



The Messenger

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THE ROAD TO DISCIPLESHIP

Have you ever wondered how to grow in your relationship with God? How do we nurture and feed that spiritual hunger inside?

Well, if you've wondered about that, you are not alone. In fact, that's what John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was all about. He had a "method" of growing in our discipleship that can be summed up in the question we ask when someone joins the church. The question is traditionally referred to as our "vows of church membership", but I like to think of it as more of a blueprint for Discipleship. That's why I ask, "will you grow in your Discipleship through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?"

This fall we are going to take a month to focus on each one of those "roads to Discipleship." The emphases of the next few months will be:

August: Prayer. Be sure to come to our day-long Breakthrough Prayer retreat with Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey on August 16th, and join us on Sunday evenings as I teach a class on basic approaches to prayer.

September: Presence. We will be building up to National Back to Church Sunday on September 21st. Watch the newsletter and emails for more details.

October: Giving. Beginning with John 3:16 we will be focusing on how God so loved the world that He gave...and that giving is the natural response to loving.

November: Service. How appropriate in those weeks leading up to Thanksgiving to focus on how we can express our gratitude to God through serving others.

December: Witness. Did you know that the #1 time of the year that someone will say "yes" to an invitation to church is on Christmas Eve? What a great month to witness to our faith!

Whew! It will be a busy fall! But I am confident that, as we continue to walk down the paths of discipleship, the Holy Spirit will come alongside us and guide us all the way. I hope you join us for the journey.

See you in worship on Sunday!

God Bless,

Lynne

*Mark
Your
Calendar*

*Girls'
Night
Out*

HUB CHARGE CONFERENCE
Monday, Nov 10, 2014
7PM
Location TBD



Cancer Support Group

Thursday, August 7

7:00 PM

All are welcome to attend

First United Methodist Church
404 Azalea
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
979 297-3046

**GET
RID OF
YOUR
STUFF**

**Our Market Days fundraiser will be
held Sept 5-7 in Wesley Hall**

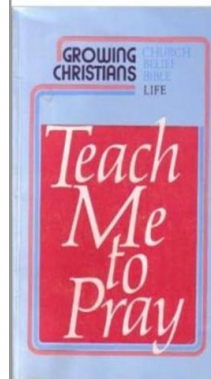
Please call the church office to find out
dates and times for when you can
drop off your 'gently used' items.

Friday, August 22 - 5:30PM

Picket Fence - Clute

**For more information and/or reservations this
time, call Karen Bowman @ 297-5922 or email
krnbowman@comcast.net**

"Teach Me to Pray"
a prayer study led by Dr. Settlemeyre



Every Sunday evening in August we'll meet
in Wesley Hall at 5:00 for a light supper,
then begin the program by 5:30.
The children are welcome to join us for
dinner, and then we'll have special activi-
ties planned just for them.

Reserve your spot today by calling the church office at
(979) 297-3046, sending an email to lifumc@lifumc.org
or you can respond via your attendance sheet during
this Sunday's service.

Please be sure to tell us how many will be attending as
well as how many children so we can plan accordingly.



Breakthrough Prayer Workshop

Saturday, August 16 9AM-2PM

404 Azalea

Lake Jackson, TX

*Join First United Methodist Church of Lake
Jackson in welcoming Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey
as she leads a Breakthrough Prayer workshop
for us in our fellowship hall.*

*"All it takes is one leader, you, to start to prac-
tice the lifestyle of a breakthrough leader," Nil-
son Kibbey said. "The world has yet to see what
God can do through us" when we are open to
breakthrough movements of the Spirit.*

Please RSVP to church office by August
14 if you plan to attend.
Lunch and childcare will be provided.



SYMPATHIES



On the death of:

ALBERT M. PERKINS

Condolences can be sent to his sister:

Shirley Rylander
108 Mist Flower
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

MEMORIALS

The following donation was recently received in memory of:



MARTHA WILLIAMS

by
Robert & Elizabeth McClure

Welcome John!

