

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship Broadcast -10:00a.m. KWLTV 107.1

MAY NEWSLETTER 2021

CONGRATULATIONS! This congregation is on the cusp of a major success that most churches are not able to achieve.

The typical life cycle of a church is: 1. An exciting, energetic beginning that leads to much growth. 2. Several generations of dynamic ministry in the community and in its people that changes lives and builds God's kingdom. 3. A period of plateau where things remain the same for many years. 4. A decline due to deaths, youth leaving for college and never returning "home", and a strong desire to keep church the way it's always been. 5. Death. The church shrinks so much that the congregation cannot sustain itself and its ministries.

Your Church Transformation Team validated the feelings and opinions of the congregation in January when they identified the Many church's life stage as "plateau" and began making plans to help turn things around. Most churches that reach that stage are not able to reverse the plateau and begin a new, energetic life stage. BUT YOU HAVE BEGUN TO TURN THINGS AROUND. WITH GOD'S LEADERSHIP YOU ARE REVERSING THE PLATEAU AND BEGINNING AGAIN AT STAGE 1 – AN EXCITING, ENERGETIC BEGINNING THAT LEADS TO MUCH GROWTH.

Our church-wide Church Transformation workshop Sunday afternoon, with 30 in attendance, identified the church's life stage as "on the upswing", new and exciting, and ready to embrace new ideas that will lead to growth in coming months and years. The group established some goals, and we look forward to the report that we will receive from our Transformation Coach, Serena Eckert, that will offer suggestions on how to proceed to maximize our success.

I invite you to pray, to do the hard work of changing the status quo and of moving forward into this new life stage. It will be a time of new beginnings, excitement, and some pain that comes with change --- but the results will be glorious!

See you Sunday!

Pastor Gloria

MEMORIALS:

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Brandy Simpson given by
Ted & Carolyn Dove, Ray & Nancy Spiller

Committee Meetings for May 2021

Administrative Council:

Monday, May 24th - 5:30 p.m.

Thank You

Virginia's fight with cancer began in July of last year, and it not over yet, but we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers, meals and support. She knows that God has been beside her every step of the way and that all of you have been praying for her throughout this journey. Your support has made a huge positive difference in her journey for us both. She is currently undergoing therapy in the skilled nursing wing of Community Care in Natchitoches. Please keep the prayers coming.

Fremaux Family



OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Sundays @ 11:10

Come as you are and worship
in God's beautiful outdoors.

Pick a lawn chair or sit inside your car. You can even tailgate. As the weather has warmed up, we're switching from hot cocoa to lemonade and ice water. And DONUTS, of course. There will be a meaningful message by Pastor Gloria and singing led by a variety of our talented musicians.

Sunday Bulletin Now on Website

Please check out the website for the
Sunday bulletin. Go to fumc-many.com

Prayers for Incoming Pastor & Family

The SPPR Committee is happy to announce our new pastor has been assigned. We welcome Rev. Brian Coplin and his family to the Many First United Methodist Church family. Rev. Coplin's first day will be July 1st. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare to move to Many. Let us also keep Rev. Gloria in our hearts as she plans her transition into retirement.

Brian Coplin is from West Monroe, Louisiana and has called Kentucky home for the past six years. He will complete his M.Div. degree in May 2021 at Asbury Theological Seminary and serves First UMC of Lexington, KY as Fellow and Student Pastor. Vocational ministry is a second career for Brian. He has an undergraduate degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and an M.A. from LSU. He served Monroe City School System for nearly 14 years as a school-based Speech-Language Pathologist. His wife, Monica, is a Nurse Practitioner who works full-time from home and part-time in urgent care. Their children, Jack and Anna Claire are eleven and nine. Jack loves piano and Anna Claire is an avid Girl Scout. The family cat, Duchess, is two and does nothing.



