

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 29 <i>5th Sunday After Epiphany</i> Worship, 11am Holy Communion BD: Dale Love	Jan 30	Jan 31	1	2	3 BD: Stephanie Young, Hanson Jodon	4
5 <i>6th Sunday After Epiphany</i> Worship, 11am Choir Rehearsal, 3pm	6 BD: Beverly Guillory, Virginia Zaunbrecher	7	8 Youth Study, 4:30 Church Council, 6pm CLUB 3:16, 6pm	9	10 BD: Tonya Davis	11 BD: Andy Guempel, Ethan Moser
12 <i>2nd Sunday After Epiphany</i> Worship, 11am Choir Rehearsal, 3pm BD: Martha Guempel	13 UM Ladies, 6:30pm	14 BD: Brandie Young	15 Youth Study, 4:30 CLUB 3:16, 6pm	16 BD: Bobee Fouret	17	18
19 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> 24 HOURS Study, 9:30, Worship, 11am, Choir Rehearsal, 3pm, BD: Peyton Ruppert, Ryan Young	20 President's Day No School	21 Mardi Gras No School	22 Ash Wednesday No School Youth Study, 4:30 CLUB 3:16, 6pm	23 School In BD: Ron Driggs	24 BD: Mae O'Brien	25
26 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 24 HOURS Study, 9:30, Worship, 11am, Choir Rehearsal, 3pm BD: Michelle Reed	27 BD: Kyle Fusilier	28 BD: Sarah Fruge'	29 LEAP DAY! Youth Study, 4:30 YOUTH SOFTBALL!	Mar 1 BD: Dolores Peterson, Richlynn Fruge', Becky Butler-Gaubert	Mar 2	Mar 3

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Ministering to the Eunice area since 1894
Rev. Willis Dear, Pastor



BLESSINGS ABOUND!

The past seven months have been filled with activities and experiences that are the direct result of God's mercy, grace and blessing. We continuously pray for His strength and guidance in our planning, our doing, our serving and our loving. May His light shine brightly upon a path upon which we are obedient and eager to please our great and awesome God!

ASH Wednesday 2.22.12 The first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist churches.



Youth STUDY EXPERIENCE Rev. Dear is leading a twelve-week series of sessions with our older youth. The experience is intended to go a little deeper into things like the Bible, the Trinity, faith, God's purpose and meaning for our lives, and other topics. Averaging 20 at the Wednesday meetings.

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45pm
Began January 18th, Ends April 4th



CHURCH COUNCIL Next meeting, **February 8, 6:00pm**, Conference Room

Prayer List Al Marks Sr., Levy Leger, Lora Fontenot, Bob Guillotte, Jimmy Pelican, Dot Heinen, Zellie Deshotel, Jenny Fawcett, Renee Duplechain, Ethan Moser, Cindy Owen, Allen Manuel, Mary Ann O'Brien, Isaac Stanford, Martin Adams, Jackie McBroom, Earl Courville, Jackie Deshotel, Creighton Stanford, Robert Hodge, Bobbie Stiglets, Craig Fontenot, Darryl Cart, Dale Domingue, Carter Bertrand, Claudia Courville, Ilene Armond, Hope Dupont, Jeanne Soileau, Lisa Thomas, Albert Miller, Dottie Morris, Susan Domingue, Sophie Doucet, Youth & Children's Ministry, Mary Fuselier, Brett Young, Germaine Stagg, Charles Bowie, Pilar Parrie, Pastor Doug Milliron, Joey Ortego, Freeda Polk, Richard Davis, Sandy McGaha, Emmet Carter, Dusty DeVillier, Sheila Burnet Young, Will LeJeune, Sister Bea DeRouen, Shane Spears, Brett Faulkner, Bernice Guillory, Beth Manuel, Ryder Blaine Ward, Lisa Renee' Harelson, Isaac Bergeron, Tommy Morris, Sue Hargrover, Ray Pitre, Jim Witkowski, Kathy Fontenot, Belinda Aguillard, Michelle Stelly, Darrell Courville, Pauline Fruge, Lou Martin, Laura Law, Bruce Baker, Amanda Faulkner, Paula Guillory, Homeless, J.W. Karlin, Jennifer Robicheaux, Toby DeVillier, Ted Hudson, LeDoux Family, Baby Mackenzie, Aileen Darby, Beth Reed, Merita Guillory, Steven Guillory, Jeff Guillotte * Please notify us if there are additions or removals.



FIRE SAFETY Thanks to Sharline Durio, all of the fire extinguishers in the church building have been inspected and are in good order. There are two extinguishers in the sanctuary and others scattered throughout the building. A list of extinguisher locations can be found on the bulletin board in the church office. Group leaders, please take time to look it over. We will be having a fire drill and safety lesson with CLUB 3:16 very soon.

Coming in April FUMC will once again have a team in the Eunice Relay for Life -- benefit for the American Cancer Society. We had a really great team last year, and we want to increase our participation this year! Talk to our team captain David Reed, for information about the event or to join up.
APRIL 13, Northwest Pavillion, 6:00pm

FINANCE

-Million Penny Total: 189,271 (\$1,892.71)

DONATIONS

-Eunice Food Bank (Jan Communion Altar Rail): \$69

-CLUB 3:16: Katie Stanford, Pat Dossman, M/M Steven Saucier, Dana Duvall, Jean Lembeck, Sharon LeDoux, Suzanne LaHaye, M/M David Reed

-In Memory of Rev. Kenneth Chapman by M/M Kenneth Chapman, Jr.



