

2024 School Year Blessing

Lord, we ask you to protect the safety and the health of students, educators, staff, and families. Prevent evil and harm from entering into schools and communities. We pray that this year is full of joy and peace.



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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Join Us For Sunday Worship!

Modern Service

9:45 a.m.

Traditional Service

11:00 a.m.



A Special Thank You

A personal thank you to all those who helped, attended, sent cards and letters, put on the reception and funeral for Cindy Cochran that I didn't send a note to.

The family appreciated all the condolences they received and couldn't believe the turn out of friends of Cindy for the funeral. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the help you have given me in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Love, Mike



**PRAYER
CORNER**

Lord our God, we long to come into your light, to live in your strength, that we may do what pleases you and furthers your kingdom on earth. Protect us from evil and do not let us be wounded by the flaming arrows of the evil one. Make paths for us whenever we do not know how to go forward. We always know you are our Father. Because you are our Father, we want to be courageous and persevere to the end so that you can make our lives bear fruit for you, to the glory of your name. Amen.

SEPT. SERMON SERIES

Top Ten List, Cont...

Pastor Lisa continues her list of favorite scriptures. This serves as a way for us to get to know her as well as a broad overview of different parts of the Bible. The additional weekly readings will explore a theme brought out by the Sunday scriptures.

Sept. 1

God's Timing

Habakkuk 2:2-4



Sept. 8

Faith and Action

James 2:14-26

Pastor Lisa wraps up the Top Ten Sermon Series. She will continue with a two-week series on Christian Communication before launching the Stewardship Sermon Series with a sermon on prayer.

Sept. 15

Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

Sept. 22

Wisdom from Above

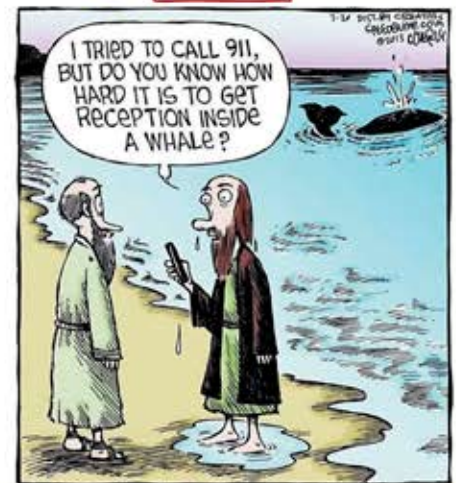
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Sept. 29

The Importance of Prayer

Matthew 6:5-13

LOL CHUCKLE CORNER



Pastor Lisa's Letter

“After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” (Luke 10:1-2, NRSV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The year is passing by quickly! Our choirs, Sunday School classes, and the children & youth programs are all back in full swing after the summer break. I have enjoyed getting to meet many of you over these past two months. You have certainly made this itinerant preacher feel right at home here.

As I have been visiting with people, one concern keeps coming up – there is not enough visiting happening for our elderly folks and those who are shut-in. I understand that at one time First UMC Slidell had an associate pastor who was responsible for pastoral care; however, without someone in that position, people are feeling neglected, and visitation is not happening like it should.

The first thing I would like to tell you is that if anyone wants a visit with me to please call the church office, and I will be more than happy to set something up. However, the need for visits is more than what I can do all by myself.

I would like to develop a team of church folks to go out and visit our shut-ins and others who might need a visit. These folks would receive training in making a visit as well as training in sharing communion with the people they are visiting. People could go out either on their own or in pairs to make a visit. I am hoping to have enough volunteers that each participant (or pair of participants) could make 1 or 2 visits a week. A team could report back to me about people who would really like to visit with me and let me know of any possible concerns folks have about the church.

Jesus sent out not only the twelve, but also a group of seventy people, two by two, to engage in ministry and share the good news. The seventy received as much as they gave in that they witnessed God do wonderful things in the places that they visited. Jesus gave all of us the job of making disciples, and part of that is taking that those who still want to be connected to the church but can't get here on Sunday morning.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this vital ministry. If you are interested in helping out or if you have more questions, please either call me or the church office. I would be happy to talk with you. Once we have a group in place, I will do the training, and regular visits will begin. I am grateful and honored to be serving as your pastor.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lisa

Everyone is invited to join us for our upcoming FIELD TRIP to tour the United Methodist Children's Home!!

Where: Loranger

When: Wednesday, Sept. 4th
Leave church parking lot at 9:00 a.m.



Bring money for a lunch stop after tour!



2024 Nativity Celebration

Christmas is only 3 1/2 months away. Many people would say "Please let's not speak of Christmas yet." I too, am one of these people, however, since I am an avid planner, I must think ahead.

I am speaking of our Christmas Nativity event. This year the event will be held in Fellowship Hall on the following days:

December 13th | 6 - 8 p.m.

December 14th | Noon - 7 p.m.

December 15th | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our Nativity event will be the same weekend that the City of Slidell will be hosting their Christmas in the Park in Griffith Park across the street. Being open these hours will allow for foot traffic from the Park to come and enjoy the beautiful Nativities.

This message will be one of several, however, mostly to send to all, a reminder to allow you to locate your Nativities and be ready when the dates for set up are announced. I had many individuals saying they wished they had participated last year, others had life happenings that didn't allow them to join us.

Anyone wishing to join me in arranging this event would be welcomed. Just call me in church office, or my cell at 504-577-2044 or email me at swalgamotte@firstumcslidell.org.

- Susan Walgamotte



The decision has been made to enjoy our lunches in a new style - **BUFFET STYLE**. In other words you will pick up your salad, go to the kitchen, be served your lunch and when you are ready deserts will be available and you can get one if you so desire. Everyone is responsible for getting their plates back to the washing tray. **The cost will be \$8.00**. For anyone who might not be aware, we need to pay Mrs. Claire for the wonderful cooking she does for us. Should there happen to be funds left over, they will go to help pay for the food served. For anyone that has difficulty getting up & down we will surely assist them.

As we gather to thank God for his amazing gifts and how he works in our lives, our Lunches will now be held the **2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 11:00AM in the Family Life Center**. We will start gathering at 11:00 AM as to allow anyone from the Bible Study Class to join us. **Our speaker in September will be Pastor Lisa Pridmore and she will begin at 11:15 AM**. Should any of you have ideas for speakers please feel free to arrange for them or activities make the plans. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me in the church office or my cell 504-577-2044 or by email swalgamotte@firstumcslidell.org

Pastor Lisa is looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying a wonderful meal with all of you. Faith Believers has the desire to be inclusive, not exclusive, so everyone is welcome to join us for great food and fellowship! Thank you, FAITH BELIEVERS



"Fix Dat Group Fellowship Breakfast" will resume in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 10th at 8:00 a.m.

We will repeat this on the 2nd Tuesday of the following months: October, November, January, February, March, April, and May.

We will also be assisting with "The Pumpkin Patch" on the following dates:

- **Saturday, September 14th @ 9 a.m.**
Attic supplies, storage unit supplies and lighting set-up.
- **Saturday, September 21st @ 9 a.m.**
Pallets & spools set up and pick up 8 bales of hay from Lewis Trailer Sales.
- **Saturday, September 28th @ 9 a.m.**
Delivery of Pumpkins.





KIDS CLUB Sundays 9:45 a.m.

- Pre-K 3/4 & Kindergarten
Room 501
- Grades 1-6
Treehouse Room



KIDS CHURCH Sundays 11:00 a.m.

- Gather in Sanctuary, then
to the Treehouse Room



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SMALL GROUP Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

- Media Room

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTS SEPT. 29TH!

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Media Room



Ages 7th and 8th grade are welcome, please let Lisa Carlton or Abby Wright, know if you are interested!

Mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat!

Oct 27th from 5-7 p.m.
in the back parking lot.



We will have candy donation buckets set up in the Narthex and in the passageway on Sept. 15- Oct. 20. Please reach out to Lisa Carlton if you would like to participate!

For More Information:



Lisa Carlton
985.966.8660



YOUTH SUNDAY CLASS | 11:00 a.m. YOUTH SUNDAY EVENING CLASS | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

- Youth Room (Back of Gym)

As we transition from summer to fall, let us not forget that we can never fall short of God's love for us. Pastor Lisa's sermon on Romans 8:31-39 was one of our favorites so far.

August and September are bittersweet for us. We send off our seniors into the world to do GREAT things and welcome our sixth graders. We already miss them! Go out into the world and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

We will be off on Labor Day weekend (September 1st).

We will have a "scavenger hunt" on September 8th. Come check out our updated bulletin board outside of the Family Life Center where we post upcoming events and most importantly what we'll be eating that week.

If you or someone you know is going into the 6th - 12th grade, we would love for you to join us!

For More Information:



crossroads@firstumcslidell.org

- 1 Timothy 4:12 - "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."



A Note From Nathan

Exciting things are happening in our music ministry! Choir Rehearsal has resumed and takes place every Wednesday at 7 pm in the Music Suite. The choir is sounding fantastic, and we're thrilled to be back together making joyful music!

Our Praise Band rehearsals have now moved to Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We're having a blast, and there's always room for more musicians—especially guitarists, drummers, and bass players. If you play, we'd love to have you join us!

In our traditional service, the choir will be sharing an anthem every other Sunday. If you're interested in performing a solo, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'd love to help you share your gift with the congregation.

Music is such a vital part of our worship, and it's important to me that we sing songs that resonate with you. Please email or call me with any favorite songs you'd like to hear on a Sunday morning.

I look forward to continuing to build God's kingdom together here in wonderful Slidell!

 **Nathan**
(601) 297-8061

 **nathand.sumrall@gmail.com**



GROWING OUR HANDBELL MINISTRY!



Join us as we resume our weekly rehearsals
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th | 7:00 PM in the Music Suite!

WELCOME NEW RINGERS OR EXPERIENCED RINGERS, YOUNG RINGERS (YOUTH 6TH GRADE OR OLDER) AND ADULTS (ANY AGE!)

Pick your level of participation:
--monthly anthem
--seasonal music
--community outreach
--daytime activities

BRING A FRIEND! We LOVE to ring!

Contact Director Barbara Williams!

 (985) 768-2407
Text or leave a message

 **barbara.williams110@gmail.com**

What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation.

Let all things be done for building up.

- 1 Corinthians 14:26



Let's rock n' roll (for Jesus)!

Our YOUTH MUSIC program has really come a long way in just a few short months! We have youth playing entire songs on instruments that are brand new to them (or old friends).

THERE IS STILL SO MUCH OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE --- **WE NEED SINGERS, OTHER INSTRUMENTALISTS AND ALL THE IDEAS.**

WE ARE MOVING OUR MEETING TIME TO **TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 IN THE MUSIC SUITE STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 3.**

Please send your junior- or senior-high schooler to join us! Got questions? Call or text Sarah Malasovich at 985-707-3363.

September Singer Spotlight

Lisa Meredith



How long have you been singing?

I was always involved in making music with my family growing up, but I didn't start singing seriously until I joined Second Presbyterian Church choir in Norfolk, VA in 1979.

What do you like most about First Church?

The excellent choir and music at FUMC is what inspired me to join this church (2011?) I like the mission-mindedness, the solid Christian foundation of our congregation and our presence in the community.

What is your occupation?

I am a full time wife/mother of two/grandmother of five and a retired Lifetime Fitness Consultant and Trainer for Body Recall, Inc.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are singing, theater, working jigsaw puzzles, traveling, and playing games of all kinds- from cards to board games to pickleball to video games.

Favorite anthem we have sung?

My favorite anthem? Most of them!

Your Mission Coins at Work

Have you ever wondered what is done with the mission coins collected in the jar in the church narthex?

The Missions Committee became aware of the many homeless teens in St. Tammany Parish Schools. (At one point last year, there were 85 kids in this situation. It is an ever-changing number.) We have been in close communication with one of the Mental Health Professionals (MHP) that serves Slidell High School and Salmen. She explained that she works with the K.I.T. program, Kids in Transition. This program provides lunch, uniforms, school supplies and most importantly an MHP available to the kids. Homeless situations vary.

- Some examples for an “unaccompanied youth” exist when a child is in a temporary home situation living with someone who is not a biological parent. This could be caused by a parent(s) being deceased, hospitalized, running from domestic abuse, or parents unavailable due to drugs.
- Some examples for an “accompanied youth” that qualify for the program may include a family living in a shelter, a tent, or a hotel room.

As you know, there are many other needs of teens, some as basic as toilet paper, laundry detergent, socks, clothes, and mostly transportation. These kids need transportation to things as basic as ACT testing, work, and sometimes school. One story that was shared was about a senior in high school, with great grades whose ultimate goal is to attend medical school. For her to get the preparation courses, she is having to take some classes at another school. A bus takes her to the second school, but she has no transportation back across town to where she is living. Her life saver is sometimes an Uber gift card.

Through your donations of mission coins and Pumpkin Patch earnings, the Missions committee has been able to help meet some of these special needs. (Inquirer’s Sunday School class has also helped with this project due to the sale of nuts).

We want to thank you all for your generosity and support of these missions programs. This is your mission work!

Carol Broussard
Missions Member



got change?
Your spare change can
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please drop your coins (or cash) in the jar located in the Narthex!

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE USING ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED TO FUND HOMELESS TEENS OF ST. TAMMANY!

 **NAMI** | Family Support Group
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Free In-Person & Online Support

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
7:00-8:30 p.m. | ROOM 302

This group is facilitated by NAMI trained individuals who have family members with mental illness. The group draws on collective experience and wisdom as they discuss mental health issues and find solutions in a confidential setting.



Contact Carol Broussard at
504.231.3100 for more information.



Feed Dat Ministry
Distributing food to those in need one bag at a time!

THURSDAYS
9-11 AM

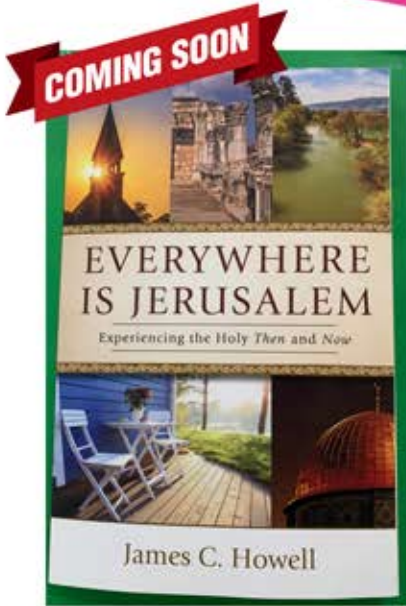
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please Consider Volunteering Your Time with Feed Dat Ministry. We have the following volunteer opportunities available every week:

WEDNESDAY
8:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Food Delivery



THURSDAY
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Distribution



In "Everywhere is Jerusalem", James Howell takes us on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places they happened. You will also find God calling you to bring your own faith to life right where you are right now.

Coming in September!

Contact Rick Rawle for more information.
Rick.rawle@outlook.com
 985-285-1027



Congratulations
Valeia



on your
Baptism
 during our
8/11
 service!



While planning for this year's program, it occurred to us that we would be able to welcome our new pastor with a six-week welcome party! Pastor Lisa took advantage of the time to visit with many at the dinners and attend all the different groups from one week to the next.

Many thanks go to all who made this adventure happen. A month before we started, Marlene kept track of the registration. On Wednesday afternoons, Carol, Jane, Ann, Julie and Roxanne helped with the set up and decoration of the tables in the Family Life Center bringing items from home or doing some shopping during the week before. Ms. Claire filled our bellies with delicious meals and with the help of many attendees picked up and cleaned up. A BIG thank you to Nicole for staying until the kitchen was back in order! Rick, Kay and Penn prepared for lessons and group sessions which were enriching and enjoyable. And last but not least, thank you to the ENTIRE church staff who helped with preparation, organization, announcements, advertisements, set-up, leading groups, emceeing and anything asked of them. You are truly wonderful!!!



