
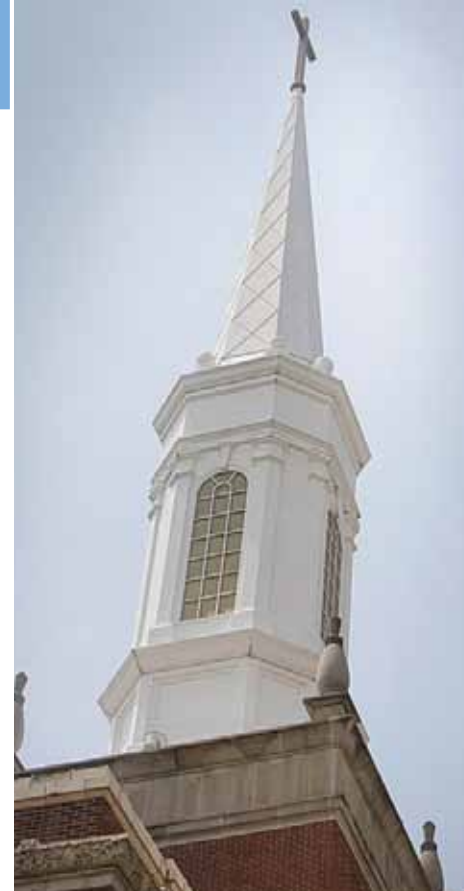


The mission of the
 First United Methodist Church
 is to embrace and extend
 God's grace while passionately
 growing servant leaders.

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PAT'S PERSPECTIVE



Albert Einstein once said, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. Service not science makes a difference in a life." In I Timothy 6:18-19 we read a powerful passage, "Command them to do good, be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they lay up treasures for the coming so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

What an insightful concept "life that is truly life!" Many people are just existing – counting the minutes until the weekend so they can do what they enjoy. Tragically many millions of people just exist to make a living but never discover how to make a life.

"Life that is truly life," isn't that what you really want? Whenever you discover your firestorm of frustration, your holy discontent, begin to get in the game and do something about it, life takes on a new significant meaning. You are saying emphatically, "I'm living the life that is truly life!" There is a wonderful sense of excitement and exhilaration that comes over you when you do suit up and get in the game for Jesus Christ.

I believe we all have one thing in common: we want to make a difference. We want our lives to ultimately count for something that will last far beyond our existence on planet

earth. We want our lives to be invested in something bigger than ourselves. We know we are players in a game, and we don't want to be sitting on the bench. Serving others gets you into the game. It is the way you become a player and you get involved in what God is doing in the world.

When you get off the sidelines and become a player, what God is doing in the world becomes the most important thing in the world for you. Once you see God use you to make a difference in someone else's life, you will experience a new motivation for ministry and serving.

Just one life being transformed, one thank you, one brief glimpse of making an impact on somebody by something you have said or done, and your life will never be the same. You will be able to say, "Most of the things I've done with my life can't add up to much, but this, this will live on; this made a difference, an eternal difference in a person's life. " For me it just doesn't get any better than that.

I ask you to prayerfully consider sharing your prayers, presence, talents, gifts, service, and witness and commit yourself to one of the ministries of our church. Albert Einstein also said, "The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing." Are you truly living a life that is life? Is your heart, soul and mind involved in being the best that you can be for the glory of God? I challenge you to make your commitment to: Embracing Grace, Growing Leaders – Count Me In!

See you Sunday in church!

- **First United Methodist Church**
 500 Common Street
 P. O. Box 1567
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- **Sunday Worship Services**
 Traditional 8:30am & 11:00am
 Sanctuary (A deaf interpreter is available at the 11:00 service)
- **FAITHLink Contemporary**
 9:30am & 11:00am
 Emmett Hook Center
- **Wednesday Business Luncheon**
 Wednesdays at Noon
 Multimedia Room, Education & Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor
- **Wesleyan Communion Service**
 9:45-10:30am
 Couch Chapel
 (1st Sunday of month)
- **Sunday School**
 9:45am
- **Televised Sunday Services**
 11:00am (live)
 ABC KTBS-TV Ch. 3

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Fall Festival

Join us for **Methodist Madness** on **October 30th, 4:00-7:00pm** at Festival Plaza in downtown Shreveport! This year we are joining several other Methodist Churches to put on this family event for the entire community. It is free of charge and we ask that you bring a canned good to help support those in need. There will be games, inflatables, food, music and fun for everyone.