Flower Chart Not sure if/when you signed up to place flowers on the altar? The chart is now available for viewing on the FUMC homepage: FUMCeunice.org

February Flowers
12th: Judy Guillotte
19th: Christy Faulkner
26th: The Reeds

March Flowers
11th: Mary Frances Matherne
18th: Lillian Mjolsness & Pat Johnson
25th: D.B. Baker

Algar Flowers
Flowers placed on the altar each Sunday serve to remind us of the beauty of God's creation, and they help to enhance the worship experience. Thanks for participating.

Health Care for the Heart If you are over 40 years old, your heart has already beat more than 1.5 billion times. When my heart stops, it will be too late to change my ways. So I've been trying to control my weight, get exercise, and watch not only what I eat, but also what's eating me.

This last point relates to another vital organ called "the heart," our spiritual heart. It too has throbbed millions of times with thought, affections and choices. In the heart we determine how we will speak, behave, and respond to life's circumstances. Will we trust the Lord and choose to be gracious, patient, and loving? Or will we yield to pride, greed, and bitterness?

- Are we keeping our heart spiritually fit?
- * Weight: Do we need to lose weight of unnecessary burdens and cares?
 - * Pulse: Are we maintaining a steady rhythm of gratitude and praise?
 - * Blood Pressure: Is our trust greater than our anxiety?
 - * Diet: Are we enjoying the life-giving nutrients of the Word of God?
- Have we checked our hearts lately?
- O Lord, You see what's in the heart, there's nothing hidden from you; so help us live the kind of life that's filled with love for you.

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. PROVERBS 4:23
Contributed by David Reed

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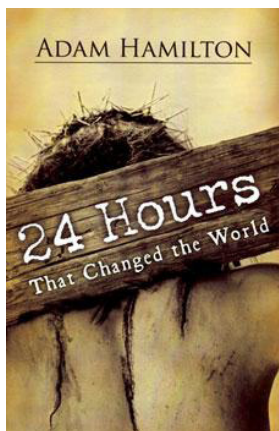
Regular Activities at FUMC

SUNDAYS Iota Worship, 8:00am
Eunice Sunday School, 9:30am*
Kinder Worship, 9:30am
Eunice Worship, 11:00am*
Eunice Choir Rehearsal, 3:00pm
* Nursery Provided

WEDNESDAYS CLUB 3:16, 6:00-7:30PM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Served during morning worship on the 1st Sunday of each month

CHURCH COUNCIL 6pm, 2nd Wednesday, even months



24 Hours That Changed The World

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before.

There is a video segment, featuring Hamilton in the Holy Land, for each of the seven sessions.

Sundays at 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
Begins Sunday, February 19, 9:30am
Ends Sunday, April 1 (Palm Sunday)

Please notify Dwight if you would like to participate.

UM Ladies Thanks to all who have expressed an interest in the women's group meeting again for fellowship and church/community projects. I invite you to join me on **Monday, February 13th at 6:30pm.** *Brenda Francois*

2012 is a LEAP YEAR A leap year consists of 366 days, as opposed to a common year, which has 365 days!

Why do we need Leap Years? Leap Years are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the sun. It takes the Earth approximately 365.242199 days (a tropical year) to circle once around the Sun. However, the Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year, so if we didn't add a day on February 29, nearly every four years we would lose almost six hours off our calendar each year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days!

How do we calculate Leap Years? In the Gregorian calendar, three criteria must be met to be a leap year: 1. The year is evenly divisible by four. 2. If the year can be evenly divided by 100, it is NOT a leap year, unless... 3. The year is also evenly divisible by 400. Then it is a leap year. This means that 2000 and 2400 are leap years, while 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years. The year 2000 was somewhat special as it was the first instance when the third criterion was used in most parts of the world since the transition from the Julian to the Gregorian Calendar. Confused yet?

Who invented Leap Years? Julius Caesar introduced Leap Years in the Roman empire over 2,000 years ago, but the Julian calendar had only one rule: any year evenly divisible by 4 would be a leap year. This led to way too many leap years, but didn't get corrected until the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar more than 1,500 years later.

Simple, right?! Short version: Every FOUR years there's a February 29th. And, if it's your birthday, divide your age by four, and that's your Leap Age. Example, a 50-yr-old has only had 12.5 birthdays.



TEBOWING!

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES...

John 3:16-17
Matthew 7:12
James 1:22
Matthew 25:31-46
Philippians 4:13
Romans 8
Psalm 100

Wednesdays at 6pm

January weekly average
attendance: 39!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb 1 (Wed)
Feb 8 (Wed)
Feb 15 (Wed) Elections
Feb 22 (Wed) Lent Devo
Feb 29 (Wed) SOFTBALL!
Mar 7 (Wed) T-Shirt Night!

Club Staff met on 1/26. Some of the top planning points include: Finishing The Loft (furniture, accessories, etc.), Prize for Scripture Bowl (Dec), holding elections for a Club Council, next T-Shirt night ("VARSITY CHRISTIAN"), establishing a point system, kids participating on the FUMC Relay for Life Team in April, overnight retreat at Uskichitto Retreat Center (UM Camp in LeBlanc), help with VBS, and other fun things.

GAME ON!

SOFTBALL NIGHT...THE SEQUAL!



EHS Girls Softball Coach, Misty Guillory, has invited CLUB 3:16 for a Guys v. Girls REMATCH at Lady Bobcat Field!

This will be a Coach Pitch showdown that you won't want to miss!

Coaches: David Reed, Girls; Misty Guillory, Guys
Umpires: Craig Matherne, Dixie Saucier,
Shirley Jodon & Jen Nagata

FEBRUARY 29, 2012, 6:00PM, EHS FIELD