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

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

**You Are Invited to Attend
The UMW "Over Eighty" Luncheon
Thursday, May 6 at 11:30 am
Cypress Bend Resort**

**If you are over 80 we will treat you to LUNCH
Whatever your age
Come for fellowship and fun**

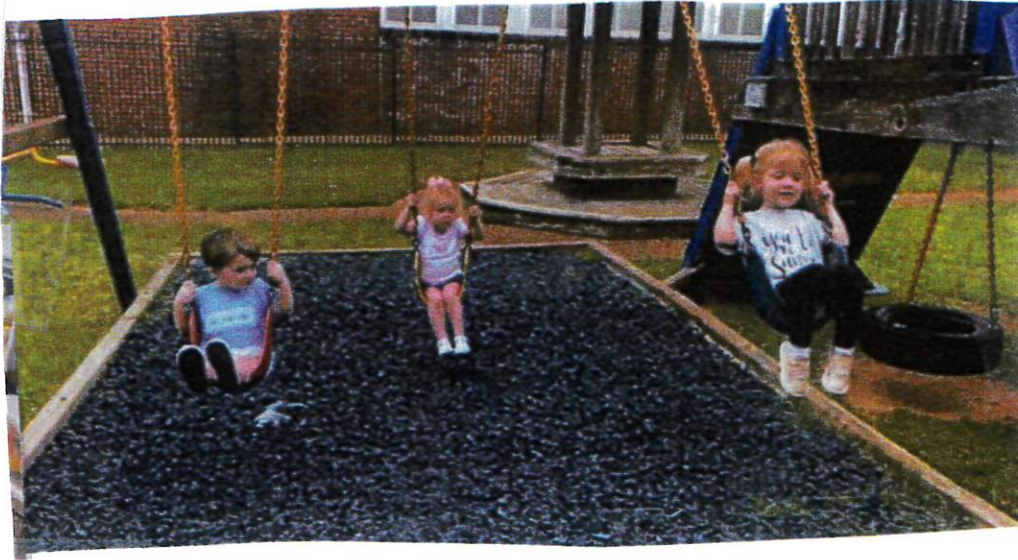
**Select One for your lunch:
Princess Salad Plate or Southwest Chopped
Salad(served with fresh rolls, tea, & dessert), Grilled
Club Sandwich or Grilled Reuben(served with
choice of French fries, house made potato chips or
fresh fruit, tea & dessert)**