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee would like to introduce the newest member of our church staff, Rev. John Settlemire. John is an ordained United Methodist elder and is married to our Senior Pastor. They have two children – Virginia, a teacher in a KIPP charter school, and Tommy, a student majoring in physics at Texas A&M University.

John is a graduate of Texas A&M University (*pause for whoops & wild applause*). He earned the Master of Divinity degree from SMU's Perkins' School of Theology and the Master of Education in Counseling degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Over the past thirty years, John served in a half dozen pastoral appointments in the Nacogdoches and Beaumont districts. He also served several years in the pastoral counseling field –

working both in a psychiatric hospital and a pastoral counseling center. For several years, he served as the Business Administrator at Greggton UMC in Longview, where his wife served as Senior Pastor. So, you see, Lynne and John have a lot of experience serving churches together.

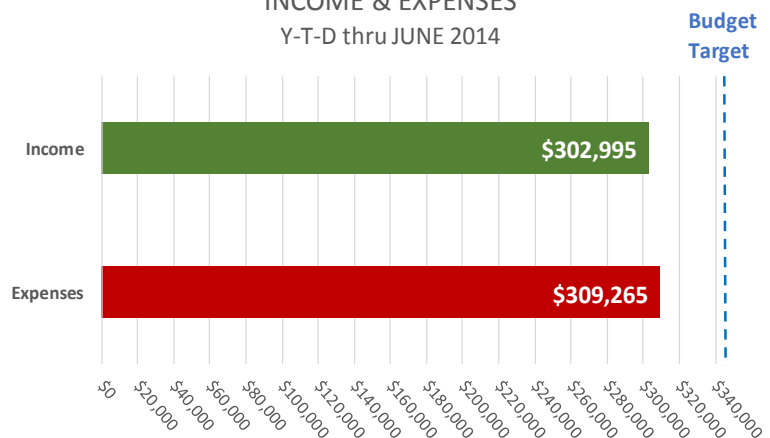
You will be interested to know that John is "Honorably Located" here in our church and not appointed. A number of years ago, he stepped out of the official appointment system in order to attend to the businesses owned by his extended family. We also want to note that John fully understands our current financial situation and has agreed to work for a miniscule salary for now.

John's passion in ministry is financial stewardship and how the Holy Spirit miraculously transforms God's tithes and our offerings into spiritual gifts for both giver and receiver. He will be working for us part-time by attending to the temporal affairs of the church. This will give Lynne more time for pastoral care.

Will you say **YES**
to giving a
"13 MONTH"
offering in 2014?

Please contact the church office today for information on how you can participate in this FUMC endeavor.

INCOME & EXPENSES Y-T-D thru JUNE 2014





Ministry Moments...

Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Who Habitat Serves

Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County has built approximately 87 houses for low and very-low income families in Brazoria County area by providing affordable homeownership opportunities to low-income families who meet three criteria:

- Earn an income between 30%-60% of area median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - Have a need for housing.
 - Are willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity and contribute hundreds of hours of sweat equity hours to the construction of their own home, or their neighbor's home.
- Based on these criteria our volunteer-based Family Selection Committee recommends families that will work to build a community of active homeowners.

How Habitat Works

Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County approaches the challenge of providing affordable homeownership opportunities to low-income families in an innovative way. Affordable homes are built using a large amount of volunteer labor, donated funds and materials. The homes are sold at no interest to qualifying low-income families.

Volunteering

Volunteers play a critical role in our programs, and are involved in every aspect of our work, including:

- Home construction
- Work to select families
- Support partner families in community building efforts
- Drive fundraising efforts
- Work on advocacy and community outreach
- And more...

Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County

12 Circle Way
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
Phone: 979-285-2800



Habitat for Humanity of Southern Brazoria County recruits large numbers of volunteers to help construct Habitat homes, and in so doing strives to promote volunteerism as a collective community value.

"Ministry Moments" highlights specific areas of ministry within FUMC and the surrounding community. If you are interested in learning more about how you can become a volunteer and help others, please call the church office, (or specific contacts listed with each feature, if applicable).

