Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

Happy Grandparent's Day from First United Methodist Church - DeRidder!



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Growing up, I was all about summer being my favorite time of the year. Summer camp, day camp, swimming every day I possibly could and hanging out with friends. Over the years, I would listen to Mom talk about how she loved fall. She loved the changing of the leaves, the fall colors, and the cooler air. I listened to all of that, and it all sounded good, yet I still loved my summer time. Over the years though, I have gotten to wear I don't care for that summer heat anymore. I can tolerate it and go out in it, I just would rather not have to if I could avoid it. I too have fallen in love with cooler temperatures, the fall leaves, the fall football games, the college football games and the joy of Thanksgiving. I also have come to realize I like winter too. I love putting on a snuggly winter sweater, or burrowing under a favorite quilt, or the joy of the fireplace burning! Love it!

Yet, I've always loved spring too. I love watching the flowers starting to bloom, and the bright green of the leaves and grass. My favorite, when I lived in Texas, was the ABUNDANCE of the wildflowers that bloom every year. make the best of the time we are in at that moment. It means I have found that there is a joy that comes with change, and even though I may miss the last change we are experiencing. My Dad, looking back, was one of the people that seems to have learned how to do that pretty easily. Scripture tells us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." What time or season are you in? How can you enjoy it or find the good in it? I hope this fall finds you in a season of joy, contentment, and peace. I am thankful for my continued season here in DeRidder and with you.



Another deep-dive Bible Study in the New Testament - the Letter of 2 Peter! This will be three great chapters from Peter. This Bible Study starts on meet in the Upper Room at 6:00 PM. See you there!

on the lookout on our Facebook page for more photos of the official hand-off. We thank you for contrbuting and making our first Back to School Bash at the Wesley Campus such a wonderful opportunity for our church and the community!



















We never fully stopped over the summer, but the Children & Youth Ministry is back in FULL swing now at FUMC on Wednesday evenings. As you can see from this creative LEGO construction, they are fully embracing how to share their love of Jesus. Cathy Scott is excited to begin adding our children and youth involvement even more during worship service. We have already added them as greeters, and saying the Lord's Prayer with Rev. Laraine during the service, but

we are beginning to train them as acolytes, scripture readers, ushers, and communion servers, too.

Embrace this!

If you have nothing on your schedule Wednesday evenings, come and chat with them while they are eating or are working on their Bible lesson/craft. Drop by and say hello/introduce yourself any time. Ask them about school what they are learning, what clubs they want to join, what books they love. Extra-curricular activities? These kids are

ON IT! Soccer, football, baseball, zip-lining, monkey swinging, you name it! We have several VERY talented musicians out there as well.

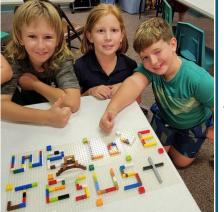
We want them to learn how to communicate and have a genuine conversation with others that are not just their friends and the teacher. This is your moment! Believe me, moms and dads are burnt out right now already. Parents need those Wednesday evenings to go home and clean, put

away laundry, do dishes, get lunches ready for the following day, go grocery shopping, have a moment of silence for themselves, or attend Rev. Laraine's Bible Study. Both parents nowadays are working to maintain their household goals, and many have multiple children

who want love, affection, and attention. So, please contact Cathy Scott directly, or the Church Office, if you are willing to provide dinner, dessert, or just your time to get to know these beautiful children and youth who are looking to walk in love with Jesus. We pray this ministry will continue to blossom as it has over the last several months, but we need *YOU* to contribute for this to happen! Thank you.

P.S. WE STILL need nursery workers! Send any prospective candidates our way!

Wednesday Night Schedule: Children's Choir 4:45 PM - 5:15 PM Play Time in the Gym 5:15 - 6:00 PM Clean Up & Prayer Time with Dinner in the Conference Room 6:00 - 6:45 PM Bible Lesson and Crafting in the Children's Classroom & Fellowship Hall 6:45 - 7:15 PM Playground/Social Time 7:15 - All Energy Has Run Dry! (Around Midnight)





Thank you for sponsoring Cami's and Jake's church camp. They had such a great time, making new friends, playing with those friends, and learning about God!!

Thank you, Marcie Beamer

Camp was really fun. –Cami Thank you. I had so much fun.– Jacob





The DHS chapter of the National Honor Societies service project, **The Blue Cupboard**. Twice a month, our club members pack and send out 40+ bags of necessities for our own students in need. Our goal is to make sure that every student in our school has their basic needs met.

Motto: "If serving is below you, then leadership is beyond you."

Items most in need:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, PopTarts, Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Bars, Fruit Cups, Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti, Ramen Noodles.

Anything individualized.





Children's Music



Children's Choir is back in full swing. Many things are planned. Singing Sunday, September 11 and learning a song to be sung with the adult choir for Lessons in Carols are a few examples. There are bells to ring, chimes to play, and possibly drums to drum. Come join us on Wednesday evenings from 4:45-5:15 in the choir room.



Thursday, September 29th Beauregard's Courtesy <u>Live</u> Hour of Music! FREE MEAL Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM

Please call the Church Office to reserve your spot. Beauregard's Courtesy is not only playing, but PAYING for your meal! They will be entertaining with popular music by Patsy Cline and Willie Nelson, just to name a few! We can occupy up to 75 - 100 people. *If you are interested in serving or volunteering, please reach out to Erin at the Church Office.* More news to come, so please check our website and social media to stay posted about this exciting event at the church.

