

Supper 'n Study

Spend your Wednesday night with FUMC!

We are focused on our mission: "Growing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Serving line opens. (Come when you can.)
	\$4 Adults \$2.50 Children
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Course Offerings (see below)

Adult Selections

A) In Conference Room – Rev. Bob Deich

"Early Church" – DVD with Ray Van Derlaan and footage of Holy Land. Ray Van Derlaan is an expert in Biblical Studies who brings scripture to life as he presents the location of events and connects the place with what God did at that place, and what he is doing in our lives today.

B) In Parlor – Men's Class area – Rev. Ginny Allen

"Five Love Languages" – a New York Times best seller by Gary Chapman. Looking at our personal way of expressing love, and trying to understand others in our lives who understand love in another way. Looking at our relationships and love, remembering, "God is love." A personal workbook, no preparation, discussion class.

C) In 4th & 5th Grade Girls' Classroom – Sue Fairchild, Education Chair

Sewing Vacation Bible School Costumes

Cutting out, pinning, basting, and sewing basic tunics, headdresses and belts for VBS costumes. If you have a sewing machine, bring it. You can take work home and work between classes. You can come and enjoy visiting and working together on this important preparation for our summer Education Event.

D) In Choir Room – Diane Boso, Director Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Music lovers prepare for Traditional Worship.

YOUTH 6TH – 12TH Grades in Youth Cave

Youth Small Groups

Boys 6th – 12th grades with Jody Lachney
Middle School Girls with Sarah Angell
High School Girls with Sam Osbon

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

Children's Commons – Feb. 1st & 8th with Debbie Reed

Share and prayer time, Bible Story, Crafts, Games & Gym time

Volunteers needed to lead subsequent weeks.

Teaching guides and schedule provided.

INFANT AND TODDLER CHILDCARE

Nursery– with Michelle Jochim

Loving, safe supervised care and play.

Volunteers needed to meet Safe Sanctuary requirement of two caregivers. Contact Sarah Angell at sarahlangell@gmail.com.

Something for everyone!

Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him!

THANK YOU

On behalf of my entire family, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who showed us so much concern, sympathy, and love during the course of Barbara's illness and death. Your prayers, visits, cards, and food were all greatly appreciated. Barbara and I have been truly blessed; not only over this short term, but also for the many years we have been associated with our wonderful church family. We pray that God will continue to bless you as He has blessed us. ~ Bob Hill and family

The Upper Room Living Prayer Center

You are invited to join in ministry with our FUMC-DS United Methodist Men as they take calls from the Upper Room Prayer Line on March 25th, 2012 from 7 a.m. – 12 noon. The Prayer Line receives more than 36,000 calls per month for prayer requests.

Volunteers are needed to answer the phones for 30 minutes (or more) and assist callers with prayer or scripture reading relative to their situation. If interested in volunteering, please contact Barney Babin at 225-931-7573 or blbabin@bellsouth.net. Prayer and Scripture Helps are provided to every volunteer.

There will also be a FUMC-DS covenant prayer group that will serve in follow-up prayer for 30 days after March 25th. Contact Barney Babin if you wish to volunteer for this prayer group.

The blessings you will receive for this service are limitless!

Baton Rouge District Training Event 2012

Moving Forward Together in Ministry

Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. – noon

First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

Workshop Options: Trustees – Finance – Lay Leaders – Church Council – Pastor/Parish Relations – Methodism 101
Contact Pastor Steve Berger @ steve@jeffersononline.org.

YOUNG AT HEART

Join us for our next Young at Heart meeting in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, February 15th**. The theme for our meeting will be "Who Let The Dogs Out". After the meeting, we will enjoy a feast of chili hot dogs and king cake in the Activity Center. Woof, Woof! There is no charge for the lunch. *Remember to bring beans and rice so that we may continue to support the Food Pantry.*

Young at Heart End of the Year News:

Donated \$1,347.45 to various charities

Donated 283 pounds of rice and 303 pounds of beans along with a huge variety of other items to the Food Pantry.

♥♥ YOU ARE AN AWESOME GROUP YOUNG AT HEART♥♥

POWER OF HOPE EVENT

Thurs., Mar. 29th - Renaissance Hotel, Baton Rouge

6:30 p.m. Silent Auction & Dinner

Tickets are on sale online for \$50

<http://powerofhope2012-eorgf.eventbrite.com/>

Hard copy tickets are available in the office for those who do not use internet. See Diane Carson in church office to purchase.

