

First United Methodist Church  
404 Azalea St.  
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# The MESSENGER

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## Educator Sunday

What an amazing day we had on August 26th! We helped get the school year started by celebrating Educator's Sunday. We recognized in worship teachers and school staff who are a part of our congregation, our School for Little People and/or our adopted school, O.M. Roberts Elementary. We wrapped them in prayer and prayer shawls. We also had a reception for them in Wesley Hall during the Sunday School hour. A special thanks goes to SLP Director, Miranda Corn, Robert's AP, Jennifer Slater, and our own Kathleen Lindsey for their tireless efforts!

I can't wait to hear back from our 45 volunteers about how God is using you to make a difference in the life of a child. If

you haven't signed up to volunteer to read to a child but would like to, please contact the church office.

God Bless,

*Lynne*



Dr. Lynne Settlemyre  
Pastor



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### September Sermon Series



- 9/2 *Deal With Difficult People*  
Romans 12:9-21
- 9/9 *Love Myself*  
Isaiah 43:1-5
- 9/16 *Know God's Will for My Life*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- 9/23 *Share My Faith*  
John 4:39-22

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Pat Diehl	1	Frances Parks	12	Barbara Cuneo	23
Martha Leavitt	1	Bill Biggs	12	Louise Carter	23
Gene Parks	1	Grayson Tummins	12	Casey Brandt	24
Bob Seiwel	1	Duane Boston	14	Jean Good	24
Sharon Zimmerman	1	Kaden Schuelke	15	Elizabeth Diehl	24
Kevin Anderson	2	Steve Strong	18	Jann Tracy	25
Pamela Brandt	2	Barbara Miller	18	Barbara Faseler	25
Wayne Harrison	2	Collin Pelton	19	Robert Aycock	25
Linda Neumann	3	Fran Leatherwood	19	Myra Brown	26
Mary Funderburg	4	Connor Lewno	20	Christine Anderson	26
Phyllis Motes	5	Donna Baker	20	Robert McClure	27
Bryan Hoskins	5	Robert Orr	21	Myong Coogle	27
Megan Martin	8	Jackie Brewer	22	Sarah Richter	30
Freddy Benn	8	Cole Luster	22	Ida Pearl Rotureau	30
Sue Wood	9	Kim Copeland	22	Sue Scott	30
Robert Hazlitt	9	Chris Copeland	22		

If you have a birthday this month and do not see your name listed, please call the church office so we can update your record.

## Sympathies



**Janet  
Ebey,**  
passed

away on August  
18<sup>th</sup>.

Condolences may be  
sent to her step-  
daughter & husband,  
**Sharon & Aaron  
Zimmerman, 117  
Canvasback Dr.,  
Clute, TX 77531.**

**Mildred Snowden  
Gandin,** mother of  
one of our former  
pastors, passed  
away on August  
18<sup>th</sup>.

Condolences may be  
sent to her son,  
**Bill Gandin, Jr.,  
2200 Arch St., Unit  
1008, Philadelphia,  
PA 19103**

Please keep these  
families in your  
thoughts and  
prayers during this  
difficult time.



### Prayer and Praise Notes:

To request prayer through our  
Intercessory Prayer Team, complete the  
Prayer Request form on ConnectCard in  
your Sunday bulletin or contact the church  
office at 979.297.3046 or [ljfumc@ljfumc.org](mailto:ljfumc@ljfumc.org).

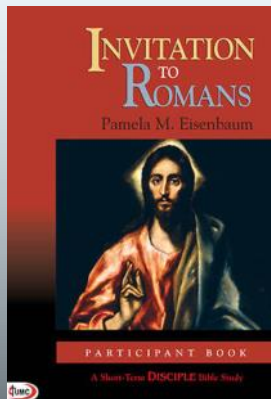


*Please join us on*  
**Sunday, November 11, 2018**  
*as we celebrate the*  
**75th anniversary of**  
**First United Methodist Church**

### **Guest Preacher: Reverend Will Reed**

He began college with aspirations of becoming an attorney but his life's calling changed dramatically one Palm Sunday, following a sermon in his hometown of Lake Jackson, TX where he was a member of this church!

Join us as we step back in time to 1943, the year Lake Jackson began and our church was established.



### **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

**Mondays at 12 noon or 6pm**  
**in the**  
**Asbury Room**

**September 17 – November 12**

Books are available on Kindle, or let the church office know if you'd like us to order you a hard copy; cost is \$10

### **Congratulations! .....**

to **Stephen & Sarah Richter** on the birth of their new little baby boy.



**Evan David** was born on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Proud big brother, **Eli**, and grandmother, **Melissa Adams** also welcomed the new baby into their family.

Congratulations to you all!

**SEPT 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **THIRD SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE**



**1 BAG, 1 BOX, 1 CAN, 1 BOTTLE**  
per family

The third Sunday of each month we will be collecting items for the Food Basket in Clute.

**Always remember to**





## Children & Family Ministry News

A new school year can bring excitement, change and uncertainty. Many of you may know I have started a new school year right along with our kiddos! I am attending Seminary at Duke Divinity and am seeking ordination on the Deacon track. I share this information with you so that you know I am also experiencing all the same fears and feelings of excitement that our kids are experiencing right now!