Wear your Halloween Costume (no scary costumes) and bring something for all your candy and prizes. Please let us know if you have any questions!! See you on the 30th and tell all your friends!

Dinner

The Men's and Women's Ministries will host their 3rd annual fall dinner on **Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00pm** in Hunter 101.

Guest speaker **Bill Cunningham** will **speak on Living Faith**. Bill has been very active in his church and community for many years. For the past several years he has headed up Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) that has deeply enriched the lives of countless

people. Reserve your seat online at www.fumcshreveport.org/events or by calling the church office. Cost is \$15/individual and \$25/couple. Childcare is available if requested by Monday, November 7.



Christmas Connection

Our 4th Annual Christmas Connection Party for the residents of the Canaan Village Apartments is just around the corner. Just a reminder that the Adult Sunday School Classes will once again be providing "shoebox" gifts for the children.

These gifts must be wrapped and clearly marked with age and gender. **All gifts will need to be dropped off in the Youth Area no later than by Wednesday, November 30th.** Sunday School classes will be receiving their assigned gender & age group over the next few weeks, please be looking for that in your folders. If you would like to help with this event in other ways please contact Rhonda Mallory or Brenda Kinnebrew at 424-7771.

MYF Reunion

A MYF Reunion is scheduled for **October 15-16** to celebrate the great legacy of Youth Ministry at FUMC. Special guests are Dave Stone, Kent Kilbourne, Lee McKinzie, Sam

Morris, Betsy Eaves, Benny Vaughan, Jim Moore and Will Andress.

As part of the reunion we will be helping to create an endowment for youth ministry through the Eternal Flame Foundation.

If you or your children remember any of the special guests, contact Beth Ward, 318-470-9427 or MSRed345@aol.com, with your name and contact information.

Orchestra Concert

Sunday, October 16 at 3pm in the Emmett Hook Center. Enjoy 40 talented musicians playing a variety of familiar movie themes. Something for the whole family – Harry Potter, Pink Panther, Dr. Zhivago, a Disney medley and more. Everyone is invited and there is no charge for this event.

ATHENA Nomination

Congratulations to Rev. Pam Crews for being nominated for this year's ATHENA award! The ATHENA award is presented by the Women's Business Council of the Shreveport/Bossier Chamber of Commerce. Nominees demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their profession; devote time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in our community; and assist women in reaching their full leadership potential. We are blessed to have a member of our clergy recognized for outstanding contribution to our community.

COUNCIL

Church Council

Church Council/Charge Conference will meet **Sunday, October 30** in Hunter 101 immediately following the 11:00 worship services. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and lay leadership teams for 2012. **Lunch reservations MUST be made by Thursday, October 27.** Cost is \$6. Your reservation can be made on the attendance pad in worship or by calling the church at 424-7771. Spouses are always invited to attend. A nursery and meal for children will be provided with a reservation made by October 22.

BREAKFAST

Prayer Breakfast

A Business Community Prayer Breakfast will be held **Thursday, October 27 at 7:00am** at the Wheless Conference Room in the Regions Tower. Our guest speaker will address Living Faith at Work. Several others will lead us in prayer for our businesses, nonprofits, and the public sector. This time of encouragement and building up of our community is free and open to everyone. We will be through by 7:45am. Parking is free in the Regions Tower garage.

COLLECTION

Aluminum Tab Collection

The aluminum tab project for the Ronald McDonald House is still going strong! In the last five months, over 53 pounds have been collected! There are now six churches, two medical offices, a tennis club and a petroleum club participating with us. Keep bringing your tabs to Sunday school or the church office. More information about this project can be obtained by contacting Ron Mueller.

FUMC SERVES

Clothing Collection

It's Halloween time, but don't let your closets haunt you. Clean them out, and bring your gently used clothing and accessories to the Hunter Building Motor Lobby on **October 2.** The youth will put donations in Goodwill bags and FUMC will get vouchers for the bags to distribute to people in need for use at the Goodwill stores. The FUMC Goodwill collection is the first Sunday of every month.

City Saturday

Our second City Saturday local missions opportunity will be coming up on **October 15!** Last month, we kick started this monthly service ministry by partnering with our friends at the Hub. This month, we'll be joining together to help with some repair work at one of the neighborhood homes in our Allendale community. Wear your work clothes, and meet us at the church at 8AM to caravan for a 4hour chance to love on the city!

Serving Ministries: Global

Have you heard the latest in Serving Ministries Global? Have you seen the pictures? Read the stories? Or gotten a chance to plug in with our partnerships in Les Cayes, Haiti? Take a moment to visit the Serving Ministries website at www.fumcserves.com to read about our summer youth and young adult teams, our fall medical team, see pictures of the 123 children being sponsored, or visit the calendar to see upcoming/ongoing opportunities like Community Haitian Creole Classes and Summer 2012 trips!

NEW MEMBERS

Not pictured:
Caroline Pearce, Reeves Pearce, Will Stanley



MAGGIE THOMPSON



TRACY AND ROY PRESTWOOD & COURTNEY RACHEL & SARAH



CAROLYN & MARSHALL PEARCE



PAUL LEONE

CHILDREN

Parent's Night Out

Friday, October 14, 6:00-9:00pm. Infants-age 2 will be in the Children's Ministry Center. Ages 3-5 will be in Storer Activity Center. Kindergarten-4th grade meet in Hunter 101 for dinner and then we will walk over to the Emmett Hook Center for Disney Dazzle. Cost is \$10/child, RSVP to Mrs. Billie, 424-7771.

Wee Lunch and Fun

Wee Lunch and Fun is becoming a **3rd Sunday** tradition for families with children in the new Children's Ministry Center (infant-K4)! **Sunday, October 16, following the 11:00 services,** join us for fun, fellowship and a tasty lunch! RSVP to Mrs. Billie, btate@fumcshreveport.org or 424-7771.

CHILDCARE

Sno-Cones!

These children know how to help beat the heat! The Kona Ice Co. visited First Beginnings and the preschool age children prepared their own sno-cone! It was such a success we plan to have him visit once a month.



Preschool Enrichment Opportunities

First Beginnings is the weekday Child Development Center located in the Dawson Building, on the campus of FUMC. In addition to the regular curriculum and weekly Chapel, this Class-A facility offers enrichment opportunities for the children.

Opportunities this year include Spanish and Computer lessons. Spanish classes are taught by native Spanish speakers. Children are introduced to basic Spanish including colors, numbers and greetings.

PCKidz, a national company, offers computer classes for our 2-4 years olds. The age-appropriate curriculum introduces students to basic computer skills while fostering communication skills, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving. For more information on First Beginnings and these enrichment opportunities, contact Charlotte Rogers, crogers@fumcshreveport.org or 429-6890.

BOOK CLUB

Clara Hemmings will review *The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson on **October 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.** in Hunter Room 101. Wilkerson says, "The actions of the people in this book were both universal and distinctly American. They did what human beings looking for freedom, throughout history, have often done. They left." Plan now to attend **Renew and Review on October 11** and be sure to invite friends to join us for a year of outstanding book reviews. We will gather at 10 a.m. for coffee, light refreshments, and conversation preceding the review. Annual dues are \$25.00. Cost for non-members is \$4.00.

Count Me In

Count Me In to Give

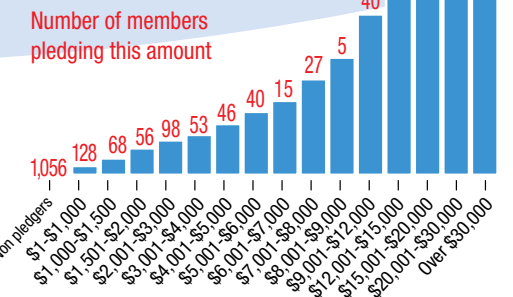
It takes many resources to do God's work. Making a financial Count Me In pledge is more than filling out the pledge card or writing a check. It is about involvement in God's work - and that is rewarding, joyful and heart fulfilling... **Count Me In.**

In 2011, we have 622 pledging units with the average annual pledge being \$5,124. If you are among the 63% of church members who do not make a financial pledge, consider saying Count Me In in 2012. If you currently

pledge, we want to say thank you for saying Count Me In. Please consider increasing your pledge and moving towards a title of 10% or beyond in 2012.

