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Pastor's Ponderings!

As we begin to wrap up October, I think back over the month and then plan and pray for the month ahead. October brought so many emotions. The loss of loved ones and the war in Israel. And yet, it brought so many blessings. The joy of Children's Sabbath Sunday where the kids did such a fantastic job leading us in worship. We "traveled" safely through Israel with our Bible Study looking at the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. We had glorious worship services with beautiful music from the Praise Band, the choir, the handbells, and the children! We had wonderful Wednesday Night meals brought to us by Catherine and Grant Beal (come and join us!). We had marvelous fellowship, Sunday School classes, children's programs and so much more.

I oftentimes spend time in prayer asking God how we can reach more people and invite them to be a part of the Body of Christ and a part of this great congregation. Do you realize we have had 14 people join the church this year along with seven baptisms?! We are growing and there is always room for more. There is nothing like belonging to the family/the body of Christ! The apostles of Jesus were twelve people who began the Body of Christ together where they traveled, learned, and grew as leaders in the church to spread the Gospel of Jesus. They in turn made more disciples who became leaders and started new churches. Places for people to worship, study God's Word and be in fellowship with one another. And that has continued down through two millennia. We all need small groups that we can be a part of not only to grow in our discipleship, but to grow and have friends to talk with, share with, ask questions with, laugh with, and grow in our spiritual lives.

When I was growing up, Vacation Bible School was one of my favorite small groups and time of the year. In Junior High and High School, my MYF (youth group) meant the world to me. They were a group of friends that saw me through so much and I was there for them. They are a group that I am still friends with to this day. I also loved my High School soccer team, Girl Scouts, our youth choir group, and Cadre group which taught us so much about leadership in general and being Christian leaders no matter where we were and what we were doing. These small groups helped form me into who I am today. We are still there for each other today!

Who is your small group? We have three adult Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings along with children and youth Sunday School at 9 a.m. The pastor's Bible Study is usually on Wednesday nights at 6. A new one starts November 30th for Advent. There is the praise band, chancel choir, handbells, children's choir, Wednesday night children and youth programs, nursery, United Women in Faith and so much more. We all belong to the Body of Christ as a whole! We also need fellowship with one another. Where would you like to belong? Please come and join us. There is ALWAYS room for more! You have so much to give, and we want to share with you too!

FYI, I will be out part of November to take my vacation. I look forward to being with my dear friend Andy in New Hampshire and also seeing Vermont for the first time ever. I look forward to returning home and rejoicing and preparing for the Advent Season with you. We will be decorating for Advent on Sunday, November 26th at 1:30 p.m. Please come and help decorate the Sanctuary. We always have such a great time together!

See you Sunday! Laraine

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Veterans Day Will
Be Observed
November 10th
Church Office,
Wesley Center
& MCLC Closed



Beauregard
Parish Schools
Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 20th Friday, November 24th

Advent Bible Study Starts
Wednesday, November 29th
11 AM and 6 PM
In the Upper Room

All Saint's Day

One of the most beautiful services each year is All Saint's Day. It is a day that we honor and recognize those who have gone to heaven since our last service. This service takes place November 5th at 10 a.m. During this time we honor church members who have gone on to glory with the ringing of a bell, the lighting of a candle, and the tolling of a bell. Church members who have passed since the last All Saints Day include Eleanor Marcello Jones, Carla Smith, Marty Smith, and Anna Wiggins. If there are more, please let us know. We do not want to miss anyone. We also have a cross at the front of the church where everyone is welcome to come before the service and place a flower in memory of any loved one. You may bring a flower from home, or we will have carnations available at the church.

Also, if you have a loved one who died this last year that you would like to honor further, please call or email the church office at office@fumcderidder.org, and give us the first and last name of your loved one. We have a special banner where a ribbon with a bell will be placed on that banner for your loved ones who have gone on to glory. Please share those names with us by Monday, October 30th. We will also share Holy Communion together and celebrate that through the resurrection of Christ, we will all see each other and celebrate in heaven. Hope to see you there!

