

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> Worship, 11am Holy Communion New Year's Day	2 BD: DaShaya Vigers	3	4 Back to School CLUB 3:16, 6pm	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord	7
8 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Worship, 11am Choir Rehearsal, 3pm BD: Ella Taylor	9 LSU v. Bama 7:30pm	10 BD: Terry Guillory	11 BD: Jude Guillory	12	13	14
15 <i>2nd Sunday After Epiphany</i> Worship, 11am Choir Rehearsal, 3pm	16 MLK, Jr. Day No School	17 No School BD: Zach Joubert	18 BD: Abby Deger	19 Youth Study, 4:30 CLUB 3:16, 6pm	20 Worship Committee, 6pm	21 BD: Brooke Aguiard
22 <i>3rd Sunday After Epiphany</i> Worship, 11am Choir Rehearsal, 3pm	23 BD: Caroline McManus	24 BD: Penny Comeaux	25 BD: Ali Rae LeJeune	26 Youth Study, 4:30 CLUB 3:16, 6pm	27 CLUB 3:16 Staff Mtg, 6pm	28 BD: Suzanne LaHaye
29 <i>4th Sunday After Epiphany</i> Worship, 11am Choir Rehearsal, 3pm BD: Dale Love	30	31	<i>Feb 1</i> Youth Study, 4:30 CLUB 3:16, 6pm	<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>Feb 3</i> BD: Stephanie Young, Hanson Jodon	<i>Feb 4</i> Over 120!!!

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501 South Fifth Street
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**Happy
New Year
2012**

Be still and know that I am God.

PSALM 46:10

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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EUNICE, LOUISIANA

Ministering to the Eunice area since 1894

Rev. Willis Dear, Pastor



Resolve! to be FAITHFUL

There is something special about flipping the calendar to...JANUARY. A new year. A fresh start. The threshold of opportunities. We would be wise to minimize the influence of our own agenda while intentionally pursuing God's purpose for our lives.

Rather than follow the world's lead with regard to trivial and no-intent-to-keep resolutions, let us resolve as a congregation to keep our focus squarely on God's will with a clear mission: to SEEK it and to FOLLOW it!

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

Youth STUDY EXPERIENCE Rev. Dear will lead 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. There will be a **Parents Meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 5:00pm.**

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45pm

Begins January 18th, Ends April 4th

Poinsettias Thank you to all who made memorial or honorary contributions this past Christmas. Your donations allowed us to place forty poinsettia plants in the sanctuary for Christmas. Thanks to Brenda Francois for coordinating the delivery of the plants, and to Michelle Reed for painting the boards listing the dedications.

Five Score and Eighteen Years Today, the FUMC Eunice congregation begins our 118th year of ministry in this community. In fact, the church was established the very same year that the City of Eunice was founded, 1894. As we look back over these many decades of Christian ministry and celebrate the work and faithfulness of countless saints, we also look ahead to the decades to come, trusting God to guide our every step!

189419942012 **SERVING CHRIST IN THREE CENTURIES**

2012 CHURCH OFFICERS

PASTOR Rev. Willis Dear

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR David Reed

LAY LEADER Keith Jodon

LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Anita Griffiths (Kinder) [David Reed, alternate]

SPR CHAIR Beverly Guillory

TRUSTEES CHAIR Buddy Jones

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Brenda Francois

TREASURER Shirley Jodon

FINANCIAL SECRETARY Pat Dossman

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES Elise Velez and Parker Jodon

OUTREACH Barbara Deger

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Tammy Stanford

ASSISTANTS Joy Jodon & Mary Frances Matherne

YOUTH STAFF David Reed, Michelle Reed, Tammy

Stanford, Pat Dossman, Sharon LeDoux, Mary Frances Matherne, Dwight Jodon

MUSIC DIRECTOR Dwight Jodon

NURTURE Erin Van Horn

UM MEN Jules Gaspard

UM LADIES Brenda Francois

WORSHIP COMMITTEE Rev. Dear, Dwight Jodon (Ch.),

Mary Frances Matherne, Pat Dossman, Martha Guempel, Keith Jodon, Suzanne LaHaye, Shirley Jodon, Jeanell Hudson, Erin Van Horn, Joyce Gaspard, David Reed