Visit our website for information on:



You may also view Lynne's recent sermons by clicking on "Media", then "Video Sermons".



www.ljfumc.org

New Members...



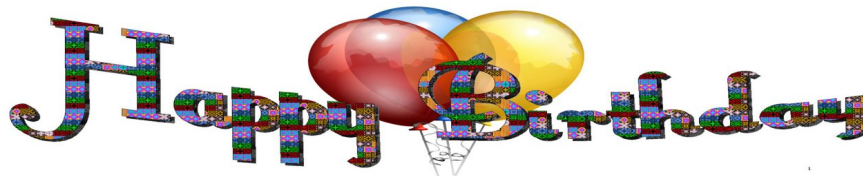
John Settlemyre

Jeanne Connolly

Colleen Connolly (*children, Isaiah & Ariel*)

Patty Hazelrigg

Brenda Genant

in **AUGUST****August 1:**

Megan Janecek
Alyssa Closs
Alexandra Rodriguez

August 2:

Heather Patrick
Trayce Quisenberry
Mike Wilson
Leroy Linder
Ralph Hendricks
John Settlemyre

August 3:

Becky Williams
Ryan Woodard

August 4:

Nancy Bacon
Judy Morrow

August 5:

Robert Patton
Carol Escuriex
Margie Miles
Julie Woodard

August 6:

Colton Lackey
Sandy Reinhart
Leslie Coleman

August 7:

Laura Clapp
Rogers Michna
Anna Magallanes
Kori Seiwel

August 8:

Amanda VanDorn
Perry Carter
Lisa Gibson

Peggy Wille
Kailey Aycock
Kathy Logan
Ann Orr
Nick Sanders

August 10:

Dolly Stallings
Marvin Merchant
JoAnn Zimmerman

August 11:

Thomas Taroni
Drew Cameron

August 13:

Jack Miller
Kristina Johnston
Kathy Goolsby
Phyllis Frazier
Bill Kees
John Middleton

August 14:

Andrew McRoberts
Dr. Frank Grady

August 15:

Brad Miles
Pat Kennedy
Jeff Fry
Connie Gaubatz
Brenton Reimschissel
Reagan Major

August 16:

Robin Pelton

August 17:

Monica Overman
Megan Overman
Billy Easter
Clydene Kees
Elizabeth Anne Hanson

August 18:

Allison Percival
Amanda Wood
Charlene Laxton
Paul Smith

August 19:

Kathryn Miles
Valerie Larson

August 20:

Nina Kirk

August 21:

Shannon Gonzales

August 22:

Jackson Solyom
Drew Kathleen McRoberts
Tracie Nichols
David Rios

August 23:

Leslie Pate
Bobbie Nell Higgins

August 24:

Kristin Wright
Bob Hanson
Phyllis Strong
Chris Edinger

August 25:

I.G. Finley

August 26:

Alice Lentz

August 27:

Donna Leist
Justin Evans
Ron Stanford
Bill Brown
Kayli Seiwel

August 28:

James Carter
Lori Moon

August 29:

Michael Lee

August 30:

Sheryl Broadus

August 31:

John Lafleur
Paul Bartlett
Robert Hicks
Mimi Valek
Shelly Millar



Invite
A
Friend!

SUNDAY, AUG 10
5PM

Combined Youth event at
FUMC - Angleton

"MUD FEST"

SUNDAY, AUG 17
Stay tuned for more details!

LOCK-IN

BOYS
ONLY!

FRIDAY, AUG 22
&
SATURDAY, AUG 23

Chapelwood UMC
Cost: \$20 per person
Scholarships available



Connect with The Awakening Youth Group on Facebook!



