

The Witness

SPECIAL MAY DATES

Sunday, May 2nd – Senior Recognition at both worship services
Tuesday, May 4th – 6:30 p.m. – Agape Circles salad supper
Thursday, May 6th – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER; Sanctuary open 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8th – 7:30 a.m. – UM Men’s breakfast (Mattie St.)
Sunday, May 9th Mother’s Day – No Sunday p.m. events
Sunday, May 16th – Hugh Debo (Shreveport) Witness of Haiti Earthquake speaks at both worship services
Sunday, May 23rd – Christian Motorcyclists Association – guest speakers at both worship services.
Tuesday, May 25th & Wednesday, May 26th – 11a.m.–1:30 p.m.- Confirmation Classes 1-4

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMANCE AND ICE CREAM PICNIC

The Children’s Choir will perform in the worship services on Sunday, May 2, 2010. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service the Children’s Choir will enjoy an **Ice Cream Picnic** at the Mattie Street house.

LADIES SALAD SUPPER

All ladies are welcome to attend the salad supper, an annual combined meeting of the Agape I and II Circles on **Tuesday evening, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mattie St. house.** This is an opportunity for women who are not involved in either group to visit during food and fellowship. Bring any salad of your choice.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Education Committee meeting has been changed. The new date for the Education meeting is Monday, May 17th at 6:30 at the Mattie St. house.

UMM BRISKET SALE

United Methodist Men will hold a Brisket Lunch sale on Sunday, May 16. Plates are \$6 and will come with coleslaw, beans and a cookie for dessert. Proceeds will go toward providing our Youth with a student intern this summer. See any member of UMM to purchase your tickets, or call Billy Gibson at 405-4910 for more information. Let’s support the young people of our church!!

National Day of Prayer

On Thursday, May 6th, our National Day of Prayer, our sanctuary will be open from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for anyone who wants to drop by and pray. You may come and go as suits your needs. There will be prayer guide sheets available in the narthex. Praise Team will be in rehearsal from 6:30-8:00 p.m., but you are still welcome to drop in and pray during this time, too.

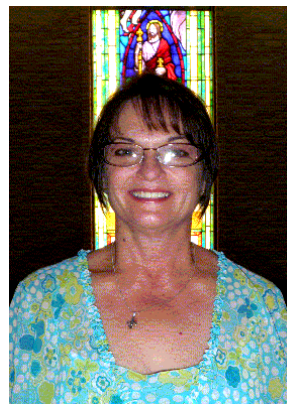
Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home

For more than 100 years, Louisiana’s Methodist Children’s Home has cared for orphaned, abused, abandoned, neglected and hurting children. Thousands of children who desperately need a Christian home, good medical care, nourishing food, proper clothing & education have found refuge here. Please give generously to support & extend this worthy ministry through the **Mother’s Day Offering on Sunday, May 9th.**

Acolytes for Sunday, May 2, 2010:

8:30 a.m.- Victoria Page & Ainsleigh LaCombe
11:00 a.m. – Justin & Ian Sumrall

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



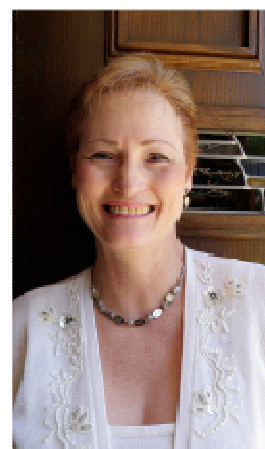
Nancy Young

Nancy joined April 11th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. She is transferring from Broadmoor UMC Baton Rouge. She lives at 16011 Willow Wood St., Denham Springs. Her birthday is August 5th. Nancy works as an investigator with the La. Board of Ethics in Baton Rouge. She says she joined our church because of the size and warmth of service. *Welcome, Nancy!*



Joan Ellis

Joan joined FUMC on March 28th. She lived in Denham Springs several years ago, and recently moved from Dallas, Texas to return here. Joan lives at 31531 Linder Rd., #71 and her phone number is 225- 243-5736). *Welcome, Joann!*



Cindi Stover

Cindi Goodwin Stover joined FUMC by Profession of Faith on April 25th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. She lives at 30622 Shannon Drive in Denham Springs, and her phone number is 225-243-7057. Cindi is the daughter of Joan Ellis, who also joined FUMC recently. In joining FUMC, Cindi has returned to her childhood church home. *Welcome, Cindi!*

FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, May 2nd is Food Pantry Sunday at FUMC. This Sunday we are especially asking for donations of **spaghetti and spaghetti sauce**, but any nonperishable food you choose to give will be welcomed. Please place these items in the barrels provided in the narthex of the church.