RECORDING SECRETARY Suzanne LaHaye

FINANCE

-Million Penny Total: 180,721 (\$1,807.21)

DONATIONS

-Eunice Food Bank (Dec Communion Altar Rail): \$199

-Heifer International by Sunday School Class: \$400

-Poinsettias: \$980 (benefits apportionment)

-CLUB 3:16: J.W. McManus, Katie Stanford, Mike & Angelle Driggs, Steven & Candace Saucier, Ed Deshautelle, Richard Davis, Suzanne LaHaye, Sylvia & Dave Ruppert

-Holiday Pecans: \$1,403.10 (benefits apportionment)

-2011 District & Conference Apportionments: PAID IN FULL

We praise God
for the life and
witness of

Rev.
Kenneth
Chapman
1927 - 2010



God bless all of you who helped with the funeral service of Kenneth Chapman, and the meal for the family. They were all truly appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

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

Activity Bags Activity Bags are available for children on Sunday mornings. Bags include books, coloring pages and other fun stuff! Pick one up in the foyer.



Sunday SERMONS

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
January 1	Key Steps to a Successful Year	Philippians 3:1-14
January 8	Discovering Your Potential	Romans 12:1-8
January 15	God's Vision for Our Time	Acts 2:22-24, 23-36
January 22	God's Will (A series of four sermons)	
	God's Intentional Will	Matthew 18:14 & John 10:10
January 29	God's Circumstantial Will	Romans 8:28-39
February 5	God's Ultimate Will - God's Triumph	Ephesians 1:7-14
February 12	Discerning God's Will	John 16:12-15, II Timothy 3:16-17

Prayer List Charlene Smith, Jenny Fawcett, Renee Duplechain, Ethan Moser, Family of Rev. Kenneth Chapman, Family of Matthew Ruppert, 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, Raymond 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, Laure 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.



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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

Little Lambs...a project of Innerfaith Ministries

David Reed collected Christmas gifts for local children who are part of the Little Lambs program. Thank you to all who made donations! www.innerfaithpm.org

Do you know your hymns??

Dentist's Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn: There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn: The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn: There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn: Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See
The IRS Agent's Hymn: I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn: Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn: Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn: Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn: I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn: He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn: The Great Physician

And for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

45mph: God Will Take Care of You
65mph: Nearer My God To Thee
75mph: This World Is Not My Home
85mph: Lord, I'm Coming Home
100mph: Precious Memories

CONTRIBUTED BY ED DESHAUTELLE

HOLIDAY PECANS In late October, we decided to try a new apportionment fundraiser: selling Bergeron's pecans. Pat Dossman ran with the idea, and who could've guessed what a success it would be?! Thanks to Pat for coordinating! \$1,403.10 helped with our Conference Apportionment!

Gothic Arch At the December 28th CLUB 3:16 meeting, the kids took part in a team challenge...sort of an indoor scavenger hunt. Part of the challenge was to count the number of Gothic arches that appear in the design of our sanctuary. Can you guess how many? The answer is found on the calendar located in this newsletter. See the number located under the date, Feb 4. You may be surprised.



Wednesdays at 6pm

Average weekly attendance
for all of 2011: 32!



One year ago, no one could have imagined that our youth program would be ablaze by Christmas 2011! We are grateful and give praise and glory to Almighty God for brightly lighting the way.

We look forward to the blessings and miracles that God has in store for the group in the new year.

May we continue to present ourselves willing to follow His will, and may the kids and families of CLUB 3:16 give thanks!