Yes, this picture of me is blurry; I was in first grade - 64 years ago. I loved going to school. I loved going to Church and Sunday School. They were a constant joy - except for being left at church because I was "visiting" instead of getting into one of the 2 family cars headed home. As the middle child of 6, I wanted everyone to be happy. I wanted all the babies on the farm to be happy. This included dressing up the chickens and the ducks and riding them around in the doll stroller or wheelbarrow. I made flower crowns for the calves - which they promptly ate! I loved to read Nancy Drew mysteries to the piglets through the fence - since Mama Pig clearly told me I wasn't allowed to touch a single one of them. On the playground at school, I was



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often called over to settle a dispute. Almost 100% of these disputes Lessons and Carols rehearsals are in full swing. If you are were caused by hurtful words. But praising both sides for their ready to join the choir and add your voice to ours, you are unique strengths seemed to work wonders. My parents encouraged welcome to come to rehearsal at 6:15 on Wednesday this. They showed me Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers for evenings. The vocal quartet is back in business with return they will be called children of God (NIV)." As I got older, this of Lexi to our ranks after a summer break. Throughout the became more and more a part of who I wanted to be for Jesus. I hurricanes and COVID-19 pandemic services, she was one learned in Proverbs 15:1 "À soft word turns away wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger." So where did this upbringing take me? of our most steady and reliable singers, and we are blessed Surprisingly enough, it allows me to decide my attitude. It plays a to have her back albeit on a limited basis. Soon we will be big role in how I decide to react. I may run into sharp criticism presenting two songs by the first native born American from someone who is dealing with something very hard in life. My composer, William Billings (1746-1800). I will tell you all the kindness is how Jesus tells me to react. Kindness is something our world is desperate for. amazing story of William Billings in next month's newsletter.

Every kindness counts. Let's join together to be kinder. Heavenly Father, I am loved, chosen, purposed, and forgiven. Help me live out these truths. Thank you, Lord. Amen.





Methodist Children's Learning Center!





We have been busy this month celebrating birthdays, eating our lunches in an organized manner, and preparing for Preschool and Pre-K! Mary Launey visits us weekly on Thursday mornings to read to the children in Fellowship Hall. The teachers and I are excited to have Cathy Scott return to meet with our upstairs children on Friday mornings. We are also looking forward to sharing photos of our Grandparent's Day Celeration on Friday, September 9th!

At this time, we have room to fill additional classrooms with God's children, so if there is anyone interested in full-time or part-time childcare programs, please refer them to us. MCLC is the place to be! Have a wonderful September.

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

FUMC - DeRidder Music Ministry Notes

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS!

Sunday, September 4th Greeters: Phyllis Blanton & Jane Formby Readers: Charlotte McGee & John Marcello Communion Servers: Joyce Everett, Julie Porter, Betty & Scotty Nease

Sunday, September 11th Greeters: Frances & Raymond Cole Readers: Frances Cole & David Hardesty Communion Servers After Service: Jo Blankenship

Sunday, September 18th Greeters: Laura Schultz & Rodney Fowler Readers: Betty Nease & Van Allen Communion Servers After Service: Gayle & Ken Bailey

Sunday, September 25th Greeters: Ted & Becky Hammerschmidt Readers: Mary Alice Wisdom & Ted Hammerschmidt Communion Servers After Service: Mary Alice Wisdom & Lennie Hanchey



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SEPTEMBER ODDS & ENDS



("...go and make disciples of all nations...") Based on the donations received this far into our campaign, the target number has been adjusted to 80 – 40 boys and 40 girls, ages 5-9. Our congregation has been positive in its response in all categories so that we are lacking only a few "odds and ends," such as small balls, musical instruments, and girls' toy jewelry

(no beads), and hair accessories. Anticipating in advance the need for various hygiene items, the only one lacking is individually packaged soft toothbrushes.

These few items will complete <u>all</u> that's needed to fill our boxes.

A BIG thank you to everyone who has given generously to this important mission!



Opportunity at the Beauregard Parish Library

BPL offers a *FREE* service to adults unable to drive to the library to retrieve items. Once a month, BPL staff members travel to all regions in Beauregard Parish to deliver (and recover) a bag of pre-selected items to those

enrolled in BPL's homebound service. If you are an adult, who cannot drive and would like to receive items from the library, you can apply for service. You can check out books, magazines, DVDs and CDs from the library collection, all for free. Call the library to begin service (337) 463-6217.



My Dear Friends at the Church, You have been so gracious to keep me on your prayer list. It is so much appreciated.

I go way back to the old church days. Looking from the back, the choir is up high on the right with Mr. Schneider in charge. The ladies back then couldn't wear jewelry. That has probably changed. The church was always so beautiful. I still have friends and acquaintances there. Down toward the front on the right side sat Mrs. Box singing with all her might like we all should have been doing. Sunday School, music, all of it was so important to us. Fond memories abound.

The shawl ministry is so full of love as these special ladies make each one to lift the spirits of others such as I. Having Elizabeth Anne Jone's name attached to it is so special. I am grateful for your love, your prayers, and my family who still support you. God Bless You All.

Roberta (Luttrell) Scott

Memorials & Honorariums

In Honor of Catherine & Grant Beal Martha Lou & Ron Roberts Julie Porter DiAnne & Tim Kindler John Marcello Phyllis Blanton The Tepley Family Dianne & Bill Penney Hilda Hamilton Frances & Raymond Cole Betty & Scotty Nease Joyce Lewis Stephanie & Richard Chavez Susan Johnson

In Memory of Kathy Marshall John Marcello Charlotte McGee Jo Blankenship

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In Memory of Larry Jones Becky & Ted Hammerschmidt In Memory of Jerry Lewis Becky & Ted Hammerschmidt

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