

PASTOR’S PONDERINGS!



Dear Church Family,
I am so excited that June is the month that we will have so many things going on, including coming back to church! Barring a spike in the virus and the state shutting things back down, we will be back in worship on Sunday, June 7th! This will still come with certain restrictions - like wearing masks and keeping a certain amount of social distancing. However, we are moving towards recovery. Keep a watch on your email, Facebook and the website as we continuously get updates from the CDC, LAHD and the Methodist Church. Our first Sunday back will be a high energy, joyful celebration as we combine a celebration of Easter Sunday, Pentecost Sunday and We Are Back Sunday all into one! Bring a cut flower from your yard to place on our large cross as you enter into the church! We will then move the cross outside after the church service for everyone to enjoy the flowers as they go down Shirley Street. It will be a beautiful display of color! We will have some extra flowers if you do not have any to bring yourself.
In June, and with returning back to church we will still be studying our Bible Study on our trip to Israel. My hope is that we will move that study from online to the church - probably in the fellowship hall so we can spread out! This will allow me to share more things with you by being in person. Stay tuned for more news on this and when we will meet in person. I plan to still make it available online so that you can still participate if you have concerns about being in a crowd or just can't make it that night. This has been a fun study, and we are all ready to go to Israel in real life!
Don't forget that Father's Day is this month. We will be finding some fun ways to appreciate the Dad's and father figures in our lives. I also want to highly encourage you to still contribute to Circles on a Mission. Even though we can't do the full ride with other people due to Covid19, Susan Hill will still be making the ride on behalf of all of us. You can either send in a check with Circles on a mission in the memo, or you can go to our website and give on line. All of the money goes to raising money for the UMW ladies and is given to mission groups in the community and beyond. Last year they raised over \$5,000! Despite the difficulties of this year, I think we can meet or beat that number! God bless you all, and I look forward to seeing you soon! In the meantime, stay safe and healthy and be blessed!

Laraine
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Important Dates
and INFORMATION

- May 28 - June 4:** Laraine out of office/on vacation
 - no online devotionals May 28, June 1st, 2nd, or 4th
 - no Bible Study on June 3rd, but will resume on Wednesday, June 10th
- May 31:** Online Church Service with Dr. Tom Dolph, Lake Charles Superintendent
 - how to watch this service will be shared soon over our church wide e-mail, Facebook, and website
- June 7:** In-Person Church Service Resumes (with Phase 2 Restrictions)
- June 8:** Church Office opens back up with normal business hours 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM *(12 PM - 1 PM lunch break)*
- June 14:** Staff Meeting in Church Office immediately following Service at 11:15 AM
- June 16:** Trustees Meeting at 5:00 PM
- June 22:** Finance Meeting at 5:30 PM



METHODIST CHILDREN’S LEARNING CENTER NEWS

Hurrah!!!! MCLC will open June 1! We will be following the CDC's guidelines for preparedness to include a Parent Drop-Off/ Pick-up Station and screening of the children upon arrival. This month we will celebrate strong men in our families, explore different FairyTales, and go camping in our classrooms. The staff at MCLC misses all the children and is looking forward to the day that Governor Edwards gives the go-ahead to reopen without any restrictions. Prayers for a speedy full reopening.
In Christian Love,
Mary C. Launey - MCLC Director



Children’s Music Ministry



“Live by Inspiring Others to Fly”
If you die today, what legacy will you leave? How will you be remembered by others? What accomplishments or failures will they remember the most? This was a question that I have pondered over and over since our professional development last summer. We were starting a new program for our school known as the “Energy Bus”, which is built around promoting positive energy. For me, I hope and plan to leave a legacy of caring and leading by example through my acts and deeds. I think my husband, Mark, is a remarkable person. Some may say that I am just biased because of our relationship, but the truth is he is the epitome of leading by example. Anytime I feel like I am up against a wall and ready to throw in the towel, I think about the struggles Mark has faced with surviving not one but two near death tragedies. I have heard him ask why he was spared and left on this earth. My answer is simple, “God’s not done with you.” So, what is his legacy? Mark treats everyone with love and kindness. He may have his challenges, but he perseveres and meets them head on and refuses to be defeated. I mean, the man has two college degrees, one in PreLaw and the other in Computer Science. He creates webpages, repairs computers, and is in the process of writing his fifth novel. Many people see Mark as someone who is in a wheelchair and is totally helpless. Instead of talking to him, they will turn to ask me questions. My answer is always, “Ask him.” If you haven’t met Mark or taken time to visit with him, you are missing out on a unique and special person. What is your legacy? Do you inspire others to step out of their comfort zone and strive to be their best or do you just sit back and let them struggle? Are you the person who will “Live by Inspiring Others to Fly?” Meet Pewee, our newest family member, and Mark’s new baby! Who doesn’t love such a sweet face!

Love,
Kelley Allen,
Children’s Music Director



FUMC - DeRidder Music Ministry Notes

John Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813)

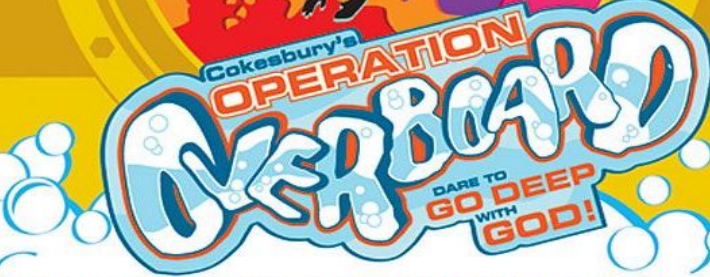
Hymns: UMH 198, 226, 400, 518, 726 Tunes: NETTLETON (400) by an unknown composer, DAVIS by Freeman Lewis (518), MORNING SONG attributed to Elkanah Kelsay Dare (198, 226, 726) Texts: Miriam T. Winter (198), Luke 2:29-32 (226), Robert Robinson (400), Joseph Swain (518), Walter R. Bowie (726) Each was first published in John Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813).

Rather than focus on a single hymn or hymn tune, this month I want to showcase a hymnal. The compilation and publication of which marked the beginning of a “Golden Age” of hymn writing and singing in the South. Due to space considerations in the newsletter, I have omitted the UMH titles. Three hymn tunes from this compilation are in our hymnal. MORNING SONG is a peculiar little tune in a minor key giving it a melancholy character. In our hymnal, it is set to three different texts. Of the three texts, we have sung two of them since I took over as music director, most recently on May 10 (UMH 198). The tune called DAVIS (also known as MEDITATION) is not familiar to me. We may feature it as an anthem some time when appropriate (UMH 518). The tune NETTLETON is no stranger to us. You know it by the title “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (UMH 400) with the text written by Robert Robinson. It is the most popular hymn in the UMH to come from John Wyeth’s hymnal. Also, the most popular hymn tune to come from this collection was written by an unknown composer. The other composers, Freeman Lewis and Elkanah Dare (who was also the editor of Wyeth’s hymnal), are not cited in the UMH. All the composers were New Englanders, as was publisher John Wyeth. John Wyeth, a printer and bookseller, had a limited music education. He knew what he liked, knew what others liked, and had a plethora of sources for his hymnals. Part Second refers to this hymnal being the second of a two-part series. Obviously, he relied on his chosen editor in musical matters, composer Elkanah Kelsay Dare, who contributed more than a dozen tunes himself. John Wyeth was a lover of church music but also a keen businessman. To maximize his profits, he intended to print a hymnal that any denomination could use. Many tunes from Wyeth’s hymnal would later be included in hymnals that would develop out of the southern singing schools, such as Kentucky Harmony (1816), Southern Harmony (1835), and the most famous Sacred Harp (1844). These hymnals used shape-note musical notation. These hymns persist in church music today. You can even purchase a reprint of the original Repository. These hymns are included in hymnals of many denominations, which is what John Wyeth intended.

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JUNE 8 - JUNE 12

DIVE IN TO VBS!



FAITH IS THE REALITY OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR,
THE PROOF OF WHAT WE DON'T SEE.
HEBREWS 11:1 CEB

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Children, Teen, & Family Ministries

Happy Summer Greetings!! In this strange season of unprecedented circumstances, we've all found ourselves needing to get creative with different aspects of church ministry. As programming needs and methods shift, one thing remains the same —people need to hear the good news of the gospel, perhaps now more than ever. VBS is one of the largest outreaches. I had to get creative in how I effectively and safely worked to reach our community's children this year. So without further delay..... I bring you



First United Methodist Church, DeRidder invites all children to get ready to dive into fun at **OPERATION OVERBOARD: DARE TO GO DEEP WITH GOD VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.**

Explore and experience God's underwater universe at VBS! The fun begins on **June 8th and lasts through June 12th.** This will be a VIRTUAL VBS. All Assemblies, Stories, Crafts and Science Experiment demonstrations will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page and church website daily. Every family will get a VBS Kit which will include a craft and activity sheets for each registered child. There will also be a grocery list for the experiments. **Registration begins Monday, May 4th and ends on Friday, May 29th, or when supplies run out!** Kits may be picked up during the week of June 1st through June 5th at FUMC, DeRidder on the Port St side by Methodist Learning Center. Pickup time will be from 5:30-6:00 PM. We will follow Social Distancing guidelines. We ask that only one family member come to pick up your family's VBS kit.