Submerge

It's almost time for the new year of Submerge to start at First UMC. Submerge is a fellowship ministry for all kids in the 5th and 6th grades. We will have our first meeting on Sunday, September 14th from 3:45 to 4:55pm. We will be Submerged in Living Water (*details coming later*). If you have a child that will be in the 5th or 6th grade during the 2014-2015 school year, please be sure that I have your contact information. Call or email me at copeland.kim@att.net or 832-741-3932. Look for the full Fall schedule in the September newsletter. Kim Copeland



R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Everyone wants respect but it's not always easy to give respect. People sometimes do and say things that might anger or hurt us. Sometimes people make us do things we don't want to do. The Bible encourages us to seek respect and show it to everyone. Our monthly verse for August is:

1Peter 2:17 - Show proper respect to everyone.

Come and learn the Bible stories!

Week 1- Matthew 8:5-13 Centurion/sick servant-asks Jesus for help

Respect God because He's in charge of everything.

Week 2- Romans 13:1-5 What Paul says about respect
Respect those who are in charge.

Week 3- 1 Samuel 24 David running from King Saul
Respect those who are in charge, even when they don't deserve it.

Week 4- James 3:9-12 Our words can glorify God or not glorify

Respect others with your words.

Week 5- James 2:1-5 People are valuable to God so show respect to all

Respect others because they are important to God.

So as you get ready to go back to school, let's remember who is in charge. Respect those in charge because they know God - the One that is in charge of everything.

Respecting God Always,
Kimberly Bowers
FUMC
Children's Ministry Director



UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS:



Sunday, August 10

TEACHER TRAINING

12Noon - 1:15PM

Asbury Room

Training for Sunday School and Children's Ministry volunteers. ALL teachers must attend! If you are interested in working with the children of FUMC, please plan to attend and find out how you can serve.

Lunch will be provided.



Prayer Workshop for Kids

August 16 9am - 2pm

As parents meet with Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, children will meet to learn about praying from a child's perspective. There will be games, activities, lunch, and crafts.

A nursery will be provided for children up to age 4. Joy Ministry care will be provided also, if needed. Call the church office today to reserve your spot.



August 15- Family Swim Day

& Picnic at the Park

Clute Pool 5 - 7PM

Swim from 5 - 6PM

*Children/ youth of all ages
(Preschool age may attend with parents)*

Hotdogs/ trimmings at pavilion across from Clute Park

*Come play with friends/ fellowship with
other church families*

Bring chips or a dessert to share!



Sunday, August 24

BLESSING OF THE

BACKPACKS

9AM & 11AM

All children are invited to bring their back-to-school backpack with them to church that day as we say a special prayer and ask God to bless the children and teachers during the new school year about to begin.



Promotion Sunday

August 24

10AM

***Under Construction...
Building a Strong Foundation***

All children ages 2nd - 6th grades are invited to join us in Wesley Hall for devotions/ activities.

Let your lives be built on Him.
Colossians 2:7

Children's Council Meeting- Room 14

August 27

7:00-8:30pm

All adults interested in planning children's activities, come share your ideas. We'd love to have you join us as we plan our Fall events and others.

Teach Me to Pray

with Dr. Lynne Settlemyre

August 3,10,17,24,31 (Sunday evenings)

5:00-8:00 pm. Wesley Hall

A study for children about prayer in conjunction with the adult study.

A nursery will be provided for children up to age 4. Joy Ministry care will be provided also, if needed. Call the church office today to reserve your spot.

Meals provided with families together.



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH,
LAKE JACKSON,
TEXAS**



**First Church strives
to be like Jesus!**

- Praising God!
- Teaching God's Word!
- Loving one another!
- Strengthening families!
- Sharing the Good News!

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NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Kids and parents are getting ready to head back to school soon. Perhaps now is the season for us all to gear up and head back to church, as well! Besides being a great place to learn good moral values, studies show attending church makes you healthier and happier!

September 21 is "National Back to Church Sunday".

Sunday Services are as follows:

8 AM - Classic Worship - Chapel

9 AM - Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary

10AM - Sunday School (all ages)

11AM - Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Everyone is welcome! Forgiveness is offered! Hope is alive!
Church is a place where it is OK to not be OK.

Give it a try - you just might like it!



Use your QR Scanner to start Connecting with your church family on Facebook! Join our page at "First United Methodist Church - Lake Jackson"