



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022

Church,

It is presumptuous to imagine that I can simply reach for my keyboard and write something that will be of significant use to you until the next month. So, I have begun to just draw on some of our interactions over prior weeks. As we sit and visit or work along side one another in ministry, I recognize the honor I have in hearing some of your stories and learning of some of the struggles you face.

I oftentimes have no direct experience with what you are working through. But the common thread I am finding among many of these stories, a thread which weaves through my own story of the past few months, is change. In the past ten months, I graduated, transplanted my family 853 miles from our home, left church, friends, and job, began a new career, and have had to adjust to considerable strain on our family due to health issues. So while I cannot claim the wisdom necessary to speak into your particular struggle, I do know something about the inevitability of change and the uncertainty it produces.

While meeting with several Louisiana UMC pastors a few weeks ago, I heard many stories of change there as well. They spoke about culture and communities moving away from regular church attendance. They spoke about congregations aging and dwindling. They spoke about diminished giving, facilities in need of attention, and the simmering denominational dilemma. They spoke about Covid and how it has accelerated all of the above. Many pastors have taken early retirement, or have walked away from ministry, or plan on taking sabbatical starting in July. You see, the strain of these changes is felt not just within our congregation, but throughout our connection. And when our people are most needing the comforts of things familiar, it seems most unfortunate that we are facing so many changes in our church at this time. Yet, it is not a question of if we will change, but how we will navigate it.

I am truly thankful that we have one another to make our way through these changes together, and to encourage one another to hold fast to the promise that while everything around us may change, God does not. I know you know this, but I will simply remind you: we serve a good God whose good pleasure it is to work all things for good.

In just two weeks time, we will gather, remember, and celebrate the first Easter morning. So, this is the time of year that reminds us that if our God can create life out of death itself, then God is able to make something good come from all the changes we are experiencing right now. While this truth does not necessarily make change easy and it certainly does not make it avoidable, it does make it worthwhile.

I look forward to seeing you at Holy Week.

Brian

MEMORIALS:

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Charles Wood given by Ted & Carolyn Dove

In memory of Garland Peterson given by John & Betsy Godfrey, Joe & Carole Troha

In memory of Daryle Stephenson given by Ted & Carolyn Dove, John & Betsy Godfrey

In memory of Violet McBride given by Ted & Carolyn Dove

Youth:

In memory of Daryle Stephenson given by Timmy Mitchell

Committee Meetings for April 2022

Trustees:

Monday, April 11th - 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council:

Monday, April 25th - 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.

**Church Office will be closed
Good Friday**

April Nursery Volunteers

April 3 - Vicki Isgitt

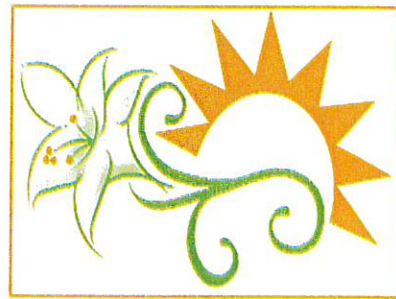
April 10 - Mary Ellen Freeman

April 17 - Carolyn Dove

April 24 - Cathy Troquille



Come join us as we sing Hosannas on the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King.



Easter Lilies

It is a tradition at First United Methodist Church to adorn the sanctuary with white lilies for Easter. If you would like to give an Easter lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please order from your preferred florist and specify **white paper with gold bows**, call Marilyn in the church office with the **names of persons** you are honoring by noon on Wednesday April 13th. Lilies should be delivered to the church by **Thursday, April 14th at noon**.



***Good Friday Service
6:00 p.m.***

PRESCHOOL

As the school year has progressed each child seems to have grown physically, cognitively and socially in their own special God given way. Enrollment for 2022-2023 is now open. If you know of anyone interested please have them call the church office or Linda Boudreaux (318-332-8510). "Sunshine Kids respects diversity by providing child centered care and educational experiences."



Easter Egg Hunt

April 16th

10:00 a.m.



I am in need of some things to make this a great egg hunt.
I need at least five people to man games, at least 4 to hide the eggs and a couple of people to paint faces.

I also need: cookies, cupcakes, chips, small bottles of water, etc.

I also could use some more wrapped candy to fit in the smaller eggs.

Please let me know if you can help. I know you will get a blessing from it.

We have not been able to do this in couple of years, so I am looking forward to this being a great Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you in advance. Vicki Weaver

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April 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 Fifth Sunday in Lent | 4 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC Ultreya - Many - 6:00 p.m. | 5 | 6 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice-7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m. | 7 UMW 9:30 a.m. | 8 *Mike Simpson Gifted & Talented Group FLC Women's Fellowship - 6:00 p.m. | 9 Fellowship Hall Rental Spring Work Day - 8:00 a.m. |
| 10 Palm Sunday | 11 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC Trustees 5:30 p.m. | 12 | 13 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice-7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m. | 14 Easter Lilies Due in by Noon Maundy Thursday | 15 Church Office Closed Good Friday Service 6:00 p.m. | 16 Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. |
| HOLY WEEK | | | | | | |
| 17 *Susan Gblin Easter Sunday | 18 *Vicki Simpson Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC | 19 Prayer Group- 10:30 a.m. | 20 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice-7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m. | 21 | 22 | 23 Fellowship Hall Rental |
| 24 Confirmation Sunday | 25 *Pete Abington Administrative Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC | 26 | 27 Adult Covenant Groups- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice-7:00 p.m. First Kids- 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth TNT - 6:00 p.m. | 28 | 29 | 30 *Carole Troha |

PRAYER CONCERNS

April 2022

Church Members

Carrie Broussard
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna
Claire Coplin
Charles Enterkin
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Dean Lambert
Shirley Lee
Karen Lombard
Billie Lou Luster
Patsy McCormick
Janice Rike
Nancy Spiller
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)
Scott Brosh
(Patsy McCormick's sister)
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 Droddy
Joe Eschbacker (Stan & Debbie
Arthur Proforis' son-in-law
Darlene Griffin
Kathy Humphries
Sally Landry
Cassie LaRoux
Mary V. Lehr
(Jonathan Neel's grandmother)
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Mike Rankin
Eddie Richard
Tara Seals
Douglas Seegers
(Linda Seegers' son)
Kristin Sepulvado
Arlene Small
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell