



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JUNE NEWSLETTER 2020

Accurate information in this age of COVID-19 is a moving target, but as I write this for publication, I am excited to learn that Louisiana will enter Phase Two of re-opening the economy later this week. According to the governor's announcement, that means that congregations can re-gather in their sanctuaries at 50% capacity. If the CDC physical distancing numbers I am hearing prior to official announcement are true, we will be able to mark our pews to achieve seating for the number of people I anticipate returning to worship in the coming weeks. That makes my heart go pitter-patter.

We still have work to do that will be based on the official announcement from the CDC when it comes. We must decide how many of our traditions are safe in this age of contagious disease and how to change the ones that are not safe. We must decide how to provide meaningful music without spreading disease. We must secure and train volunteers who will help people remember to practice safe guidelines. Ughhh!

We have supplies on order for disinfecting surfaces. It is on backorder. Some companies won't even accept orders yet. We have ordered wall mounted hand sanitizing stations and refills. They are scheduled for shipment in late June. We are securing disinfecting wipes from all available sources. If you have enough for your own use, would you consider sharing your excess?

We will have our first service soon. I wish I could announce a date, but that must wait until the moving target of information pauses for a few minutes. We will have a Vesper service, which is a prayer service held in the evening, one evening in the next week or so. Keep your ear to the ground; we will get the word out as soon as the service is set.

You probably know to expect things to be different, although less limiting than Phase One has been. You will be asked a set of questions about your health and possible recent COVID exposure. You will be expected to wear a mask to protect others and potentially, yourself. You will be guided to a seat. You will sit with your household with appropriate distances between households. We can't have any physical contact. Congregational responses will be limited in some ways – primarily in robustness. Can you mouth the words or whisper behind your mask? We have two beautiful wooden boxes to receive your pledges, tithes, and additional gifts (thank you Mike Hill), because we cannot pass the offering plates from hand to hand. These are by the entrance/exit of the sanctuary for you to drop your offering through the opening in the lid. Everyone will be asked to enter through the glass doors on Main Street.

None of this means that we have to be dull curmudgeons. I invite you to compete for prizes as I look for the 3 or 4 people at each service who are having the most fun with social distancing guidelines. Categories will be moving targets. Judging will be by me and completely subjective. (I'll accept your suggestions!) Funniest mask. Most creative socially distanced greeting. Show us what you can do! Let's turn these lemons into lemonade.

Seriously though, let's love one another and protect one another. If you should, for your health or the health of someone in your household stay away a bit longer, that's both ok and the right choice. Potential exposure to the virus is a risk every individual must measure for themselves. Phase Two, here we come!!! Yay!!

Pastor Gloria

MEMORIALS:

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Howard "Dutch" Morrow
given by Ray & Nancy Spiller

Community Choir:

In memory of Georgia Whitfield given by
Bob & Carolyn Gates, John & Betsy Godfrey, Ray &
Nancy Spiller

Committee Meetings for June 2020

Trustees:

Monday, June 8 - 5:30 p.m. - FLC

Administrative Council:

Monday, June 22 - 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

UPPER ROOM

To download copies of May/June Upper Room daily
devotionals

go to <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>

**Church Office will be closed every Friday
starting June 5th.**

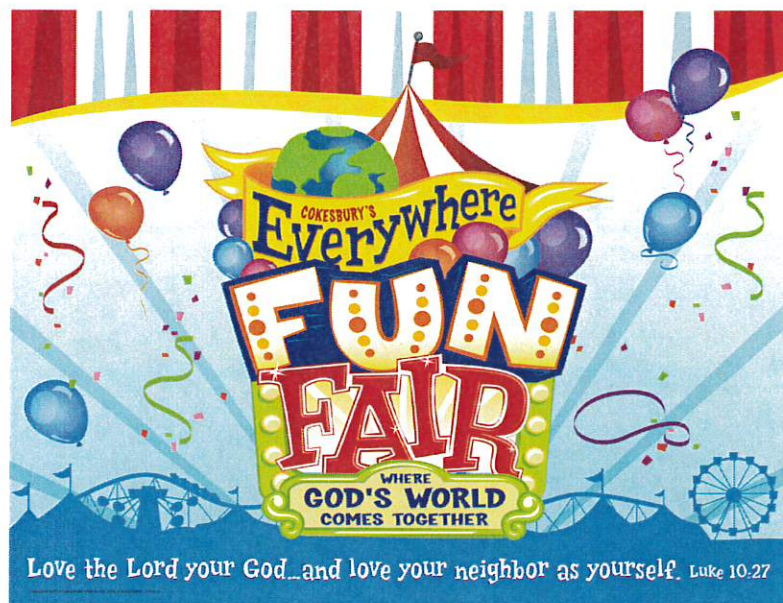
Prayer for a Time of Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our
children when their schools close
remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving
embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

- Cameron Bellm

REMEMBER
THAT OUR
BUILDINGS ARE
NOT YET OPEN
TO ANY
GROUPS





VBS July 19th – 24th

The time for Vacation Bible School is fast approaching.