For those of you completing your capital pledges, please consider directing and adding a portion of your resources previously dedicated to the capital campaign to your annual pledge. At this junction in the life of our church, we have an opportunity to significantly impact our church and community by funding new and existing ministries. **Join us in saying Count Me In by returning your completed Commitment form on Celebration Sunday, October 16.**

Where do you find yourself on the staircase of pledging?



Count Me In to Volunteer

We have been gifted by God in different ways and those gifts are to be used to build up the church and individuals within the church. In Matthew 4.18-20, Jesus asked two fishermen who happened to be brothers, Peter and Andrew, to follow him. Immediately Peter and Andrew said **Count Me In!**

To help you become more aware of the many opportunities available at FUMC, your 2012 Commitment form lists categories. If you are already working in one of these categories, please check the block. If you would like additional information about opportunities available in these categories, check the block. You will then be contacted by someone that can help answer your questions and guide you to the specific task

needed.

As you look through this list of opportunities to serve, we pray that you will feel the nudging of the Holy Spirit and find your place to connect, to serve, and to grow by serving Christ through this church... **Count Me In!**

VOLUNTEER OPTIONS

- Adult Education
- Altar Guild
- Business
- Children
- College/Young Adult
- Emmett Hook Center
- Family
- Greeter/Hospitality
- Leadership Center
- Library

- Marriage Mentor
- Men
- Missions: Global
- Missions: Local
- Music
- New Member Mentor
- Nursery
- Prayer
- Preschool: Weekday Program
- Preteen (5th & 6th Grade)
- Senior Adult
- Singles
- Sound/Communication
- Volunteer Recognition
- Women
- Worship: Contemporary
- Worship: Traditional
- Youth

SENIOR ADULTS



Silver Screenings

Alfred Hitchcock's "Shadow of a Doubt" will be the Silver Screenings feature on

Tuesday, October 18. For reservations call Brenda at 424-7771 by Friday, October 14 and mail a check for \$14. This includes the movie and lunch. Meet at the church at 9:45am to be transported by church bus to the Robinson Center.

Treasure's Luncheon

Leonard Gates, maintenance staff supervisor, will share highlights of his recent Holy Land trip for the Treasures Luncheon on **Thursday, October 13**

at **12noon** in Hunter Room 101. For reservations call 424-7771. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$6.

AARP Safe Driving Course

Improve your driving skills and save money on your car insurance! **Thursday, October 20; 8:30am-12:30pm** in E&A Room 316. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-AARP members. Make your reservation by calling 424-7771.

WOMEN

Amazing Collection

Join us as we continue through The Amazing Collection, **October 24-December 5.** We will begin our study of the Minor Prophets with the book of Hosea. Hosea is one of the only two writing prophets (the other being Amos) who ministered to the northern kingdom of Israel. Following Hosea, we will study Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah-all minor prophets-minor prophets with a grand message. Each prophet delivers a solid message of hard-hitting truths. Come and hear the truth God has for you. Groups meet **Mondays at 9:30am and 5:45pm** in the E&A Multi-Media Room. **Register before October 15** by contacting Rev. Pam Crews, pcrews@fumcshreveport.org.

org. Childcare is available with advance request. **The Amazing Adventure** is available for children age 2-4th grade.

Lisa Harper

Journey of Sisters, a community-wide women's ministry organization, is hosting **Lisa Harper, popular Women of Faith speaker, on November 7** at the Summer Grove Baptist Church. Lisa will be speaking about "Stumbling into Grace." Doors open at 6pm, program begins at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Lifeway, St. Paul's Gift Shop or the Journey of Sisters office on Line Avenue. They will also be highlighting Heart of Hope - come and learn more about this local ministry.

United Methodist Women

The **Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting** will be held this year in Shreveport at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Youree Drive, on **October 7 and 8. Registration starts at 10am on Friday.** The banquet will be held at Broadmoor on Friday evening. For more information, please contact Betty Smith at 865-6781. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting in Shreveport as there will be outstanding speakers. **There will be no general meeting for our local unit in October.**

Circle 8 meeting will be **October 17, 2pm** at the home of Patty Colvin.