Blue Cupboard Project



DeRidder High School is collecting donations for its Blue Cupboard initiative. Please consider donating: new or gently-used clothing items including uniforms and outer wear; school supplies including notebooks, pens/pencils, and backpacks; food items

that are nonperishable and snacks that can be given to students; and hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. Your donations make a huge difference in helping the students in our community to succeed by taking away some of the stress of worrying about where their basic necessities will come from. To donate please drop off items in the Fellowship Hall building or in the church office.



God's Food Box Needs:

Peanut butter, boxed meals, soup, noodles, canned corn, crackers, diced tomatoes, and volunteers

Gather & Give Thanks on Wednesday Nights

Our Midweek Meal is served every week from 5 PM until 5:45 PM on Wednesday evenings. Takeouts are available for those who can't stay, but we always welcome you to come fellowship with us for awhile as we gather for a meal. The cost per person is \$7, and no more than \$25 is charged per family. If you have children in the youth program, they will continue to eat for free. We can't wait to see you there!



YOU Are Invited to Help Pack Shoeboxes

Wednesday, November 8th at 5:00 PM

Help us spread the love of Jesus to children around the world by packing shoeboxes filled with toys, clothes, and hygiene supplies. The Children & Youth Program will pack boxes in lieu of its regularly scheduled activities, and we invite you to join in as we strive to teach our youth about those in need in other countries and sharing the love of Christ to the ends of the earth.



Methodist Children's Learning Center



November Closure

Dates

Veterans Day:

Nov. 10th (All Day)

Thanksgiving Holiday:

Nov. 22 MCLC Will Close

at Noon and will remain

closed until Monday,

Nov. 28th

Nothing says fall like a trip to

In the last month, the Learning Center experienced a big change with the resignation of Natalie Ruano, who has been nothing short of phenomenal as its director for the last 2 years. Through her tenure at the Learning Center, Natalie increased the number of kids enrolled, as well as adding new Christian curriculum and maintaining an amazing staff. While we are saddened by Natalie stepping down, we hope she will enjoy retirement, but we're also hopeful that will come back to visit often!

We also eagerly welcome the Learning Center's new director, Liz Maricle, who has more than 28 years of experience in public elementary education, including early education and Pre-K. Liz and Natalie worked together at K R Hanchey, and their cooperation with one another has led to a smooth transition at the Learning Center. In the month that Liz has been here, she's already gotten to know everyone and is changing lives. We are happy that the Lord brought her during this season of change.





the pumpkin patch! Our littles had a blast at CM Farms.

MINISTRIES



Nursery Workers Needed!

If you or someone you know wants to make a difference at FUMC by teaching and loving on our children on Sundays and Wednesdays, contact Cathy at 337-396-9610.



10 AM to 11 AM in the **Bus Barn Parking Lot**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA TICKETS AVAILABLE NOV. 4TH

Pick up at the Youth **Yard Sale & Bazaar**

Tickets can be purchased in Church Office Starting November 6th until they run out



Saturday, November 4th 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM Youth Building (109 Pine St.)

For information on how to donate items, please contact the church office at 337-463-4491

Advent Workshop

All youth and parents are invited to attend this year's Family Advent Adventures, which will be on Sunday, November 26th, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Get ready for fun, new activities and lessons as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Advent season. Lunch will be included, and we request that you register in advance because space will be limited.

Children's Music





November and December are busy months for the Children's Choir as we prepare for Thanksqiving and Christmas. They will sing on Sunday, November 19 and on Sunday, December 10. Come join us on Wednesdays from 4:45-5:15 in the choir room.



This season we give thanks to our awesome team of landscapers! Pictured is Susan Slover and Stephanie Small sprucing up the Sanctuary for autumn. Thanks to Susan and her whole staff who always keep our gardens so beautiful.

Lessons and Cards

Our annual Lessons and Carols service will be here before you know. If you feel like you want to sing with the chancel choir for Lessons and Carols, this is your last chance to have adequate time to learn the music. We have so much wonderful music to present to you, you'll not want to miss it. Lessons and Carols is Thursday evening at 6:30 PM on December 7. It's an easy date to remember, Pearl Harbor Day. I picked the date specifically so you and I will easily remember. Speaking of Pearl Harbor, my sister and her husband are in Hawaii and went to the U.S.S Arizona Memorial yesterday. Did you realize that oil is still seeping out of that sunken battleship nearly eighty-two years later? I did not. Please, pray for our armed forces and for the nation of Israel as God's chosen people have been attacked again. Come, Lord Jesus.

> John Schwarze, Director of Music schwarze@fumcderidder.org

November Worship Assistants

Sunday, November 5th

Greeters - Phyllis Blanton & Liz Savant Readers - John Marcello & David Hardesty 1st Sunday Communion Servers (During Service) -Julie Porter, Catherine & Grant Beal

Sunday, November 12th

Greeters - Lennie Hanchey & Susan Hill Readers - Van Allen & Betty Nease After-Service Communion Server -Joyce Everett

Sunday, November 19th

Greeters - Becky Hammerschmidt & Susan Johnson Readers - Ted Hammerschmidt & Tim Kindler After-Service Communion Server -Tim Kindler

Sunday, November 26th

Greeters - David Hardesty
Readers - Donna McCullough & Sandra Wertz
After-Service Communion Server David Hardesty





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

NOVEMBER - Shoeboxes Begin Their Journey Around the World

While many children in Honduras are living homeless on the streets, others live in houses on stilts along canals. It was in one such home that a young girl lived when she received an OCC shoebox that transformed her life. Out of the thousands of shoeboxes packed and shipped, she received the one that contained a T-shirt in her favorite color—purple! (Must've been a God-thing, huh?) The shirt and other gifts put a smile on her face, but it was the booklet, "The Greatest Journey", in the box that made the biggest impression on her. It explained the Gospel in a child-friendly way, helping her realize how much God loved her. She attended the 12-lesson disciple course, and God's Word came alive to her. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. And now, two years later, she is teaching Sunday School and leading other children to Christ through that booklet. That's an example of what our contributions can do to change lives around the world.

Blessing of OCC Shoeboxes

Sunday, November 12th 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary



Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Eleanor Marcello Jo Blankenship

In Memory of Marty Smith

Mary & Billy Brister Jo Blankenship Candy & Billy Williams Tanni & Howard Helms Suzanne Brown

In Memory of Bart Fazio Mary Alice Wisdom

In Memory of Eileen Dunand DHS Class of 1965

In Memory of Garnet Watts
Jo Blankenship

In Memory of Joe Joslin, Sr.
John Marcello

Pew Bibles

In Memory of:

Melanie S. Marcello (J. Marcello) Eleanor Marcello Jones (J. Marcello) Tony Marcello (J. Marcello) John Booth Jones, Jr. (J. Marcello)

Pew Bibles are available for \$10 and can be dedicated in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please contact the Church Office at 337-463-4491 for more information.

From the Heart by Mary Allen



With big, beautiful eyes, he watches my every move. My grandson is resting his chin on the chair arm, listening as I read many cards from friends and family. Each card has a verse written in it. These cards are going with me as I have brain surgery the following day. As we "ooh" and "aah" over every card, he and I both love how each verse adds peace and assurance. I ask him if he has a verse to send with me. Immediately, he says,

"Well, Gwamma, I'll tell you sumpin' to wemember," I am expecting to hear his last Cubbies' or Awanas' verse and I reply, "I can't wait to hear!" Very seriously, looking me straight in the eye, he says, "When you get a shot, you CAN'T say 'Oh, my God' but you CAN say

"Uh, oh, b-skettio!"

I bundle him into my arms for a big bear hug. What adorable 3-year-old wisdom!!

A few years later, I am eternally grateful to have recovered in a manner where I still get to watch my daughters and their families with the greatest of Joy! And--I take my sweet grandson's advice seriously about respecting my Heavenly Father because:

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

- Revelation 4:11

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