

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



SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH



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Pastor's Ponderings!

If you haven't heard, I will be continuing as the pastor for the church for another year! I am thrilled to begin my fifth year starting the first of July. The announcement will be made official at Annual Conference. I hear there may even be some fireworks the first part of July to celebrate! Lol! Just kidding. Not kidding about returning though. I am proud to serve this congregation in this community, and I am so blessed to be here. What an exciting time to be here with you. Thank you! June is such a fun time of the year. Hopefully, not too hot yet. Vacations are beginning. Kids are going to summer camp. I and a church member head to the Annual Conference for the United Methodist Church. A time to gather with UM churches from across the state, celebrating this past year and a time to look forward to the coming year(s) ahead. We will also be worshiping the whole month of June in the Fellowship Hall (the original sanctuary) and singing your favorite hymns you have voted for during the month of May. We will celebrate Father's Day and so much more! I hope you will come and be a part of the many worship services and activities for the summer. There will be so many more events throughout the summer. There is a place for everyone, and everyone is welcome! Please invite your friends, neighbors and work colleagues to come and be a part of the family of Christ. Welcome Home! Home with God and home with the family of God. There is no better place to be! Thank you again for welcoming me and allowing me to be a part of this family in ministry together in the name of Jesus our Savior! Let's go make disciples and serve with joy together!

Blessings,
Laraine

"Care Team" Forming!

Do you like to visit with others? Would you like to know how to visit? What to say? Or, not to say? Maybe you are willing to visit at homes or you are good with visiting at the hospital. Or maybe there are other ways to help. Come and be a part of the team! In June we will have a meeting with anyone interested in being a part of this group. This group will help Laraine make visits. There has been a lot of needs and visitation is not just about the pastor visiting, it is about all of us caring for one another.

Laraine will work with the group and help people feel comfortable if you are uncertain. Be watching for a meeting date to come out in the next couple of weeks. If you have questions, please talk to Gayle Bailey or Laraine. We will also choose a name for the group!

**FUMC - DeRidder
Yard Sale!
Saturday, June 3rd
Church Bus Barn
6:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



**Celebrate
Father's Day
with Us!**

**Sunday,
June 18th
10:00 AM
Fellowship
Hall & Online**



JUNETEENTH

**Monday, June 19th
Church Office will be Closed**

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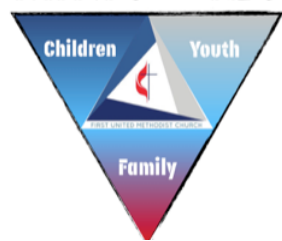
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MINISTRIES



Vacation Bible School 2023!
Evenings:

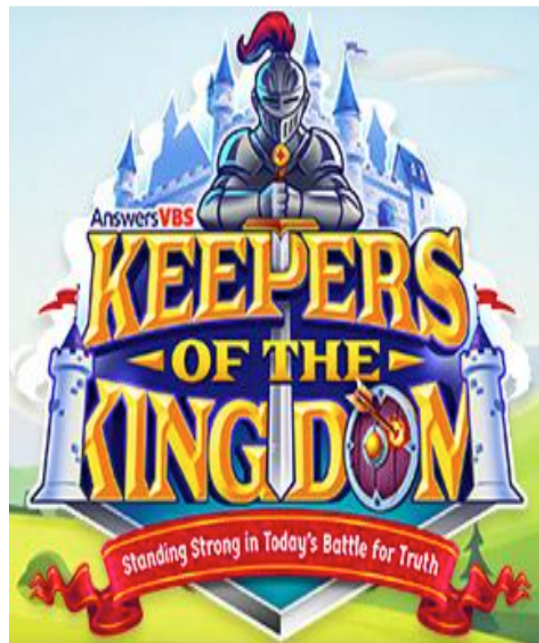
Monday, July 17th - Friday, July 21st

VBS presents an ideal opportunity to share the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ with all the children in our community. We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they are bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

The theme for our 2023 VBS Keepers of the Kingdom. Kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth. Volunteer opportunities include: Craft & Science Coordinator, Music Coordinator, Snack Coordinator, Games Coordinator, Puppet Masters, Skit Actors, Costume Coordinator, Team Leaders, Decorations Coordinator, Prayer Warriors, Sound and AV Coordinator, Missions Leader, and General Volunteers.

There are bulletin inserts that you can fill out and place in the offering plate the next several Sundays. Please consider helping in one or more of the available positions. If you need more details, please contact me directly at (337) 396-9610 or cathy@FUMCDeRidder.org.

Cathy Scott
Coordinator of CYF Ministries



Riding with Grandma



Nine-year-old Rowan and I are headed to town. I think I hear him saying something.

ME: Were you talking to Grandma, Rowan?

ROWAN: No ma'am. I was counting.

ME: Oh! What were you counting?