**Carpool will leave the church at 11 am
Pickup service will begin at 11 am**

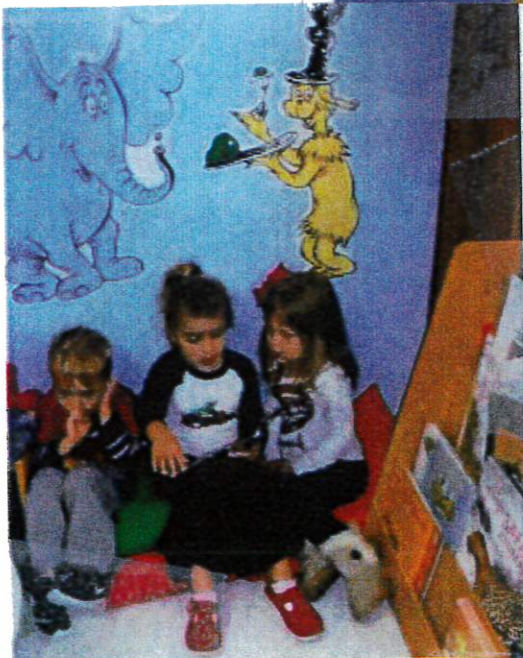
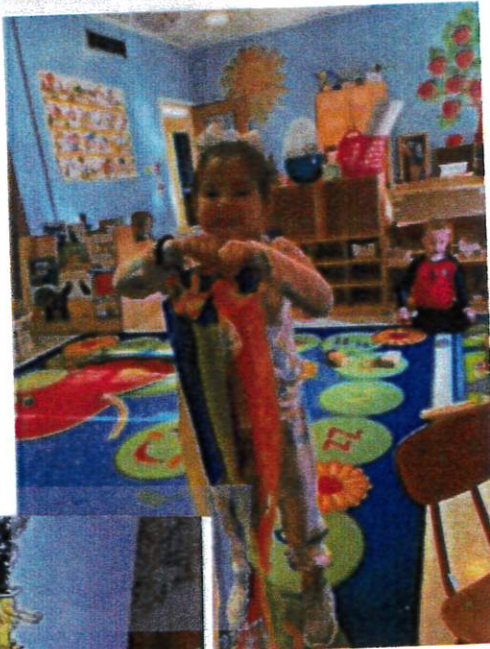
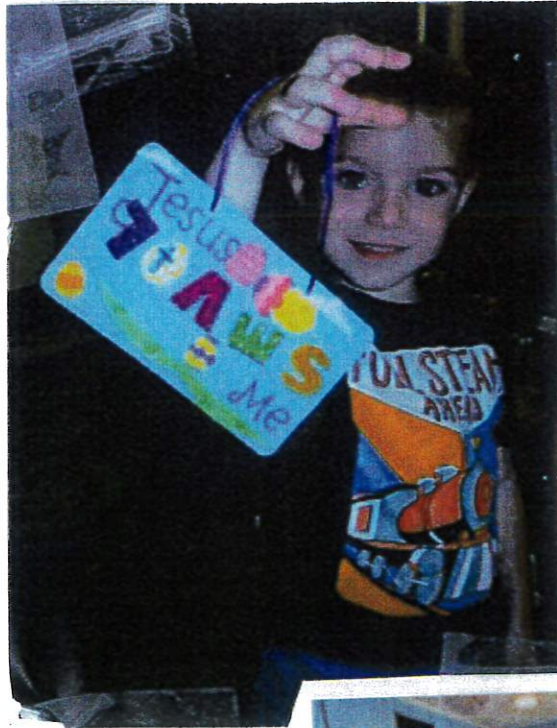
**To reserve your place at the table,
lunch selection and pickup service
Please contact Vicki Isgitt 256 9370
OR
Carolyn Dove 590 2989**

PRESCHOOL

April ushered in Easter and spring showers.
Sunshine Kids learned about Jesus & weather









Louisiana Happening Weekend

9th-12th grade:
May 28-30

Save the date

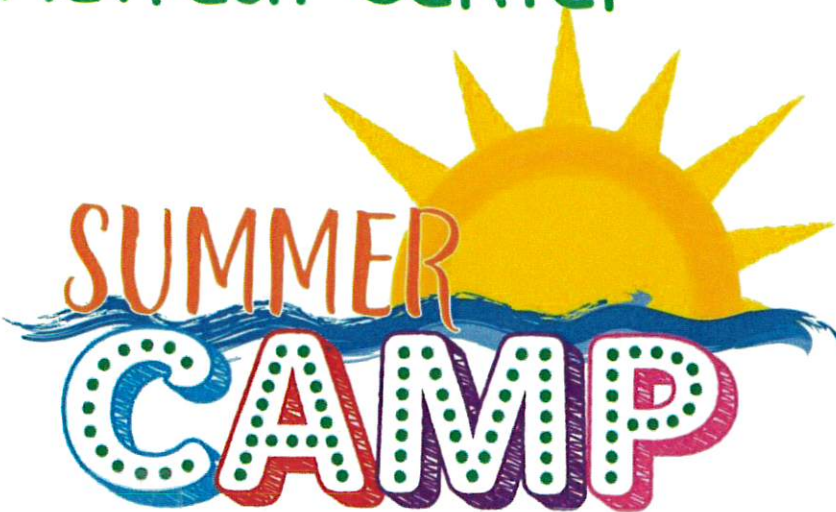
Uskichitto Retreat Center

2nd-4th grade: June 21-24

4th-6th grade: July 5-9

6th-9th grade: July 26-30

9th-12th grade: July 12-16



Youth Fundraisers

Proceeds go to Youth Activities, including Summer Church Camp.
Due to the large number of youth and children in our church, the kids are doing several fundraising events. Thank you for your support!