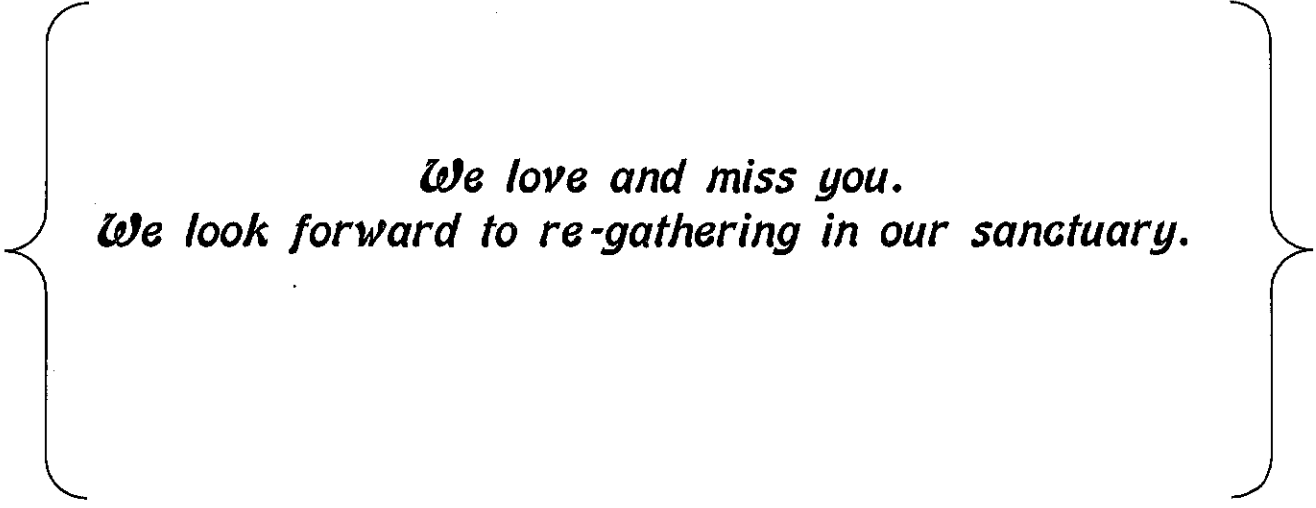
We are doing Everywhere Fun Fair.

This year we may have to do VBS differently.

Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help.

**Please preregister soon so we will know how to plan.
We have included a VBS registration form in this newsletter.**

Thanks, Vicki



*We love and miss you.
We look forward to re-gathering in our sanctuary.*

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Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

June 2020

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7 **Gary & Janet Elam *Betsy Godfrey	8 Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm - FLC	9 **George & Diane Commons *Mike Hill	10	11 **Chuck & Linda Boudreaux	12 Church Office Closed	13																																																																																											
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21 Father's Day	22 Administrative Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.	23	24 *Joni Rutherford	25 *I.D. Bostian *Chris Hills	26 **John & Betsy Godfrey *Lane Isgitt Church Office Closed	27																																																																																											
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Prayer Concerns *

June 2020

*Names are removed after a month.

If you want to add a name back please call the church office.

Church Members

Charles Enterkin
John Godfrey
Richard & Ann Harpel
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Shirley Lee
Elizabeth Mitchell
Janice Rike
Rev. Gloria Youngblood

Family of Church Members

Cassity Barrett (Shirley Lee's great niece)
Carolyn Brasell (Carrie Broussard's daughter)
Scott Brosh (Joe Troha's brother-in-law)
Jordan Butler (Tammy Luster's niece)
Cindy Wright Calhoon
(Patsy McCormick's sister)
Kelly Cotton
Murline Finuf (Ashlee Lee's grandmother)
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Amber Gentry
Bonnie Hamilton (Vicki Simpson's cousin)
Les Huddleston
(Vicki Weaver's cousin's husband)
Judy Boudreaux Jones
(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
Jillian Long (Laurie Gentry's great-niece)
Aaron McGrew
(Virginia & Eugene's grandson)
Louis & Renee (Nolen) Rosencrans & Louis Jr.
Anna Hardee Sistrunk (Vicki Simpson's niece)
Ed Vines (Vicki Simpson's cousin)
Family of Georgia Whitfield (Carole Troha's mom)
Murlee Wilbanks (Carolyn Gates' mom)
Judi & Bob VanderVeen
Joy Young (Laurie Gentry's grandmother)
Robert Troha

Friends of our Community

Cade Anderson
Steve Biggs
June Booker (Friend of Vicki Simpson)
Ace Bowling
Kathy Byles
Cassidy Byles
Robert Allen Carpenter
(Gail Thomas' friends' son)
Dudley Carver
Hayden Clark
Kathy Humphries
Layken Johnson
Sally Landry
Linda Lovett
Robbin Meshell
Reba Musses
Louis Price
Prayers for Our World, Coronavirus patients, Our
Health Workers, Police, EMTs etc.
Coronavirus vigilance
Mike Rankin
Thelma Pickett Resic
Eddie Richard
Douglas Seegers (Linda Seegers' son)
Kristin Sepulvado
Arlene Small
Reba Tarpley
Sissy Tatum
Nancy Tidwell
Rev. Lisa Turnbull