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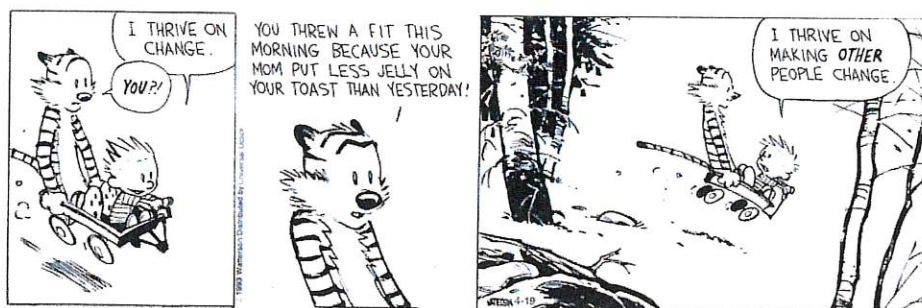
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JUNE NEWSLETTER 2022



Church,

An hour or so before our last Administrative Council meeting, I stumbled upon an old devotional I made in 2012 for a Meals on Wheels delivery. The comic above is the cover image for the card. I showed them this card and shared how, as a layperson in those days, I would wonder why incoming pastors would implement significant changes within the first months of appointment. Some were for good reason, but I think others created unnecessary disruption. Of course, the irony is that I am now an incoming pastor who talks about change to whomever will listen. I don't really remember what prompted the focus for that devotional, but finding it after all that has happened since then gives me pause. I share those words with you now:

One of life's often-repeated lessons is that change is inevitable. A child's rapid growth, a lawn neglected for an extra week, or progress on that new building downtown can all serve as reminders of this truth. Changes can be good, but many come with challenge.

Take Joseph from Genesis as an example. From a life of favor he was literally cast down and left with nothing. He knew who God was and surely prayed for restoration to his previous life. But those prayers went seemingly unheard as he was dragged into Egypt as a slave. Yet, it was through this challenge that God made Joseph into someone who would in time preserve God's chosen people.

Good news! It is likely that God's will for you does not include saving nations from famine. But like Joseph, we may come to realize that our endurance of a difficult trial reveals God's faithfulness. With hard-earned humility, Joseph responded with love and forgiveness for his brothers who had wronged him, just as God offers love and forgiveness to us. As the saying goes, "The only constant in life is change," yet the Creator of all life is forever faithful. In perfect time he will complete his work to change all things according to his perfect plan.

Though many things have changed since 2012, my message today is remarkably similar. Not long after writing this, I entered seminary knowing that significant challenges lay ahead for the UMC. I believe my call is to be a pastor during this critical time. Nearing the end of my degree, it then became evident that our entire world had entered a time of significant change. Now, here we are together. I believe this is for a reason. I believe we are called to this time and place to navigate our church through the churning rapids of a world in persistent transition. Some days I wonder if I am somehow like Calvin in that comic strip, thriving on "making other people change." But I more often wish things to be just a bit more calm and predictable than they presently are. Even so, it is in times of disruption and uncertainty that we are invited to lean more on the unchanging faithfulness of our Savior. Scripture reminds us that the world will always change but our God does not.

Grace and peace,

Memorials

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Phoenix Knowles given by Mike & Vicki Simpson

FLC Memorial Fund:

In memory of Mary Elizabeth Freeman given by Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman

Youth:

Given in honor of All Mothers

In memory of Martha Rice given by Bob & Chris Nolen

Committee Meetings for June 2022

Trustees:

Monday, June 13th - 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council:

Monday, June 27th - 5:30 p.m.

GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website fumc-many.com

We can also receive gifts through Text to Give. To use this service, simply text "FUMCM" to 22525. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449. Please call our church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.

June Nursery Volunteers

June 5: Elizabeth Pickett
June 12: Mary Ellen Freeman
June 19: Cathy Troquille
June 26: Carolyn Dove

"THE GREAT GIVEAWAY"

Coming in early September.
Keep this in mind when doing your Spring Cleaning. More details to come.