SECOND SUNDAY SALSA SALE

Club Almost will be selling Louisiana Methodist Children's Home OWL Salsa for \$5.00 per jar on **Sunday, February 12th**. Proceeds go to help the Home and Heifer International. Also included in this sale will be manna bags for \$5.00 each. The manna bags are a wonderful way to show God's love to those that are in need and homeless. Look for the Club Almost table in the foyer near the staircase after the 8:30 and 10:45 services.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

During the month of January, the Food Pantry provided food to 124 families that included 249 Adults and 150 children. There were also 27 Bibles given to families. Volunteers served a total of 112 hours.

Thanks to all who continue to support this community mission and to all who volunteer their time to the Food Pantry.

MARCH EVENT

“CLAIMING OUR CALL AS LAITY”

March 16th – 17th

Wesley Center
2350 Methodist Parkway
Woodworth, Louisiana

A two-day retreat sponsored by The Conference Board of Laity and led by Dr. Gil Rendle and Bishop William W. Hutchinson.

The retreat is designed to facilitate lay involvement in the crucial tasks of the church.

The event starts 4:30 p.m. Friday and ends at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Retreat Cost: \$35.00 per person, which includes three meals and snacks. Lodging is \$57 for single and \$40 for double. Onsite lodging is limited so register early for this exciting event.

To register, contact The Wesley Center at (318) 449-4500.

Get Ready to Sew

The Education Committee is still collecting fabric to make New Testament tunics for Vacation Bible School. More solids or striped fabrics are needed. You may bring to the church office. VBS costume construction will be one of the Supper-n-Study class options.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sanctuary flowers may be placed in honor or in memory of a special person or group for \$45 per Sunday. Reserve dates by signing up on the 2012 Flower Calendar posted in the office or contact Diane Carson at 665-8995. Flowers will not be ordered for the sanctuary on weeks without a reservation. Sign up today!

Confirmation Class Registration

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, after school. The course will include a Bishop's Day at the Wesley Center and a field trip to a Jewish Temple. **To Register:** Provide student's name, grade, parent/guardian, parent's email, parent's cell. If available, please include student's email and cell. Send registration information to Ginny Allen at revginny@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2012, 6:00 pm

Teacher/Staff TLC Ministry Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2012, 6:30 pm

Church Council Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2012, 6:00 pm

Special Gifts

The Following Special Gifts have been given to First United Methodist Church of Denham Springs:

- **In Memory of Karen Davis** by Josephine Schultz
- **In Memory of Joan Bay Ellis** by Dot & Claude Davis; Richard and Lyn Easley; George & Nola Davis
- **In Memory of Nat Crawford & Fred Smith** by Margarine Smith
- **In Memory of Barbara Hill** by Jim & Jennifer Barclay; Dot & Claude Davis; Margarine Smith; William & Kay Graves; Al & Mary Ann Guitreau; Tommy & Joyce Hazelton; Janelle Carrier Hutchinson; Richard & Lyn Easley; George & Marlene Milton; Cynthia Stover; Kelton & Jewell Whitehead; Jack Watson; Sally Womack; John Yarwood.

RUN OR VOLUNTEER **IN INITIATIVE AGAINST MALARIA**

The Louisiana United Methodist Conference will sponsor **5K Run and Fun-Walks on Saturday, April 21, 2012** benefiting the United Methodist Global Initiative dedicated to eradicating malaria worldwide. "Imagine No More Malaria." Churches across the Louisiana Conference will be working in unison to make 5K Run and Fun Walks a huge success.

Everyone of every age can be involved. For more information about being a runner, volunteer, or help in any way, please contact Ginny Allen at revginny@gmail.com, 225-772-6681 or Joyce Annison at joyceannison@cox.net, 225-664-4691.

Cooks for Christ Ministry

Together we minister to provide meals to anyone with a need.

How it works:

- Cook or bake anything you like, freeze it, label and date.
- Bring it to the church and put in the workroom freezer.
- If you know of anyone with a need, you can pick up food from the church and deliver to anyone who needs it.

Youth **Eat the Word**

Sundays 5-7
In the Youth Cave!

Fundraiser
Feb 11, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
During Mardi Gras Parade

Come tailgate with us from noon – 2 p.m. in Dr. Strickland's parking lot on Range. Guys bring drinks. Girls bring snacks. Hotdogs will be provided.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE YOUTH SERVICE AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH!