraine needs to be accessible to the congregation anytime there is an emergency. She committed to that as part of her ministry. It is our duty to ensure that as a congregation we recognize that in order for Laraine to give her best, we must do our best to remember her workweek is Sunday through Thursday afternoon. Her weekend starts Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday. She chooses one of those days as her Sabbath. Please help me help Laraine to carve out some personal time for spiritual renewal, recharging, and enjoying the richness of life while listening for that 'quiet, still voice.' She won't turn off her notifications so we need to pause before we send a Facebook message, text, or invite and ask ourselves, "Can this wait until next workday?" Or, if you are worried you may forget, send her an email to revlaraine@fumcderidder.org Does this meeting have to be on Thursday or Friday if Laraine is needed? I have learned not to send her an attachment at 4:30am when I get up and she is learning not to call me after 8pm. Your help is appreciated.

Ted Hammerschmidt, Chairperson, PPR

June Worship Assistants

As a reminder, we will continue to serve Communion on the first Sunday during worship. We will now begin to serve Communion AFTER worship on the other Sundays as well. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to volunteer as a Worship Assistant, or if you have any questions.
Thank you!

Sunday, June 5th

Greeter: Lennie Hanchey
 Readers: Betty Nease & Joe Ann Lillie
 Communion Servers: Betty Nease, Barbara Haynes, & Van Allen

Sunday, June 12th

Greeters: Betty & Scotty Nease
 Readers: Joyce Everett & Gayle Bailey
 Communion Servers After Service: Lennie Hanchey & Mary Alice Wisdom

Sunday, June 19th

Greeters: Rodney Fowler
 Ted & Becky Hammerschmidt
 Readers: Laura Schultz & Ted Hammerschmidt
 Communion Servers After Service: Gayle & Ken Bailey

Sunday, June 26th

Greeters: Frances & Raymond Cole
 Readers: Frances Cole & David Hardesty
 Communion Servers After Service: Janet & D. Lamar Oliver

June Memorials

In Memory of

Jerry Lewis
 John Marcello
 Linda & Carl Rose
 Laura & Claude Moses
 Susan Myers
 Billy Kilman
 Julie Porter
 Dianne & Bill Penney
 Betty & Scotty Nease
 Belinda Green
 Brenda Bishop

In Memory of

Bob McLamore
 Kenneth & Gayle Bailey

In Memory of

Eugene Bubba Loftin
 Laura & Claude Moses

In Memory of

Sarah Marshall
 Laura & Claude Moses
 John Marcello

In Memory of

June Johnson
 Laura & Claude Moses

In Memory of

Howard Thorne
 Julie Porter

In Memory of

James Evans
 Betty & Scotty Nease

In Memory of

Mike McLaurin
 Betty & Scotty Nease

In Memory of

Howard Thorne
 Betty & Scotty Nease

*I will answer
 your cry for help
 every time you
 pray, and you will
 find and feel my
 presence even in
 your time of
 pressure and
 trouble.
 Psalm 91:15*

Dear Friends & Family,

First, heart-felt thanks to EACH of you for EVERY prayer, encouragement, card, meal, money, concern, message, text and phone call! I have used each one during my weekly times of travel and treatment. And now, I am able to share the answers we were given.

The Neuro surgeon explained it like this. Make a fist. Your fist represents the tumor. Imagine your fist is a bee's nest; the bees inside are active and cause the nest to grow. The proton radiation killed those bees. The nest remains but can NEVER GROW again!!

Amazing news: The tumor is benign and stable. It cannot grow. Yay, God!!!!

Already I have better vision, balance, and less headaches. There was some damage to the area affecting the left eye and short term memory. The fatigue brought on by radiation will slowly go away. Medicine changes and new glasses will help. A schedule that includes planned rest is suggested as well as regular follow up appointments.

Prayers were answered with a "yes" from God, our Healer. I get to return to playing the organ in June. I have seen God's work in my life every day. My family has been drawn closer as they have cared for me. He has provided at every turn, in every way. I praise and thank you, Lord, for Your mercy, Your provision and Your love.

~Mary Allen

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." Jeremiah 17:14



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is our fifth year participating in the Operation Christmas Child global mission. Our goal again is to fill 125 shoeboxes for children between the ages of 5 and 9. As in the past, we will collect specific items each month throughout the summer with October being the final month.

The congregation may choose items tagged on the small Christmas trees in the sanctuary or office, where collection bins will be provided. Or members may choose from items published each month in the newsletter. Items must be small enough to allow all items to fit into the shoebox. Monthly categories are: **June** – Toys, **July** – School Supplies, **August** – Clothing and Accessories, **September** – Hygiene Items, and **October** – donations for shipping and training costs (for in-country leaders who present the gospel to the children).

JUNE

Toys

(Ages 5 – 9)

Small cars, trucks, balls, Barbie-type dolls (w/extra outfit if possible), baby dolls

Small stuffed animals

Small musical instruments (harmonica/flute, whistles, etc.)

Small Lego sets

Bag of marbles/balloons

Play Dough

No used or oversized toys, toy guns, knives, military figures, CDs, video games or electrical items



We are happy to share that former member Andrew Cooper graduates from the LSU medical school in Shreveport on May 21, 2022. Aaron & Jill Cooper are his parents. We were informed that their family played an active role at the church during their time that they lived in DeRidder. Our sincerest congratulations to Andrew for fulfilling his goal to become a doctor!

June 2022



LET'S CELEBRATE!

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Elaine Allen
- 3 Melissa Maddox
- 4 Isabella Brister
- 5 Reba Cooley
- 6 Rodney Fowler
- 6 Samantha Louque
- 8 JoAnn Hagood
- 9 Billie Zachary
- 9 Elaine Bremer
- 10 Garrett Oldaker
- 11 Abbott Tepley
- 12 Merle Stout
- 14 Taylor Husak
- 16 Kamble Luttrell
- 21 John Welborn
- 24 Steve Parris
- 27 Mary Bell
- Mark Luttrell
- 30 Ashley Allen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Melanie Marcello
- David & Carolyn Jones
- 4 Lynn & Brenda Vaughn
- 5 Richard & Stephanie Chavez
- 11 Mark & Kelley Allen

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Fifth Sunday Worship at Wesley Campus & Online 11:15 AM Churchwide Fifth Sunday Picnic at Wesley Campus | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Day-Office MCLC, WEC Closed | <p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC 5:30 PM Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall/ Classrooms 6:15 PM Yoga in the Gym | <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:00 PM Children & Youth: Conference Room & Gym 6:15 PM Chancel Choir in the Choir Room | <p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 10:00 AM MCLC Story Time with Mary Launey in Fellowship Hall 3:30 PM After School Activity Time with Cathy Scott at Wesley | <p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 9:30 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Education Building 6:00 PM TGIF - Youth in the Youth Building | <p>4</p> |
| <p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Communion Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Online 10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary & Online 11:15 AM VBS Meeting in Conference Room 4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC 5:30 PM MCLC Faculty Meeting in Aidersgate Classroom | <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:00 PM Children & Youth: Conference Room & Gym 6:15 PM Chancel Choir in the Choir Room | <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 10:00 AM MCLC Story Time with Mary Launey in Fellowship Hall 3:30 PM After School Activity Time with Cathy Scott at Wesley | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 9:30 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Education Building | <p>11</p> |
| <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary & Online 11:15 AM Staff Meeting in the Choir Room 4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary | <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC | <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:00 PM Children & Youth: Conference Room & Gym 6:15 PM Chancel Choir in the Choir Room | <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 10:00 AM MCLC Story Time with Mary Launey in Fellowship Hall 3:30 PM After School Activity Time with Cathy Scott at Wesley 6:30 PM Round Table District Scout Meeting in the Conference Room | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 9:30 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Education Building | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UM Army Father's Day 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary & Online 4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary | <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC | <p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:00 PM Children & Youth: Conference Room & Gym 6:15 PM Chancel Choir in the Choir Room | <p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 10:00 AM MCLC Story Time with Mary Launey in Fellowship Hall 3:30 PM After School Activity Time with Cathy Scott at Wesley | <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 9:30 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Education Building | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts - VAN or BUIS reserved 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary & Online 4:30 PM Handbells Practice in the Sanctuary | <p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 9:45 AM Chapel - MCLC | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Com-munion 4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice: Sanctuary 5:00 PM Children & Youth: Conference Room & Gym 6:15 PM Chancel Choir in the Choir Room | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Yoga Class in the Gym 10:00 AM MCLC Story Time with Mary Launey in Fellowship Hall 3:30 PM After School Activity Time with Cathy Scott at Wesley | <p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Aerobics Class in the Gym 9:30 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Education Building 6:00 PM TGIF - Youth in the Youth Building | <p>2</p> |