Saturday, May 8th



Saturday, May 15th



A Saturday in June



A Friday Lunch in June

Details are still under construction. We'll keep you posted.



VBS July 18-22 In person

This summer's VBS will be "Knights of North Castle". Please prayerfully consider helping this year. We decided that since we had to have an online VBS last year that we would have a big blowout this year. Vicki and Sarah

Volunteers Needed for VBS

Assembly leader	Recreation
Science	Tech Person
Crafts	Publicity
Bible Time	Preschool
Music	Decorations
Photographer	

Lots of Helpers (at least one in each category)

VBS Registration Form included in this newsletter.

There are forms available in the Narthex & Middle Office

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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? _____

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 *Patsy McCormick Webelo's - 4:00 p.m. - FLC	3 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC	4 *Ross Voorheis	5 Children K-4th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	6 Ladies Spring Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. UMW "Over Eighty" Luncheon - Carpool leaving church at 11:00 a.m.	7 Scouts Sale on the Trail at Ft. Jessup	8 *Brianna Damron YOUTH: Sale on Trail Bake Sale
9 MOTHER'S DAY Webelo's - 4:00 p.m. - FLC	10 5:30 PM Trustees Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC	11	12 ** Chad & Ashley Ford Children K-4th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	13 Ladies Spring Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.	14 *Elizabeth Mitchell *Nancy Spiller Women's Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	15 YOUTH: Toledo Town Bake sale
16 Webelo's - 4:00 p.m. - FLC	17 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC	18	19 Children K-4th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. PRESCHOOL PICNIC Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	20 *Claire Henry Ladies Spring Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Preschool Graduation Sanctuary	21 *Grace Kelsey Annual Conference - ZOOM	22
23 *John Migliore PENTECOST SUNDAY Webelo's - 4:00 p.m. - FLC	24 *Gay Elam Administrative Council - 5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC UMW Study @ Zwolle FUMC 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	25 *Janet Elam	26 **Chris & Susan Hill Children K-4th grade 6:00 p.m. Covenant Groups - 6:00 p.m. Meal 5:30 p.m. Teens & Tweens 6:00 p.m.	27 **Mike & Zelma Broussard Morris	28 LA Happening Weekend 9th - 12th grade	29 Scouts 2-4 p.m. - FH Turkey Toms Rental - FLC - 8:00 am
30 Webelo's - 4:00 p.m. - FLC LA Happening	31 Boy Scouts - 6:00 p.m. - FLC					

PRAYER CONCERNS

MAY 2021

Joys

Incoming Pastor

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

Church Members

I.D. & Betty Bostian
Carrie Broussard
Charles Enterkin
Sarah & Emily Erwin
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Virginia & Eugene Fremaux
Bob Gates
John & Betsy Godfrey
Richard & Ann Harpel
John Hoagland
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Shirley Lee
George & Bonnie Fox Miles
Elizabeth Mitchell
Garland Peterson
Janice Rike
Kevin Troquille
Rev. Gloria Youngblood
Members with Covid

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)
**Family of Jane Bulliard
(mother of Ted & Carolyn
Doves' son-in-law)**
Mike & Maria Butler
(Gail Thomas sister & brother-
in -law)
Cindy Wright Calhoon
(Patsy McCormick's sister)
**Beverley Carlson (Chris
Nolen's sister)**
Murline Finuf(Ashlee Lee's
grandmother)
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's
son-in-law)
Seth Freeman
Paula Hodge (mother of Ross
& Ann Williams daughter-in-
law)
Judy Boudreaux Jones
(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)
Corporal Aaron McGrew
(Virginia & Eugene's
grandson)
Kay McKey (niece of Chris &
Susan Hills)
**Layla Morris (Mike Morris
granddaughter)**
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
Melva Horton (Vicki Simpson's
friend)
Kathy Humphries
Sally Landry
Cassie LaRoux
Jerry Lehr
Justin Lincecum
Linda Lovett
Joella Peace
Prayers for Our World
impacted by Ongoing Covid
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)
Family of Rev. Terry Willis