The music class shared their talents in worship on August 11th. It seems that they had a wonderful time. Thank you!

Additional Announcements



OCTOBER 5, 2024
11AM-4PM
FREE ADMISSION / TICKETS SOLD \$1 EACH
*MOST ACTIVITIES/FOOD RANGE BETWEEN 1-10 TICKETS

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

First United Methodist Church of Slidell • 433 Erlanger Street • Slidell, LA 70458

Free Admission and Activities Include:
DJ • St Tammany Parish Library • Fire Truck
SWAT Vehicle • Help for Families Community Fair
Firefighter's Challenge and much more....

Ticketed Activities Include:
Hay Dig • Arts & Crafts • Pony Rides • Hay Rides
Pumpkin Chunkin • Bounce House • Food • Sweet Treats
Youth Entrepreneur Village • Velcro Wall • Cupcake Walk
Pumpkin Decorating and much more....

Proceeds to benefit East St. Tammany Rainbow Child Care Center For additional information contact 985.646.0718 or email at rainbowchildcarecenter@yahoo.com

ATTENTION Generation X'ers and Millennials!

FUMC is starting a singles group. The group's aim will be socializing and participating in service projects with like-minded individuals. Right now, we're looking to form a committee of both men and women who will meet once a month to brainstorm events and projects to promote socialization and goodwill.

This group will be open to anyone, not just members of our church. So, if you are interested in joining the committee or have a child, sibling, neighbor, co-worker, or best friend who has been wanting to get involved but can't seem to find people who can relate to the eighties and nineties, we're looking for you!

Please contact Stephanie @limelady72@yahoo.com.
Please write "committee" in the subject line.





2 SPOTS OPEN! FOR ART!

Nelle Landry will be teaching **Art Lessons** for six **Thursdays** beginning **Sept. 19th -Oct. 24th!**

Kids grades 2nd -6th are invited to join us from 4:30-5:30 in the Art Room.

Want to register?
Contact Marlene Rawle at 985-640-0427.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BIKES!



I hope this message finds you in good spirits! You might have seen me around campus with my bike.

I have had her since my first semester at SLU (Fall 2019) and she has been an excellent resource for going to classes, work, practice and other places like downtown Hammond, the public library and the post office. Because I know the impact a bike can have on in international student's life, I am happy to share that I am leading "Bikes Without Borders," a scholarship created with the help of community members to assist international lions who do not have motorized transportation. We need your help! If you have a used/new bike or want to help with this project, please email me at thais.gomes@selu.edu or call/ text me at (985)788-8205.

We have more than 47 applicants, and any help will make a difference. Thank you for your time and have a great rest of your day.

Kairos Campus Ministry
Thais Lindemayer Gomes
Graduate Student

If you have a bike in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact Carol Broussard at 504-231-3100.



Beginning September 28th, our campus will once again be filled with thousands of pumpkins for our beloved annual Pumpkin Patch!

Last year we raised over \$15,500 for local and global charities! This year Missions will be supporting - St. Marks UMC Feeding Ministry, Kairos Prison Ministry, Community Christian Concern, Safe Harbor, New Orleans Mission, Giving Hope Retreat, Homeless Teens of St. Tammany, One Way Love, Safe Harbor, Feed Dat Food Distribution, Living Hope Ministry, East St. Tammany Rainbow Child Care, Boys and Girls Club, Methodist Children's Home, Family Promise of St. Tammany, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Giving Hope Retreat, Cuba Sister Church Covenant and United Methodist Committee on Relief.

None of this is possible without the prayers and volunteer support of our congregation. From setting up the lights to unloading the 18-wheelers to selling the pumpkins, we need your help. Volunteer opportunities exist for set-up, unloading, working the patch, day captains and bakers.

