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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

Sigh. The first eight months of 2020 have challenged God's people. Now, as we enter the ninth month of the year, we are recovering from the worst hurricane to hit the western part of the state since BEFORE Rita. My prayer is that when you receive this newsletter you have power again and are returning to COVID semi-normal life.

I have toured the area with the Shreveport District Disaster Relief Coordinator, Scott Spalding, and frankly I am relieved. Neighbors have helped neighbors remove trees from roofs, and where trees fell on houses there are blue tarps awaiting permanent repairs. As far as I can tell there are few exceptions to that, for which we are grateful. There still are a lot of trees down and much work to be done, but the return of electricity means that our lives are returning to normal.

I am also pleased to report that, although several (4-5) trees fell at the parsonage, none even brushed against the house. The only damage is to the fence on both sides, and the silver lining in the fence damage is that the Boudreaux's sweet puppy, the adorable Miss Sadie, has waltzed across the limb-bridge to visit. Mr. Spalding has arranged for a volunteer chainsaw team from a Methodist church in Tyler, TX to come this Saturday (Sept. 5) to attack the tree pile in the parsonage backyard. These teams are trained and prepared for the size of this job.

The church faired just fine, though some rainwater came under the double doors of the FLC. It was mopped up and all is well. Power at the church was restored Sunday morning, and 4 of us spent the afternoon heating, serving, and delivering to our community the 70 (or so) spaghetti servings (with bread and dessert) that were good but could not be re-frozen. Chris Nolen, Vicki Weaver, Suzanne Ammons, and I enjoyed that ministry, and were able to look into the faces of our neighbors as they accepted the gift. We simply stacked the to-go boxes in our cars and drove the neighborhood giving them to people who were outside trying to stay cool.

Our help will be needed in Southwest LA. As our own work is done and as relief work is organized in Lake Charles and surrounding areas, we may want to send some volunteers. There is a list posted to the conference web page listing the damaged churches and parsonages, and the extent of the damage. I invite you to go to www.la-umc.org to see that heartbreaking list. You can also click on a link there to give to UMCOR efforts that will go to disaster relief in our state.

Finally, church leadership has been working toward a plan to establish COVID-Normal programming. I invite you to look elsewhere in this newsletter for details about Wednesday evening activities and Sunday morning Bible Study groups. It will be good to begin again to meet as God's people for more than worship and business meetings. As we have said before though, if you are vulnerable or at risk for COVID complications, please make responsible decisions for yourself and know that your church family understands and supports your choices.

Just think, in four short months 2020 will end. 2021 will be here. Let's pray for more palatable days in 2021 ---- or even better...sooner than that. Still...God is good.

I love you!

Pastor Gloria

MEMORIALS:

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Howard "Dutch" Morrow given by
Bobbie Kratz

Committee Meetings for September 2020

Administrative Council:

Monday, August 28th - 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

**PLEASE
NOTE..**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**To Give to Hurricane Laura
Disaster Relief go to
www.la-umc.org there is a link
to donate.**

There's an app for that!

These days, there's a smartphone app for just about everything. But what about spiritual concerns? Where can you turn?

- Depressed? Try the joy app. Read Isaiah 51:11.
- Tired? Try the renewal app. Read Isaiah 40:30-31.
- Unsettled? Try the peace app. Read Philippians 4:7.
- Unloved? Try the love app. Read Romans 8:38-39.
- Worried? Try the refuge app. Read Psalm 46:1.
- Fearful? Try the power app. Read 2 Timothy 1:7.
- Guilty? Try the forgiveness app. Read Colossians 1:13-14.
- Praying? Try the prayer app. Read 1 John 5:14-15.

Are you Ready to Regather!!!

After much praying concerning the regathering of some of our church groups we propose the below schedule.

Of course we expect all who participate to wear mask, social distance, and use "common sense" as we regather.

Wednesday September 9 at 6:00 pm the Teens and Tweens and children K thru 5th grade will meet in the Family Life Center and the Covenant Group in the Fellowship Hall. No food will be served.

Sunday September 13 at 9:00 am the Sunday School classes will gather in the following locations. Pairs & Spares at the front porch of the front of the sanctuary (in case of rain meet in the Fellowship Hall); Men's Group at the kitchen end of the Family Life Center; Ladies Group at the craft room end of the Family Life Center; the youth in the youth room in the Family Life Center; Children 1st thru 4th grade will meet in a Sunday school room in the Fellowship Hall Building.

