



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### JULY NEWSLETTER 2021

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In the summer of 2014, Monica and I discerned what we believe to be a call into full-time vocational ministry in the United Methodist Church. Within a week, I was registered for Fall Semester at Asbury Theological Seminary. The plan would be for me to keep working full-time at my job as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Monroe City Schools while taking courses online, part-time. In the meantime, we planned a visit to campus for new student orientation so that we could get away and gain a sense of connection with my new school. Though we had a well-laid plan, as we began to meet classmates and tour the campus, we both felt a pull toward something else. I can remember the very spot on our tour (between the library and statue of John Wesley) where Monica looked at me and said what I was thinking: "Are we supposed to live here?"

The rest of our time that day was talking about how ridiculous it seemed to move at that particular time in our lives. We had two young kids, a small business, and lived close to family. Monica had challenging work and I loved what I was doing. Life was good, yet we were considering leaving it all to move to this tiny town of Wilmore, KY. We put the question off as we made our way into Estes Chapel for a final worship service before heading back home. Looking back, I don't remember much of that service other than hearing our eventual friend and Dean of Chapel preach for the first time. Her opening words were, "God is calling you to move." I guess we were a little more literal in those days, because we took it to heart as a sign that this conversation was not over.

After returning to Louisiana and committing to weeks of prayer, our next few months were dedicated to selling our home, tying up loose ends, and making the move to be in-person, full-time for Fall 2015. We left for Wilmore with some savings and no income. Many of our friends, some church friends included, thought we had lost touch with reality. With the benefit of hindsight, of course it's easy to see God's provision along the way. In realtime, however, many days were either hard work, or one more step into the unknown, or both. Yet, I would have a hard time naming all of the coincidences, occurrences of perfect timing, and people that would come along to guide, provide, and befriend us. Moving was a risk, but it was the best thing our family had ever done.

And so I write to you now from your Pastor's Study, thankful for God's provision of a new town, a good home, kind neighbors, warm hospitality, and genuine excitement for what lies ahead. You probably already know that excitement is a rare thing in the Church today, particularly in the UMC. There are many concerns, unanswered questions, and a lot of grief. Yet, God is moving. This is why I am reminded of our previous moving story. Because while something big is happening for us, something bigger than us is happening as well. Do you sense it?

Nothing big happens without disruption. This can be disorienting, sad, scary, or all of the above. Though I cannot picture clearly what God is doing during this chaotic time, I believe that with some hindsight, we will celebrate God's provision along the way. In the meantime, I know Scripture demonstrates God's character as steadfast, always working for his people and through his people. Friends, I believe that God is calling us to move, and is assuring us of his blessing the whole way through. Our move to Many has been a good one, and I deeply appreciate the kindness and delight y'all have demonstrated in receiving my family.

But the excitement for what God is doing is much bigger stuff! If we are to respond faithfully, it will take all of us working together to pray, to support our leadership, to discern, and to watch for God's leading. I am greatly encouraged to know that many of you sense a stirring as well. If we follow through, there will be many days ahead that will either be hard work, or one more step into the unknown, or both. I for one am ready to do my part. May God bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you in the days and weeks ahead.

In Christ, Brian

## Committee Meetings for July 2021

### Trustees:

Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

### Administrative Council:

Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

### CTP Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.**

Please use the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81067375893?pwd=eTdIZlJ6SWFfaUHYxL2llaTBVSEJDdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 6737 5893

Passcode: 342585

## **Pot Luck Dinner**

Welcome to Rev. Brian Coplin, his wife Monica, children Jack and Anna Claire to our church and community.

Make plans to welcome our new pastor and family on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center at a Potluck Dinner.

The church will provide the Fried Chicken and drinks. You bring side dishes, desserts with your well wishes.

### *Flowers for Altar*

If you have flowers in your yard that I could use on the altar please call Gail Thomas at 318-332-4947 or call the office at 318-256-3632. Also if anyone wants to put flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one please call and let us know.