The adventures include regular Deep Sea Voyages into Bible fun and creative crafts, and water science. For information and to sign up, please send an email to ashley@fumcderidder.org When signing up please give me each child's name and age. ALL AGES WELCOME!

Ashley Carpenter

Dir. of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
First United Methodist Church, DeRidder



Vacation Bible School for EVERYONE!

Hey church! I hope you have read Ashley's information about virtual Vacation Bible School. Because of social distancing rules that will still be in place in June she will be offering VBS on line this year and it is for **EVERYONE!** Ashley is doing an amazing job and you won't want to miss this exciting opportunity. However, in order to participate, you **MUST** register with Ashley. She needs names and ages of the participants (well, adults can just put the word adult! LOL). Come and join the fun during this exciting week of VBS. It's first come, first serve! So register today!

Blessings, Laraine



Father's Day
June 21,
2020



During this time,
any mail or packages
that are sent to our
regular address is
forwarded to this
P.O. Box below. Rev.
Laraine or Erin
check this mailbox
daily.

Thank you!



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Congratulations, Graduates!



Abby Cobb: Abby is the daughter of Melissa and Tyler Cobb. She was recently announced as a 2020 Valedictorian and selected to Who's Who of DeRidder High School. Abby is a life long member of FUMC-DeRidder where she has been active throughout the years. While at DHS she was captain of the Danceline, a class and student body officer of Student Council and a member of many civic and academic clubs. Outside of school, she has taken dance classes for 15 years at Dance Stop, is the captain of the Dixie Darlin's, and is an assistant dance teacher. In the fall, Abby will attend Louisiana Tech University to pursue a degree in Speech Pathology.



Kate Cooper: Kate plans to attend Louisiana State University in the Fall to major in English with a concentration in creative writing. She is enrolled in the 3+3 Law Program that allows students to receive a bachelor's degree and law degree in six years. She plans on becoming a criminal prosecutor and later, a District or federal attorney.



Stryder Husak: Stryder is looking forward to attend ULL in the fall and is majoring in History. Stryder was in Beta Club, Chess club, and Drama club at DeRidder High School. He also was part of the pt team, filmed football, and ROTC for 2 years. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and Tops Honors from DeRidder High School.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD "...go and make disciples of all nations..."



*Although we are a month later than usual in kicking off our church-wide **Operation Christmas Child Campaign**, we have ample time to fill and pack our 100+ shoeboxes. Last year DeRidder area churches donated 3,653 boxes, 225 more than 2018; and SWLA churches packed 24,816 boxes. In the years 2017 and 2018, 1,286 churches were born as a direct result of this global mission. These shoeboxes were the actual foundation on which Jesus' church came into existence in third-world countries. In the past 10 years, 18.9 million children enrolled in the discipleship program that accompanies the shoeboxes. Of that number, 8.9 million participants accepted Christ.*

Our plan follows that of past years as we collect items throughout the summer for children between **5 and 9 years of age** with a specific category each month. Until the sanctuary is open for Sunday worship, items can be kept at home or dropped at the office beginning June 10. Please make sure items are of a size that can be packed easily into the shoebox. If individuals (or classes/groups) would like to pack their own boxes, that would be great! Monthly categories are: **JUNE** (Toys), **JULY** (School Supplies/Crafts), **AUG** (Clothing/Accessories), **SEPT** (Hygiene Items), **OCT** (Donations for Shipping and Teacher Training Costs).



**SEND
GOOD NEWS
AND
GREAT JOY**

**PACK A
SHOEBOX**

 Samaritan's Purse
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



ANNIVERSARIES

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5 Richard &
Stephanie Chavez
11 Mark & Kelley
Allen
20 Jim & Hilda
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BIRTHDAYS

2 Elaine Allen
3 Melissa Maddox
4 Isabella Brister
5 Reba Cooley
Rodney Lewis
6 Samantha Louque
8 JoAnn Hagood
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

JUNE 8 - JUNE 12



DIVE IN TO VBS!

COPING WITH COVID-19!



From left to right: The Tepley Family’s dog, Libby, helps Erin keep the church office running smoothly from home, Julie Porter and her family prepare for Easter Sunday Communion, and Laura and Rodney’s cat, Ginny, watching service online Sunday morning!

T.J. & Erin,
Hope you are doing well today. I miss my church family and am looking forward to worshipping together again soon.
Erin, thanks for all you do.

Much Love,
Donna McCullough



from mary allen



“Good morning. It’s 6:00 o’clock 15 minutes until piano lessons.”
“Yes, ma’am,” I reply to my mom.
Every Tuesday starts this way. I brush my hair and hear a knock on the door. Mom greets Mrs. Lane and for 20 minutes, I learn to play the piano. I am 7.
6:35 Janice - 11 years
6:50 Dot - 10 years
7:10 Larry - 5 years
7:30 School bus pulls up at our very long lane. My sister, Janice, is always early. Others of us (also known as Me), forgot my lunch money or, perhaps, library book. Therefore, I entertain the kids as I run from the house to the bus.
At 11 years old, I got tired of Tuesday mornings. I began asking my parents if I could quit. “No” was the answer. Two more times I asked. Finally, in a serious, sit-down discussion, my parents said, “You may never quit in the middle of something. But, you don’t have to join in the fall.” 4 months of freedom! Even though I continued Tuesday mornings, I was counting down in my mind.
Then something surprising happened. I began to realize that I was getting to play the piano instead of having to play the piano. I fell in love with the sounds, the challenges, and even the lessons.
The next fall, sheepishly asked my parents for a sit-down conversation. I asked if I could continue lessons. They didn’t say, “I told you so,” nor point out my foolish 11-year-old decision. They gave me a yes and a long hug.
At 13, I began playing for church. Then I added choirs and weddings and funerals and pageants. On and on, until I was awarded a scholarship to McNeese in Music, met my amazing husband, and played for church - and every other event - for 54 years and counting. I am beyond blessed that not only my parents, but also my Lord, showed love, long-suffering and encouragement. Music and I - intertwined for life.



Since our last newsletter, these gifts celebrating others were given to FUMC:

In Memory of Elizabeth Anne Jones

- Tim & DiAnne Kindler
- James Nelson
- Jean Jennings Brown
- Mary & Billy Brister
- Frances & Raymond Cole
- Julie Porter
- Marty Smith
- Daisy Geiger
- Will & Joanne Hagood
- Martha Lou and Ron Roberts
- Scotty & Betty Nease
- Brenda Jones
- Jane Formby & Melissa Mistrzak
- Susan & Dick Myers
- Jo Calhoun
- Susan Johnson

In Memory of Betty Henderson

- Tim & DiAnne Kindler
- Martha Lou & Ron Roberts
- Thomas Watson
- Mary & Billy Brister
- Frances & Raymond Cole
- Laura & Claude Moses
- Julie Porter
- Marty Smith
- Dianne & Billy Penny
- Daisy Geiger
- Will & Joanne Hagood
- Billy Kilman
- Scotty & Betty Nease
- Brenda Jones
- Jane Formby & Melissa Mistrzak
- Susan & Dick Myers
- Jo Calhoun

In Memory of Keith West

- Laura & Claude Moses

In Memory of Gwen Houston

- Daisy Geiger
- Will & Joanne Hagood
- Claude & Laura Moses

In Memory of Julie Pegues

- Daisy Geiger

In Memory of Lois Galloway

- Daisy Geiger

In Memory of Shirley Smith

- Will & Joanne Hagood

In Memory of Judge Homer Coltharp

- Will & Joanne Hagood
- Claude & Laura Moses

In Memory of Judge Stuart Kay

- Will & Joanne Hagood

In Memory of Renee Bailey Welch

- Laura & Claude Moses

In Honor of Mary Allen

- Daisy Geiger

In Honor of God’s Food Box

- Julie Porter
- Dianne & Billy Penney

In Honor of Brigitte Booth

- Dianne & Billy Penney

In Honor of the Blandin Scholarship Fund

- Margaret Wiggins

In Honor of Harry Hooker

- Claude & Laura Moses