A nursery will be provided for children up to 5 years old for Sunday School and Sunday Worship.

This is our first attempt of regathering groups and ask for your help and cooperation as we move through this critical phase of the COVID 19 virus.

Your Sister in Christ,

Carolyn Dove
Administrative Council Chairperson

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

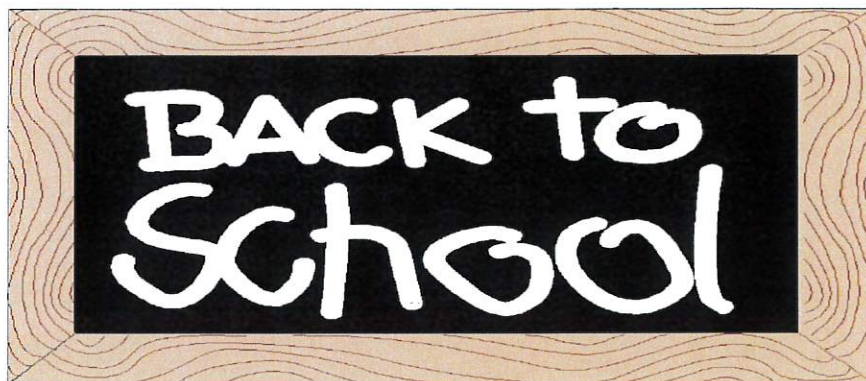
Our capital campaign projects have all been completed!

The following projects have been completed:

- The Fellowship Hall Building roof has been replaced
- The tile floor in the Fellowship Hall Building has been replaced in its entirety. This includes the floors in the big room, the hallway and the classrooms
- The interior of the Fellowship Hall Building has been completely repainted. Great care was taken to preserve the beautiful wall murals Pam Curtis painted years ago.
- The gym floor in the Family Life Center has been replaced
- The floors in the perimeter rooms of the Family Life Center have been stripped and waxed.

This has all been possible because of the generosity of our congregation in providing the necessary funding and the many hours volunteers gave to do the physical work. A huge “Thank You!” to all who contributed, whether it was with your time, your talents, or your gifts. Additional good news is all these projects were completed within our budgeted amount.

The furnishings have all been replaced in the Fellowship Hall. If you have the opportunity you should drop in and see the new look. Hopefully we will be gathering up soon and will be able to start using our renovated facilities.



**It's back to school time for the Louisiana United Methodist Children's Home.
If you would like to make a donation for school supplies please send a check to:**

**Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services
904 DeVille Lane
Ruston, LA 71270**

Please memo your check for school supplies

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September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 *Mike Luster	3 *Carolyn Martin	4	5 **Dean & Amanda Lambert
6 Preschool Open House 1-3 p.m.	7 Office Closed Labor Day	8 "Sunshine Kids" Preschool Begins Today *Susan Hills	9 *Becky Lafitte Children:K-5th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Group 6:00 p.m. Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.	14 *Bret Courtney	15	16 Children:K-5th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Group 6:00 p.m. Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 **I.D. & Betty Bostian	22 *Diane Commons	23 Children:K-5th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Group 6:00 p.m. Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	24 *Norma Rose	25 *Ellen Abington	26
27	28 Administrative Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.	29	30 *Jerry Lombard Children:K-5th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Group 6:00 p.m. Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	<div> <div> Aug 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> <div> Oct 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> </div>		

PRAYER CONCERNS

September 2020

Joys

Several volunteers stepped up to help with Video & Audio

Completed flooring, painting, roofing projects
Finding some normalcy
Strong sense of community

Church Members

Charles Enterkin
Virginia Fremaux
John Godfrey
Richard & Ann Harpel
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Shirley Lee
George Miles
Elizabeth Mitchell
Janice Rike
Kevin Troquille
Rev. Gloria Youngblood

Family of Church Members

All who are impacted by Marco & Laura

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)
Murline Finuf (Ashlee Lee's grandmother)
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Amber Gentry
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.
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
Cathy Byles
Cassidy Byles
Dudley Carver
Kathy Humphries
Sally Landry
Linda Lovett
Joella Peace
Prayers for Our World, Frontline medical workers, Law enforcement, EMT's, Children, Parents, Teachers, School Staff's, Administrators, Etc. Civic and Faith Leaders, General unrest, Gun Violence and anger, need of therapeutics and vaccine against Covid-19, Personal vigilance for all of us.
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
and Zwolle/Bayou Scie Churches

Volunteers Needed

More volunteers to help with Video & Audio
Help with Youth Ministries