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What an amazing blessing the Confirmation Class of 2018 is for our church! These 15 young people are beautiful examples of what it looks like to grow in faith and live out that faith! The journey began in January and even though Confirmation Sunday was April 29, the journey continues - as it does for each of us.

Your pastors met with each Confirmand individually to hear about each one’s Confirmation experience. “What has this journey meant to you?” With such an open-ended question, we never know what to expect. These are a few of the responses:

“I’ll be honest with you, Confirmation has changed my life. I want to be a person who lives for Jesus.”

“It means so much to know that I have a church family that cares about me and is willing to walk with me - even through the dark times.”

“What I love about Confirmation is that we are doing something that matters! Before, I would sit in the worship service - never really participating. I now look up the scriptures in my Bible. I ask questions. I look for ways to live out my faith and my love for Jesus.”

Again and again, as each Confirmand shared in his/her own way, we heard a testimony of God’s love, of salvation, and the importance of community.

May we each, no matter our age, seek ways to grow in faith, support one another and live in a way that honors the Resurrected Christ.

The journey continues...

Blessings,

Ed & Jo Ann

Welcome New Members!



George, Joni & Luke Findlay

Musically Speaking...

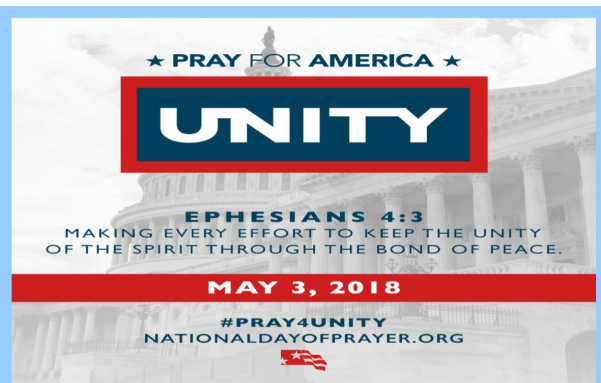
George Gross
Director of Music



EXCITING NEWS!! Well, I can finally share some very exciting news with you. The Chancel Choir, YOUR Chancel Choir has been invited to sing for the Ordination Service during Annual Conference in Shreveport on June 9th. Now some of you might say, "OK, that's nice". This is a really big deal. Your choir will sing for the service of worship where we commission, appoint and ordain Local Pastors, Deacons and Elders for service in the United Methodist Church. This is what we call a worship service that is certainly "high church." It is always an incredible service of worship. Last year we were able to witness our own Reyn Sewell being commissioned as a Provisional Member. I would ask you to begin praying for the choir as we continue to prepare for this service of worship. This is a huge honor to be asked to sing for this service. We'll go up on Friday afternoon and have a rehearsal and then sing for the service on Saturday morning. If you have never witnessed this service in person, you might consider making a trip to Shreveport. It is a service that is well worth your time. Besides, think of all the fun things you can do in Shreveport before and after the service.

Good things are happening in the choir.

Love, George



The National Day of Prayer is
Thursday, May 3, 2018.
The Sanctuary will be open from
7:00am-6:00pm for prayer.


Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 7th
5:30 P.M.
Pairs & Spares Room



Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 8th
6:00pm
Pairs & Spares Classroom



Pentecost Sunday is
May 20, 2018.
WEAR RED.
Cake will be served in
Fellowship Hall during the
Sunday School hour.

Focus on Caring



Assisted Living Friends

- Brookdale- Patsy Honigman
- Christus St. Joseph Home, Monroe, LA— Joyce Lofton
- Jena Nursing & Rehabilitation, Jena, LA—Belinda Carner
- Marigold Place- Mary Maddox
- Montclair Park Assisted Living, Shreveport, LA- Patti Wisenbaker
- Savannah Court, Bastrop, LA—Elaine Tellifero
- Savannah Grand, West Monroe, LA—George Tellifero

Nursing Home Friends

- Hilltop- Meril Crawley
- The Oaks- Cecil Hammond
- Out of State- Willa Vee Messer, TX



- 3- Michelle Boone
- 4- Jewel Beisser, Patti Woods
- 5- Justin Lemmons
- 6- William Ford
- 8- Jim Beisser
- 9- Pat Cook
- 10- Bud Heald, Bill Gates, David Weir
- 11- Tom Russell, Suzanne Gauthier
- 12- Jim Lee, Kayla Lemmons, Zachary Holmes
- 13- Austin Nelson
- 14- Billy Fuller, Allison Clear
- 15- Geneva Clark
- 15- Peggy Wenzel
- 16- Laura Webb, Jo Ann Cooper, Kevin Hutchinson, Samantha Yantis, Mallory Baker
- 17- Hank Smart, Monica Nelson, Travis Vallee, Laura Hawkins
- 18- Justin Walker, Emily Walker
- 19- Jacob Butterfield, Henry Martin
- 20- Larry Prestridge, Nita Taylor
- 22- Haley Tassin
- 23- Dale Barnette, Shirley Hoben
- 24- Wayne Martin
- 26- Karen Carter
- 27- Lajuan Durand
- 28- Nancy Baker
- 29- George Jones
- 30- Henrietta Dauzat
- 31- Aaron Keiser

June Newsletter Deadline is Friday, May 18th.

If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is May 18th. Anyone can submit a 250 word or less article by the deadline each month. If you have questions, please contact the church office.



Homebound Friends

- Elaine Beck
- Ayme Beeson
- Marcy Bowen
- Rick Bryan
- Belinda Carner
- Geneva Clark
- Al Lauret
- Bernie Misner
- Joan Payne
- Marie Reech
- Virginia Smith
- Fred Tannehill



- 3- Darren & Trina Barron, Scott & Laura Hawkins
- 6- Jeff & Nancy Meilleur, Steve & Jane Oxenhandler
- 15- Franklin & Esther Hill
- 19- Mark & Jerri Bonner, Richard & Lillian Robinette
- 22- Bob & Linda Nash
- 23- Thomas & April Bonner
- 28- William & Zina Ford
- 29- Andy & Marie Simpson



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Youth Pics



UPCOMING MAY EVENTS

DMA LUNCHEON

May 1st

12:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Pam Jones, a Clinical Dietitian at CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, will be our guest speaker. Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. All ages are invited.



Missions Meeting
Tuesday, May 1st
6:00 P.M.
Large Conference Room



Ice Cream Social
Ice Cream Social for the residents of St. Christina's Rehab
Saturday, May 5th 2:00pm
St. Christina's Rehab in Wardville
122 Hillsdale Drive, Pineville
There are 109 residents, most without family, and they look forward to our visits, so make plans to attend. You will be blessed.
Contact Patti Woods 442.8881 or pdwoods@suddenlink.net for information.



When: Sunday, May 6th
Time: 4:00-5:00PM
Where: Virginia Soprano Homeless Resource Center, 1515 Jackson Street

We provide a time of worship, sharing, as well as a light sack meal, to those who can't come to us. We hope you'll make time for this outreach ministry. You will leave feeling greatly blessed!

Breakfast — Sunday, May 6th
7:00am, Fellowship Hall



We are looking forward to having Rex Desselle from DOTD Roadside Assistance as our guest speaker. He will be talking about trucks that are in the Alexandria area that assist motorists if they have car trouble.

We hope you will be able to join us!



United Methodist Men
Monday Night Matters



May 7th & 21st
at 6:00 P.M.
Good News Classroom

Our Bible Study will be from Max Lucado's book "Grace". We hope you will join us!



Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings Circle
will meet Tuesday,
May 15th at 10:00 am
at the home of Sue Lee.



Share the Blessings On The Road
When: Sat., May 19th, 11:00am
Where: Our Lady's Manor
402 Monroe Street, Alex.

Please bring your dishes to the church at 10:00. We'll leave from the church or you can meet us there.



Redemption Book Club

Tuesday, May 29th,
6:00pm
Thorn In My Heart

By Liz Curtis Higgs
Order on Amazon

Love to read? Want to make new friends? Come hang out with Redemption Book Club! Everything we read is spiritually based. Don't worry if you don't finish the book—there won't be a test!

Contact Bonnie White for more info— @basnmw@gmail.com or 318.451.6728
Redemption Book Club on Facebook & updates by texting @readem to 81010.

Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse
Director of Student Ministries



We are so proud of our Class of 2018!! Seniors, we wish each of you love & success in your future! Please know that you always have a church family who loves and supports you no matter where you go in life. Summer is coming!!! By the time you read the next (June) newsletter, students and teachers will be enjoying the beginning of their summer break. The youth have a full summer ahead with Retreats, Missions, Fun, Fellowship & BigStuf!!! If you are a youth or are the parent of a youth, please join us on our Facebook or Remind group for youth ministry news & updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- May 20 – Youth serve as Ushers during 11am Worship
- May 22 – Last Day of School!!!!
- May 30-31 – Zips & Mazes Retreat - \$30
- June 1 – FroYo Friday
- June 3 – Splash Sunday
- June 4 – Mission Monday
- June 5 – Taco/Movie Tuesday
- June 11 – 15 – Youth will be helping with VBS (After VBS we will have youth activities each day)
- June 28 – July 1 – Convergence

Mission Opportunities



Disaster Relief Work Day

South Louisiana
Thursday, May 3, 2018
Deadline to register is
Monday, April 30th.
Sign up online at www.pinevillefumc.org



We need five volunteers to serve at
Manna House
Friday, May 25th
11:00am-1:00pm.
2655 Lee Street in Alexandria
If you are able to serve, please contact the church office.



Disaster Relief Work Day

South Louisiana
Saturday, June 2, 2018
Deadline to register is
Monday, May 28th.
Sign up online at www.pinevillefumc.org

Kids' Focus

Niki Hoyt
Director of Children's Ministries



It's beginning to look like summer around the children's department! Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! This year's theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus! It is going to be a powerful week! Many children today need to be reminded of the powerful love of Jesus when they are lonely, worried, lost, and afraid.

How can you be involved in VBS this year? I am so glad you asked! First, begin to pray for each child who attends to have a meaningful experience! Also please consider volunteering for all or even part of the week. **Your presence communicates love to the children!** You are showing them they are worth your time! And we have all kinds of tasks available from teaching, to behind the scenes, to decorating before VBS. There are sign up sheets available outside of the sanctuaries and in the front office! Let us help you find a place to serve!

VBS Decorating Contest!

We loved the robots last year! So let's do it again!
Submit your decoration by June 1st!
There will be multiple categories this year
so use your imagination!
Create something from the shipwreck debris like
Swiss Family Robinson something we might find
on the island or in the ocean!
Prizes will be awarded!!



Calling all VBS Volunteers!
You are invited to a VBS Rally!
Wednesday, May 2 at 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Join us as we cover safe sanctuary, schedules, procedures, and all the many details of VBS as well as have lots of fun! You don't want to miss it!

Dinner and child care provided but you must RSVP by April 29 at www.pinevillefumc.org

Vacation Bible School
June 11-15, 9am-12pm
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!