We will share those feelings this month in Sunday school and hopefully offer each other some support and love that will carry us all through this time of transition.

Preschool & Elementary classes are both learning about families this month. We will explore our own families and discover how we are similar and different from families of the Bible. Preschool will especially be looking at Joseph and his family story.

To further illustrate the concept of family we will talk about what it means to be a 'church family'. The kids will make a large family tree with photos of themselves and their families. We are asking kids to bring photos of themselves and their families. Please send photos that are okay to be taped or glued on the back so we can hang them.

May God continue to guide us and bless our endeavors to May God continue to guide us and bless our endeavors to raise up our precious disciples in the way they should go.

Much Love,

*Lindsay Pulido*

### *Preschool Memory Verse:*

"Be kind to each other" -Ephesians 4:32

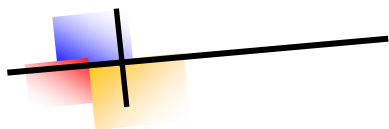
### *Elementary Memory Verse:*

A voice from heaven said,  
"This is my Son whom I dearly love;  
I find happiness in him."

- (Matthew 3:17)







## Looking Back

Promotion Sunday was a blast! Our Elementary kiddos had the chance to celebrate all their hard work memorizing the order of the Old Testament books throughout the summer. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us!



## Looking Ahead

**Sweet Voices Choir** - every Tuesday @ 3:45 in Asbury room



**September 9<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Ministry volunteer meeting



**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles presentation



**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival



**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Polar Express Night (*lots of volunteers needed*)



## UP COMING EVENTS

Sept & Oct

### Sunday Night YOUTH SCHEDULE

7th-12th Graders

Sept 16

Sundae Sunday or OM  
Roberts Service Project  
5-7pm

Sept 23

Social Media Night  
5-7pm

Sept 30

Sundae Sunday or OM  
Roberts Service Project  
5-7pm

Oct 7

Kayaking and Cookout  
at the Bachman's  
4-7pm

Oct 14

"God Friended Me"  
Night  
5-7pm



YOUTH BAND

4pm

Sept 23 & Oct 14



September 2018

Kim Copeland - Youth Director    youth@ljfumc.org  
Vannysa Vega - Youth Ministry Asst.    vannysa.rojas@gmail.com  
Bryson Wintjen - College Youth Ministry Asst.    bjwintjen@comcast.net

## First Youth Goals

At the end of August, we revealed our official goals for our First Youth students. These are goals that are challenging but attainable and we will be alongside the students to help them meet each one before they graduate. The six goals are:

1. An **Outward Sign** of Your Faith through Baptism and Confirmation (*did you know that our Confirmation class this year contains, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders?*)
2. Active Participation in **Mission and Service Projects** (*both local projects such as Faith in Action and UM Army, as well as occasional international opportunities - keep India 2020 in your prayers*)
3. **Youth Leadership** Opportunities (*through our active Youth Council*)
4. **A Fellowship of Christian Friends** (*through our Sunday Activities*)
5. Strong **Bible** Knowledge (*both through our Sunday activities but also through our new weekly online group devotionals - we start the 52 Greatest Bible Stories this month*)
6. A **Covenant Relationship** with God - When a student graduates, these other goals and our support should ensure that they leave with a very strong bond with God.

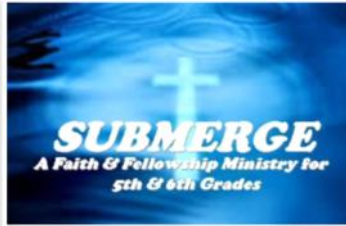
Please help us to help our students meet these goals through your prayers and support. Thank you for all you do to support First Youth.

In His Love, Kim, Vannysa & Bryson



## Small Group Sundays

Starting in September, our Sunday night meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays will consist of small group discussions. Vannysa will be with the high school girls, Bryson will be with the high school boys and I will be with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Our youth sponsors, Terry Rester and Bob Seiwel, will continue to help where needed. Our goal is to go deeper in discussions, laughter, fellowship and knowledge of the Bible.



**SUBMERGE** (A Faith & Fellowship  
Ministry for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders)

**2018 Dates**

Sept 23 - Submerged in Fall

Oct 14 - Submerged in the Wesleyan Quadrilateral

Oct 28 - Submerged in Service

Nov 11 - Submerged in Thanksgiving

Dec 9 - Submerged in Christmas

**Faith in Action**  
(For 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up)



Friday November 2nd 6-8pm to  
Saturday Nov. 3rd at 7:30am -8pm

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Registration Deadline:  
October 29 —\$50/person