Thank you, Gail Thomas  
Worship Co-Chairperson



## **Birthday and Anniversary Dates**

Wonder why your name and birthday or anniversary isn't in the bulletin, on the screen or on the calendar?

It's because we don't have it! Please leave your information at the church office with Marilyn or contact Donna Ammons at 318-315-0600. Info can also be mailed to FUMC, PO Box 1210, Many LA 71449

## **Back -To - School Rally**

On Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center the Missions committee and Mary Gore of the Toledo Baptist Mission will host a Back-to-School Rally to support all Sabine Parish students from PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade by distributing free school supplies.



## **WAYS TO GIVE**

Give your tithes & offerings during worship services.

You may send by mail to:  
FUMC P.O. Box 1210 Many, La. 71449

We now have the option to give through TEXT TO GIVE  
Text #22525 then put in code FUMCM

You may also go to the church website [fumc-many.com](http://fumc-many.com)

Please call the church office for more information 318-256-3632.

## **Church Office Closed**

**Monday , July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of July 4<sup>th</sup> Office Hours will resume Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**



# Word Search

Find these "beachy" words! Look up, down, backward, forward and diagonally.

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BEACHBALL  
FLIP FLOP  
SHELLS  
SUN

SWIM  
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**BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS POWER**

**Ephesians 6:10**

**Come join us  
VBS --KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE  
First United Methodist Church of Many  
1000 Main Street  
Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>- Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:00 – 8:30 p.m.**



VBS Registration Forms are available in Narthex, Church Office, on Website and included in this newsletter. To register for VBS call the church office at 318-256-3632 or visit church website at [www.fumc-many.com](http://www.fumc-many.com)

Also if you are interested in helping with VBS please let Vicki Weaver know.

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# VBS Registration Form

Knight's 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

----- (for church use only) -----

Assigned to Knight Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Are family members helping with Knights of North Castle? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

# July 2021

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# PRAYER CONCERNS

## JULY 2021

### Joys

**New Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin, wife Monica, children Jack & Anna Claire.**

**New baby, Eamon James Boudreaux, proud parents Travis & Laura Boudreaux and grandparents Chuck & Linda Boudreaux**

### Church Members

Donna Ammons  
I.D. & Betty Bostian  
Carrie Broussard  
Charles Enterkin  
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman  
Virginia & Eugene Fremaux  
John & Betsy Godfrey  
Richard & Ann Harpel  
John Hoagland  
Grace Kelsey  
Becky Lafitte  
Shirley Lee  
George & Bonnie Fox Miles  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
Sarah O'Neal  
Garland Peterson  
Janice Rike  
Kevin Troquille  
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)  
(Gail Thomas sister & brother-in-law)  
Cindy Wright Calhoon (Patsy McCormick's sister)  
Beverley Carlson (Chris Nolen's sister)  
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)  
Seth Freeman  
Judy Boudreaux Jones (Chuck Boudreaux's sister)  
Corporal Aaron McGrew (Virginia & Eugene's grandson)  
Kay McKey (niece of Chris & Susan Hills)  
Verline O'Linde (Gail Thomas' foster sister)  
Murlee Wilbanks (Carolyn Gates' mom)  
Robert Troha

### Friends of our Community

Cade Anderson  
Steve Biggs  
June Booker (Friend of Vicki Simpson)  
Ace Bowling  
Jiles Bowling  
Cathy Byles  
Dudley Carver  
Ivan Droddy  
Raegan Ensinger  
Darlene Griffin  
**Family of Melva Horton (Vicki Simpson's friend)**  
Kathy Humphries  
Sally Landry  
**Family of Jerry Lehr**  
**Denna Lehr Moore**  
Cassie LaRoux  
Jerry Lehr  
Mike Rankin  
Eddie Richard  
Tara Seals  
Douglas Seegers (Linda Seegers' son)  
Kristin Sepulvado  
Arlene Small  
Reba Tarpley  
Sissy Tatum  
Nancy Tidwell  
Jacquie Williamson (friend of Vicki Simpson)