Summer 2022

Youth & Children @ 1st UMC



June 20-24, 2022

Church Camp (grades 5-6)

Overnight camp (Monday-Friday) for students entering grades 5-6. Kids will participate in lots of games, outdoor activities, lake time, singing crazy songs, and learning about God through small groups and worship. Fee \$300 (\$150 for members)



June 26 - July 1, 2022

Harvest Now Camp (Completed grades 7-12)

A True Vision day camp with worship, recreation, Bible study, small groups, and community missions. FREE to campers.



July 11-16, 2022

Christian Community Experience (Grades 9-12)

Overnight camp (Monday-Saturday) for high-schoolers. For more information, ask Ashley! Number of participants from our church limited to 10-12 persons. Fee \$315 (\$150 for members)



July 17-21, 2022

Vacation Bible School and Outreach (Youth & Children of all ages)

Experience how Jesus lived as a boy with music, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and games in a "tent village." Youth are needed to be group guides/helpers. No fees.

Please see VBS Registration form included in this Newsletter. Forms are also available in the Narthex & church office.



PRESCHOOL

Sunshine Kids had an End of Year party in the Family Life Center. They had a jump house, played with balls, had crafts and finished the morning off with pizza. The next day was parent program and graduation for those students moving up to Kindergarten. We're blessed to have so many young children in our preschool program and we look forward to our new classes in August.





July 17-21, 2022
Vacation Bible School

VBS Registration Form

Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church (if any) _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Photo Release: _____ Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

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Check which one(s) you want to attend this summer?

- ☐ Caney Church Camp – rising to grades 5-6
- ☐ Harvest Now Camp – completed grades 7-12
- ☐ Christian Community Experience – grades 9-12
- ☐ Hometown Nazareth VBS – all ages

Name: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____

June 2022

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PRAYER CONCERNS

June 2022

Church Members

Carrie Broussard
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna
Claire Coplin
Ted, Carolyn Dove & Family
Charles Enterkin
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
John Hoagland
Vicki Isgitt
Grace Kelsey
Bobbie Kratz
Dean Lambert
Shirley Lee
Karen Lombard
Billie Lou Luster
Janice Rike
Kevin Troquille

Family of Church Members

Cassity Barrett
(Shirley Lee's great niece)
Sandra Bishop
(Diann Migliore's mom)
Carolyn Brasell
(Carrie Broussard's daughter)
Beverley Carlson
(Chris Nolen's sister)
Jason Fluitt
(Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Ann Boudreaux (Chuck's mother)
Judy Boudreaux Jones
(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
John Moses (Vicki Weaver uncle)
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Murlee Wilbanks
(Carolyn Gates' mom)
Robert Troha

Friends of our Community

Marie Alford
Cade Anderson
Steve Biggs
Ace Bowling
Jiles Bowling
Cathy Byles
Dudley Carver
Ivan Drodgy
Joe Eschbacher (Stan & Debbie
Arthur Proforis' son-in-law
Linda Findley
Darlene Griffin
Family of Debbie Gunter
Kathy Humphries
Sally Landry
Cassie LaRoux
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Mike Rankin
Tara Seals
Douglas Seegers
(Linda Seegers' son)
Kristin Sepulvado
Arlene Small
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell

Sharing the Load

Some time ago, at a Midwestern county fair, a contest was held to see which draft horse could pull the heaviest load. One horse pulled a sled with a load of 4,500 pounds. It was the champion. The second-place winner managed to drag 4,000 pounds.

When the contest was over, one horse owner suggested that it would be interesting to see how many pounds the top two horses could pull together. When the animals were harnessed together they were able to pull 12,000 pounds! Together they had pulled 3,500 pounds more.

Is there a message there? Church members working together can accomplish far more than they can alone.

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