ROWAN: We'll, Grandma, it's like this. When I leave with Daddy, here's what I hear: Door closes. Click - that's the seatbelt. Car starts. And then we go. At the stop sign he stops. I count "1 one-thousand" while he looks both ways and takes off. Every time is the same.

~~~When Mom drives: Door closes. Seatbelt clicks. She starts the car and says, Everybody in your seatbelt? Yes, ma'am, I say. Yes, ma'am, my sister says. At the stop sign, sometimes I don't even have to count because mom keeps going really, really slow while she looks for cars. Then we go.

~~~Now, when YOU take me somewhere, I hear your door shut. Then you look for something in your purse. Then you put on your glasses. Then you start the car and I say, "Grandma ... seatbelt." You say, "Oh, yeah." I hear it click. We get to the stop sign. You stop and I start counting: 1 one thousand, 2 one thousand, 3 one thousand. You are looking both ways a lot! You think to yourself, "Oh, I see somebody coming way down there." 4 one thousand, 5 one thousand, 6 one thousand. A car finally passes by. We pull out. You say, "OK, here we go." And we head to town at a nice slow "grandma" speed.

~ ~ ~ This makes me laugh, but what I want parents to realize is this: Your kids are paying attention! They are listening! Maybe not to things you feel are most important, but definitely to life happening around them. I love hearing what life looks like through their eyes. But you have to admit, it's a humbling responsibility. Jesus teaches us in Philippians 2:2 "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Am I of one mind with Jesus, doing what He has taught? My grandchildren will know that answer. Your children will know that answer. Join me in a conscious effort to be like the One who loves us enough to give up His life for us.

Love,
Mary Allen



Methodist Children's Learning Center!



Muffins with Mom was a success! We appreciate the volunteers who baked muffins and helped make this Mother's Day event possible this year. We also had our Pre-K students visit KR Hanchey for step-up day this month! They were able to view the classrooms and see fellow friends along the way. We are so excited for our children! Pre-K Graduation pictures coming soon!

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

Children's Choir!

The children did an **AWESOME** job in their last Children's Choir songs of the spring on Pentecost Sunday. Peggy was so glad everyone could attend, and appreciates all the support! She hopes the children all have a safe and happy summer!



Dulac!

The Missions Team wants to loudly say, "Thank you" to all who traveled to Dulac. The team of 13 people did extraordinary work in various ways. Carpentry skills, plumbing skills, cooking and eating skills, eyeglass fittings, sewing machine repairs...many tasks were completed with various talents. The Dulac Team easily became a strong spiritual connection for each other. The love of our Holy Father was strongly expressed within the team, and to those we met in the community. Dormitories were transformed. The ability to see was transformed. Our outlooks for our brothers and sisters were transformed. Thank you to the congregation of FUMC DeRidder. Your energy, your faith, and your financial support made this Dulac Trip possible. Join us as we plan our next visit. The next Mission Team Meeting is on Sunday, June 11th immediately following worship!

Shalom, Susan





June Worship Assistants

Sunday, June 4th:

Greeters: Becky & Ted Hammerschmidt
Readers: Joyce Everett & Ted Hammerschmidt
Communion Servers During Service: Joyce Everett, Mary Alice Wisdom, Julie Porter, & Youth

Sunday, June 11th:

Greeters: Jimmy Hicks, Scotty & Betty Nease
Readers: Barbara Haynes & David Hardesty
Communion Server After Service: Betty Nease

Sunday, June 18th:

Greeter: Rodney Fowler
Readers: Mary Alice Wisdom & John Marcello
Communion Server after Service: Tim Kindler

Sunday, June 25th:

Greeters: Bladen Family
Readers: David Hardesty & John Schwarze
Communion Server after Service: Erin Tepley

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (“...go and make disciples of all nations”)

JUNE

This month we’re kicking off our sixth year of participation in the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) global ministry. Last year our region (Beauregard and Vernon Parishes) contributed 5,334 boxes, which was a 13% increase from the year before. Globally, 10,599,907 boxes were distributed to children who had never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ! Our goal is to pack 100 boxes for children between 5 and 9 years of age. Collection bins are in the office, sanctuary vestibule, and Fellowship Hall.

We have been blessed with several benefactors who have contributed many items; therefore, some of the usual items needed will not be listed in our monthly categories as we already have the number needed. The monthly categories remain the same: **June** – Toys; **July** – School Supplies; **August** – Clothing and Accessories; **September** – Hygiene Items; and **October** – donations for shipping and training of in-country leaders who will present the gospel to the children.

TOYS - ages 5 - 9

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

Small musical instruments (harmonica/flute, etc.) , Play Dough, Slinkies, Bag of marbles , balloons
Small lego sets (available at Dollar Tree)

No used or oversized toys, toy guns, knives, military figures, CDs, video games or electrical items.
All items must fit into a shoebox.

Thank you!