**FALL CAMP**

FOLLOWING  
**JESUS**  
TO SERVE

FaithinActionofBrazosport@yahoo.com  
FaithinActionofBrazosport.org

JOHN 12:26

**First Youth Back to  
School Fun**



**A Few of Our 2018  
Confirmants & Leaders**





## Finance Committee Report

### Stewardship Report as of 8/31/2018

Budget needs weekly ..... \$ 13,372

Budget needs to date ..... \$ 463,533

Budget receipts to date ..... \$ 444,461



<u>2018 Communion Offerings</u>	<u>Amount Given</u>
January – Pastor's Discretionary Fund	<b>\$ 1,453</b>
February – Freeport Port Ministry	<b>\$ 688</b>
March – UMCOR	<b>\$ 2,132</b>
April – Easter Offering	<b>\$ 10,824</b>
May – Golden Cross	<b>\$ 633</b>
June – Prison Ministry	<b>\$ 557</b>
July – Habitat for Humanity	<b>\$ 875</b>
August – Crystal Crafters	<b>\$ 734</b>
September – Backpack Buddies	<b>\$ 810</b>

## Get income for life!

If you are interested in making a significant gift to the church, but have worries about funding retirement, consider a deferred gift that offers income for life. A gift annuity, charitable trust, or other types of deferred gifts continue to provide you with income while fulfilling your desire to support the church - and potentially

provide tax advantages, as well.

For more information on how life income gifts could work for you, or to receive a free proposal for your situation, contact Heartspring Methodist Foundation at 713-533-3780, 800-521-9617 or

[office@heartspringmethodist.org](mailto:office@heartspringmethodist.org).

  
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## Women's Ministry News

*Our goal is to promote growth opportunities for women in our church through spiritual, service, and social activities.*



**MOMS in PRAYER GROUP**  
**9:30am Wilson Parlor**  
**Meets every Monday morning**  
*(during school year)*



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month**  
**11am**

Contact Linda Neumann  
[blneumann@hotmail.com](mailto:blneumann@hotmail.com)



**GIRLS' NIGHT OUT**  
**Friday, September 14th 5:30pm**  
**@ Smokin R BBQ in West Columbia**  
 Contact Mary Helen Israel, 297-6968 or  
[maryhisrael@gmail.com](mailto:maryhisrael@gmail.com)



WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

It's not too late to sign up to reserve your spot and join in on the fun at this year's Women's Ministry Retreat! Brochures with registration forms are located in the Narthex or you may register online at [www.ljfumc.org](http://www.ljfumc.org).

**FUMC Women's Retreat**  
**September 28 & 29**





The United Methodist Vocabulary Quiz



1. What is the person called who assists in a worship service, including the lighting of candles?

- ☐ Server
- ☐ Acolyte
- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Usher

2. A way to partake of the elements in the Lord’s Supper is:

- ☐ Intinction
- ☐ Carefully
- ☐ Reaffirmation of faith

3. If you are outside the church and want to enter the sanctuary, what do you usually go through?

- ☐ The front porch
- ☐ The threshold
- ☐ The upper room
- ☐ The narthex

4. What is a station?

- ☐ A military checkpoint
- ☐ A cable television channel
- ☐ A pastor’s only church

5. When local churches send part of their offerings to their district and conference, it is called...

- ☐ Tithe
- ☐ Apportionment
- ☐ Investment

6. Before we have a relationship with God, He offers us what kind of grace?

- ☐ Prevenient grace
- ☐ Amazing grace
- ☐ Justifying grace

7. What’s the name of the four-year period after each General Conference?

- ☐ Olympiad
- ☐ Fortnight
- ☐ Quartet
- ☐ Quadrennium

8. If you want to serve as a local pastor, deacon or elder, you would apply for what?

- ☐ Permit
- ☐ Candidacy
- ☐ Admission

9. What do we call the bread and wine used in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper?

- ☐ Components
- ☐ Elements
- ☐ Delicious

10. If you want to know what the United Methodists believe, you would start with what section of The Book of Discipline?

- ☐ The index
- ☐ Articles of Religion
- ☐ List of bishops
- ☐ Nicene Creed



Answers:  
1. Acolyte (typically a role filled by a young person but adults are allowed to serve as acolytes, too; the local pastor can decide who serves and what duties are appropriate)  
2. Intinction (the act of dipping the bread into a chalice filled with wine, then eating the moistened bread)  
3. The narthex (the part of the church building that connects to the entrance door of the sanctuary)  
4. A pastor's only church (pastoral assignment made up of only one local church; this is in contrast to a circuit, which contains two or more churches)  
5. Apportionment (a long-standing tradition in The UMC) 6. Prevenient grace (a presence that does not depend upon our actions or response)  
7. Quadrennium (4 year period after General Conference during which the church carries out the policy and plans approved during that General Conference)  
8. Candidacy (a discerning and preparatory period of time for the candidate during which they explore their calling and are also guided and evaluated by their annual conference)  
9. Elements  
10. Articles of Religion (in 1808, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed the first Restrictive Rule, ensuring that the Articles of Religion may not be changed; to this day, the articles are printed unchanged in each edition of The Book of Discipline)

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**Sunday Worship Service Times:**

**8am - Classic - Chapel**

**9am - Contemporary - Sanctuary**

**11am - Traditional - Sanctuary**

**10am Sunday School - all ages!**

**We're on the web!**  
**[ljfumc.org](http://ljfumc.org)**

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES:**

**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> by Noon**

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