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Saturday, September 14th @ 9 a.m.**
Attic supplies, storage unit supplies and lighting set-up.
- **Saturday, September 21st @ 9 a.m.**
Pallets & spools set up.
- **Saturday, September 28th @ 9 a.m.**
Delivery of Pumpkins.
- **Saturday, September 28th - Thursday, October 31st**
Shifts Available to sell pumpkins during Operating Hours.



BAKERS... WE NEED YOU!

Sign-up begins:
September 8th

Text Rita Floberg at
504-559-1624 to sign
up to make baked
goods!

Sign-up sheets will be located in the breezeway between services and in the church office during the week!

Contact **MARLENE ALONZO** with questions! marlenedalonzo@gmail.com | 985.789.1033



Come Pick Your Perfect Pumpkin!

Sept. 28th - Oct. 31st

- Operating Hours -

Mon. - Fri. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

433 Erlanger Ave. | Slidell

It's Time To Get EXCITED!
FUMC's Pumpkin Patch is coming soon!





Cub Scout Pack 562
 A new family pack is opening
 at FUMC!
 Welcoming kids from K-5th
 grade. More info soon!

Cubmaster: Sherry Fischer
 Email: SlidellPack562@gmail.com

Did you know Eight Billionaires are Eagle Scouts?!? Scouts BSA teaches skills to last a lifetime. Those who earn Eagle Scout have some serious upsides to look forward to!

Scouting America

\$ Invest in Your Future! \$

- 1 Eagle Scouts qualify for hundreds of scholarships available only to them. One organization, National Eagle Scout Association, awarded \$536,000 just last year.
- 2 Eagle Scouts have a better chance to get into the college of their choosing. Colleges tend to look favorably upon Eagle Scouts.
- 3 Eagle Scouts have a higher chance of getting a well-paying job. Employers have been known to check a stack of resumes for applications from Eagle Scouts.
- 4 Eagle Scouts enter the workforce with higher than average pay. All government jobs, including military, give Eagle Scouts a paygrade two steps higher.
- 5 Eagle Scouts are smart with their money. Eight Eagle Scouts have gone on to be Billionaires.
- 6 Eagle Scouts earn practical skills that will last them a lifetime!

Scouts BSA Troop 562
 Meetings are on Mondays at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center (gym) of First United Methodist Church in Old Town.
 Follow us on Facebook - SlidellTroop562@gmail.com

We are recruiting ALL youth ages 10-17.

Scouts BSA Troop 562 is in full recruit mode!

We'll be at several local schools this month!



Check out our calendar! We'll be staying busy!



Troop 562B/G Calendar

First United Methodist Church, Slidell, LA

Aug 1:	Recruitment (Potential) – Slidell High Freshmen Orientation 6pm-8:30pm
Aug 1:	Scout Scarf Day
Aug 2-4:	Optional Activity - OA Summer Fellowship
Aug 5:	Meeting – Rank Advancement
Aug 6:	Recruitment Approved- Slidell Jr High Tiger Walk 5pm-7pm
Aug 8:	First Day of School Smart Start Last Names A-L
Aug 9:	First Day of School Smart Start Last Names M-Z
Aug 11:	<u>Tentative</u> Cub scouts sign up night. 6pm @ FUMC
Aug 12:	<u>Committee Meeting. No Scout planned activities.</u>
Aug 19:	Meeting – Scout Skills Review
Aug 26:	*Meeting – AOL Den Visit. Scout Skills. All Scouts needed*
Sept 2:	No Meeting (Labor Day)
Sept 6-8:	Camping - @ Vbar Shoot Swim and Climb
Sept 7:	Recruiting – Summertime Marketplace @ the Harbor Center 9-4:30
Sept 9:	Meeting – <u>Visit at Slidell Museum</u>
Sept 16:	Meeting – Merit Badge/ CoH Prep
Sept 20-21:	Court of Honor followed by a Lock In
Sept 23:	Meeting – <u>Visit Slidell Airport</u>
Sept 28:	Pumpkin Unload 8am All Hands On Deck!
Sept 28:	Optional Activity - Zoofari @ Audubon Zoo
Sept 30:	Meeting – Merit Badge

We are always recruiting ALL youth ages 10-17! Come Adventure with us!
 For more information please email
SlidellTroop562@gmail.com.