*Good morning,
My name is John Foret Jr. I am the Assistant Director at the Dulac Community Center. I would just like to say again thank you all for volunteering at our Center. Your volunteers did an amazing job getting our dormitory bunks built and our toilets replaced in our gymnasium! We hope to see you all again next year and, as promised, I have added your church to our newsletter e-mail list to keep you all updated on our progress at the Center and upcoming events.
Thank you all very much, John*

*FUMC - DeRidder,
On behalf of our children and staff at the Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, we thank you for your thoughtful gift of twenty-two Easter bags for the Sulphur Campus.
Donations such as yours are important to our organization. With your gift we can do more for the youth in our care. We are proud to partner with you in helping youth across the state of Louisiana. Our residential and community-based ministries positively impact the lives of children and families.
Again, I want to thank you for being part of the Children’s Home family. We ask for your continued prayers for our children and staff.
Kind Regards,
Rick Wheat
President & CEO of Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services, Inc.*

*Thank you for Everything:
Your thoughtfulness was appreciated more than you know.
~From the Family of Carla Smith*



In Memory of Clarence Formby
Frances & Raymond Cole
Julie Porter
Dianne Penney
Betty & Scotty Nease
Joyce Lewis

In Memory of Tommy C. Drake
Betty & Scotty Nease



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28
Scouts – Camp Edg...od Service Weekend
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
2:30 PM Softball Training in the Gym | 29
Memorial Day
Church Campus Closed
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class at the Wesley Campus | 30
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
3:00 PM K-2nd Grade Activity Time at Wesley
5:00 PM Granny Basketball in the Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 31
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl – LLL Room
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:00 PM Children & Youth – Conf. Room & Gym
5:15 PM Praise Ensemble – Sanctuary
6:15 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room | 1
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Story Time in Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Softball Training – Gym
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5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 2
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Children's Classroom
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
6:00 PM TGIF – Youth in the Youth Building | 3
6:00 AM Yard Sale at the Bus Barn |
| 4
Scouts – Summer Camp Webelo's/AOL
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Communion Sunday Worship in Fellowship Hall and Online
2:30 PM Softball Training in the Gym
4:00 PM Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary | 5
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class at the Wesley Campus | 6
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
3:00 PM K-2nd Grade Activity Time at Wesley
5:00 PM Granny Basketball in the Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 7
8:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Communion
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl – LLL Room
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:00 PM Children & Youth – Conf. Room & Gym
5:15 PM Praise Ensemble – Sanctuary
6:15 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room | 8
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Story Time in Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Softball Training – Gym
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5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 9
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Children's Classroom
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym | 10 |
| 11
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Fellowship Hall & Online
11:15 AM Missions Meeting in the Choir Room
2:30 PM Softball Training in the Gym
4:00 PM Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary | 12
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class at the Wesley Campus | 13
Annual Conference – Laraine in Baton Rouge
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
3:00 PM K-2nd Grade Activity Time at Wesley
5:00 PM Granny Basketball in the Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 14
time sheets due 8:30 am
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl – LLL Room
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:00 PM Children & Youth – Conf. Room & Gym
5:15 PM Praise Ensemble – Sanctuary
6:15 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room | 15
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Story Time in Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
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5:30 PM Softball Training – Gym
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building
6:30 PM Scout Meeting – Conference Room | 16
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Children's Classroom
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym | 17 |
| 18
Bus Reserved – Scouts
Father's Day
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship with Noisy Offering in Fellowship Hall & Online
2:30 PM Softball Training in the Gym
4:00 PM Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary | 19
Juneteenth – Church Office Closed
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class at the Wesley Campus | 20
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
3:00 PM K-2nd Grade Activity Time at Wesley
5:00 PM Granny Basketball in the Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 21
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Communion
10:00 AM Rosemary Cady Circle in Conference Room
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl – LLL Room
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:00 PM Children & Youth – Conf. Room & Gym
5:15 PM Praise Ensemble – Sanctuary
6:15 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room | 22
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Story Time in Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
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5:30 PM Softball Training – Gym
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 23
July Newsletter Deadline
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Children's Classroom
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym | 24 |
| 25
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Fellowship Hall & Online
2:30 PM Softball Training in the Gym
4:00 PM Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary | 26
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
8:00 AM Fire Safety Camp – BUS
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class at the Wesley Campus | 27
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
9:45 AM Chapel – MCLC
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
3:00 PM K-2nd Grade Activity Time at Wesley
5:00 PM Granny Basketball in the Gym
5:30 PM Zumba Class – Wesley Campus
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 28
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10:00 AM Facebook Devotional w/Communion
10:00 AM Fire Safety Camp – BUS
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl – LLL Room
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
5:15 PM Praise Ensemble – Sanctuary
6:15 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Room | 29
8:00 AM Yoga Class – Gym
9:00 AM Merry Mailers in the Church Office
10:00 AM MCLC Story Time in Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym
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6:00 PM Softball Training – Gym
6:00 PM Aerobics Becky's Way in Youth Building | 30
8:00 AM Aerobics Class – Gym
10:00 AM MCLC Activity Time with Cathy in Children's Classroom
11:30 AM Walking Group– Gym | 1 |

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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