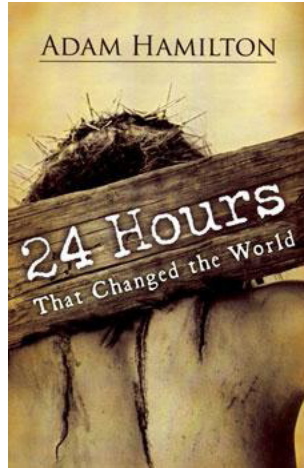
*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future."*

JEREMIAH 29:11



THE JOURNEY Thirty-Six folks took part in the Christmas study by Rev. Adam Hamilton. It was a blessing to learn, share and experience Christmas as a group. The five sessions offered an enlightening perspective on the historical and human aspects of the amazing journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. And for the rest of the story...

The culmination of Jesus' years of ministry here on earth was an event that would be the defining line for all of humanity. Rev. Hamilton recounts the experience of the cross in a seven-week Easter study called *24 Hours That Changed The World*. See details below.



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.

FEED MY SHEEP Hats off to the kids of CLUB 3:16 who turned out on Thursday, December 15th to help the Eunice Rotary Club with its annual distribution of food boxes to local needy families. The group packed 100 boxes of non-perishable food items, which were delivered throughout the community on Saturday, Dec 17th.

With Appreciation!

Many thanks to the congregation for the Christmas card and gifts. It is such a special blessing to serve Christ through FUMC Eunice! *Rev. Dear, Pat & Dwight*

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*

January Flowers

8th: OPEN

15th: Barbara Deger & Dusty DeVillier

22nd: Dixie Saucier

29th: Keith & Joy Jodon

February Flowers

12th: Judy Guillotte

19th: Christy Faulkner

26th: The Reeds

Alger 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.

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It's 2002! It's 2022! Here's a quick exercise.

Ten years ago - 2002 - think about your world: job, family, friends, hobbies, health. How old were you? Think about the FUMC congregation. Were you part of it yet? If so, who was here? What were the programs?

Okay, now it's 2022! **Ten short years from now**, what might your world look like? How old will you be? In what grade will your children be? Will you be retired? What will the FUMC ministry look like? How are you participating now? How will you be participating then?

Now, what is God calling you (and us) to do right now, and throughout 2012? What will you contribute to the life of the church in order to minister to the world?

Let us present ourselves willing to SEEK and FOLLOW God's Will! This mission is best summarized by **The Great Commission** issued by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Heifer International Members of the Sunday School class studying THE JOURNEY collected \$400 and were able to make a contribution to Heifer International. The class gave four Promise Gift Baskets, which consist of geese, ducks, and chickens, will provide income and nutrition to struggling families. The class was also able to provide two gift packages of bees. The package provides bees, box and hive plus the training in beekeeping. *Learn more about the wonderful work of Heifer International (a United Methodist partner) at www.heifer.org.*

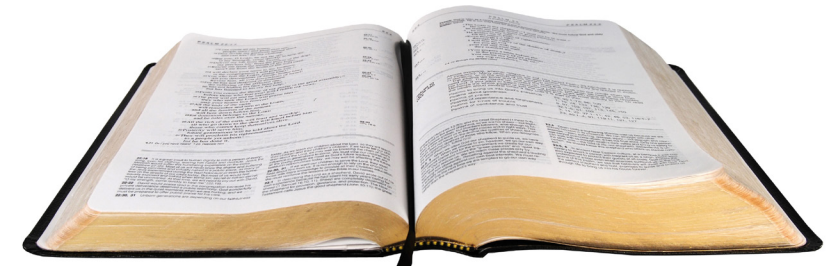


Christmas Eve

It was such a special blessing to have the church filled to capacity for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.



There's a verse for that!



Smart phone ads tout, "There's an app for that!" For the curve balls life throws at us, or even the mountaintop experiences, we stand firmly on The Bible as God's Word.