A "Christmas in August" Update

As the month of August comes to a close, the finance committee would like to give a resounding thank you to this congregation! At the beginning of the month, we came to you asking that you prayerfully consider additional gifts this month as part of our "Christmas in August" campaign. This call to action stemmed from an unexpected rise in insurance costs after our wind and hail policy was cancelled, forcing us to find new coverage. We had set a goal of \$80,000 to quickly restore some working capital and meet obligations that we knew were forthcoming.

As of the time of this writing there is still 1 week left in the month, however we have already been blessed by gifts that have **exceeded our expectations and surpassed the \$100,000 mark!** This has allowed us to pay our flood insurance premium of \$28,000 and stabilize cash flow as we head into the remainder of the year. We know that many of the same issues we are experiencing as a church with unexpected rising costs are also being seen by the congregation in their personal finances as well, and we thank you for the sacrifices you have made to help make this campaign a success. **Thank you, thank you, thank you for stepping up for this campaign and blessing this church with these gifts!**

Prison Ministry Opportunity

October 10th – 13th

God's Special Time - Kairos #31 at Rayburn Correctional Center

Roger Meredith & Rich Jeppesen will be going INSIDE to share the Love of Jesus!

Want to participate in Prison Ministry without going INSIDE?

Here's How:

- Bake chocolate chip cookies, Rodger & Rich need 30 – 1 dozen zip-lock freezer bags of cookies by October 6th.
- Sign up for prayer chain time slots to pray for the offenders and team members at RCC.
 - Write note cards to an Offender, a child of God you don't know, expressing God's love for them, signed with your first name only
 - (no other identifying info). 30 Offenders will be attending this Kairos.
 - Make a financial donation to this ministry (Check to FUMC, memo Kairos)



The Offenders who attend Kairos are more successful in returning home, starting a new life in comparison to Offenders who don't attend Kairos. This ministry improves our Community!

BACK TO SCHOOL

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Classmates	Math	Playground	School Bus	Backpack
Classroom	Homework	Learning	Scissors	Students
Friends	Markers	Pencils	Reading	Science
Teacher	School	Books	Paper	Glue



September Events

SEPT. 2ND

Church
Office
Closed!



SEPT. 3RD

Preschool Begins



7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Room 302

SEPT. 4TH

Field Trip to
United Methodist
Children's Home

9:00 a.m.
Meet at church
parking lot

SEPT. 5TH



Welkin Handbells
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Music Suite

SEPT. 10TH



Fellowship
Breakfast
8:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

SEPT. 11TH



Luncheon
11:00 a.m.
Family Life Center

SEPT. 14TH



Set up lighting for
Pumpkin Patch.
9:00 a.m.

SEPT. 19TH



Art Lessons Begin
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Art Room

SEPT. 21ST



Set up pallets
and spools for
Pumpkin Patch.
9:00 a.m.

SEPT. 28TH



Unloading of 1st
Pumpkin Delivery.
9:00 a.m.

SEPT. 28TH



9:00 a.m. -
6:00 p.m.

SEPT. 29TH



Confirmation
Class Begins
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Media Room

GOOD THINGS AHEAD Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

1st

NAMI

19th



27th

Commitment
Sunday- **ONLY**
1 SERVICE!



31st



NOVEMBER

3rd

All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Ends

5th

NAMI

7th

Chimes Class Begins

8th

Lifeline Screening

28th



30th

Hanging of the Greens
Family Event



DECEMBER

13th

14th

15th



Nativity
Celebration

6 - 8 p.m.
Noon - 7 p.m.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

15th

Lessons and Carols
Music Event

T.B.A.

24th



THREE
SERVICES

3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

25th





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