United Methodist Men

UMM will hold its fourth and final *Letters from Dad* session immediately after the regular monthly business meeting on Saturday, May 8th, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Mattie St. house. We'll finalize details for the **Brisket Lunch** and the LFD program will focus composing letters of love and blessing to our parents. All men of our church are encouraged to participate in these programs.

Special Gifts

The following special gifts have been made to First United Methodist Church:

In Memory of:

Keith Hotchkiss by Lisa Comeaux; Paul & Betty King; Jana & Steve Landry

Claude Slaton by Lisa Comeaux

Marge Waldrup for Mother's Day by Becky W. Branch

James Jackson on his birthday by Minnie Allen

In Honor of:

Joyce Annison by the Livingston Parish School Nurses

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all you have done for my family and me: From sending cards to fixing food. And for Rev. Bob, for his visits at home and in the nursing home. The luncheon was lovely! Where would I have put all those people in our little house? Keith's memorial was perfect: From Bill running the slide program to Carol Sue singing to Dr. James Finney playing the organ and especially, Rev. Bob for his "just right" words. Thank you so much.

Jean Hotchkiss and family

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

June 13th, the participants from Confirmation Classes will be confirmed during both morning worship services. Plan to be present to support our young people as they make this important decision in their spiritual journey as disciples of Jesus Christ and becoming full members of the United Methodist Church and our local church. Any confirmands who cannot be present on this day will be confirmed separately on the first subsequent Sunday date that works for them.

Sunday, April 25, 2010:

Sunday school attendance: 100
Worship attendance: 218

Lord...hear our prayers

PRAISES

Please pray for the following graduates, as God guides their future:

David A. Komendanchik, son of Greg & Sandra, graduates in Business from LSU in May. **Ashlyn Harmon**, David's fiancé, graduates with Master's Degree in Finance from Southern Mississippi University.

Dylan Mulhearn, son of Fred & Roxanne, graduates from LSU in May.

Wesley Hatchell, son of Darrell & Dara Hatchell & grandson of PeeWee & Elaine Day, graduates from Live Oak High School in May.

Krystyn Alwood, daughter of Terry & Karron Alwood, graduates from Denham Springs High School in May.

Rachel Deich Atkins, daughter of Bob & Evelyn Deich, graduates Magna Cum Laude from Texas Women's University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Katherine Finney, daughter of James & Chris Finney, graduates from McKinley High School, Baton Rouge, in May.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our sympathy is expressed to **Beth Thompson, Emily Camp, Terri Hines & friends** at the death of **Mr. Barney Thompson**.

New this week: Donna King's co-worker's niece, Randi Melilli, in a coma from injuries suffered in a wreck 4/19.

Home from hospital: Janelle & Wilbert Hutchinson

Recovery: Dean Reese - motorcycle wreck, John/Betty Blackman's son-in-law; John Blackman - eye; **Steve Carney**, Lana Kiker's nephew, recuperating from surgery; **Jerry Delrie**, cataract surgery 4/21

Cancer Patients: Liz Perrin - leukemia, David Waldrep's mother-in-law;

Brenda Lowe - colon cancer, DSHS basketball coach; **Donnie Brown**, undergoing Cancer treatment, son of Bill & Marie Brown of First Baptist

Ongoing Illness: George Smith; Hilda Neal, Margarine Smith; Norma Fox, Richard Fox's mom; **Diane Boso**, shingles; **John Page, Sr.**, Wesley's dad, stroke (BRG/BB); **Sue Fairchild's dad**, failing health; **Mae Matthews**, Teresa Ellis' mom; **Dick Boso**, pneumonia; **Judy Nelson**, eye problems.

Ongoing Concerns: Addicted & their families, Marriages in crisis, Progress for couples in marriage counseling, Unemployed

In Nursing Homes: Connie Brown; Stella Jones; Jo Roberts

In La Plantation: Fay Kling, Wally Waldrup

Employment: Dylan Mulhearn, looking for job as actuary; **Rob Mulhearn**, looking for job in communications

Military Service & Families: Sam Allen, Ginny & Lee's son - SC, Germany 05/10

A Record of Our Faithfulness - April 25, 2010

Operating Account

2009 YTD \$63,705.65
2010 YTD \$62,244.97

Building Fund Contributions

Received 2010 year-to-date \$28,546.00
Total funds available for construction \$2,477,524.40