

# SEPTEMBER 2011

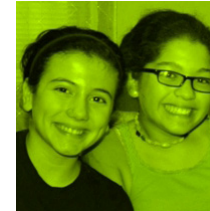
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	1 BD: Dale Guillory	2 BD: Jeremy Faulkner	3 BD: David Reed
CLUB 3:16, 6pm						
4 <i>12th Sunday After Pentecost</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> BD: Barbara Driggs, Rebecca Moser	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>No School</b> BD: Janice Bennett, J.O. LeBlanc, Jenene Smith	6	7 <b>CLUB 3:16, 6pm</b>	8	9 BD: Judy Derbes	10 <b>Nominations Committee, 5pm</b>
11 <i>13th Sunday After Pentecost</i> <b>Patriot Day</b> <b>Welcoming Luncheon</b> for Rev. & Mrs. Dear, Noon	12 BD: Steve Comeaux, Rhonda Pucheu, Terry Aguillard	13 BD: Patrick Fusilier, Benji Guempel	14 BD: Josh Faulkner	15 BD: Mary Bergeaux	16 BD: Craig Matherne	17 <b>ARK Day,</b> 10am-Noon
Church Council, 5pm CLUB 3:16, 6pm						
18 <i>14th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	19	20	21 BD: Kathryn DeVillier	22	23 <b>Autumn Begins</b> BD: Elise Velez	24
CLUB 3:16, 6pm						
25 <i>15th Sunday After Pentecost</i>	26	27	28	29	30 BD: Jason Brown, Mandy Johnson	Oct 1
CLUB 3:16, 6pm						

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Prepare to be **ASTONISHED** ...by the boundless Grace of God!

It is with this assurance that we launched activities for our youth; an undertaking which has proven that God will take the lead; we just need the faith to follow -- and follow we have!

Eleven kids came out for the first youth gathering on August 3rd. Attendance soared to **thirty-one** for the last two meetings (8/17 & 8/24). ALL glory to God!

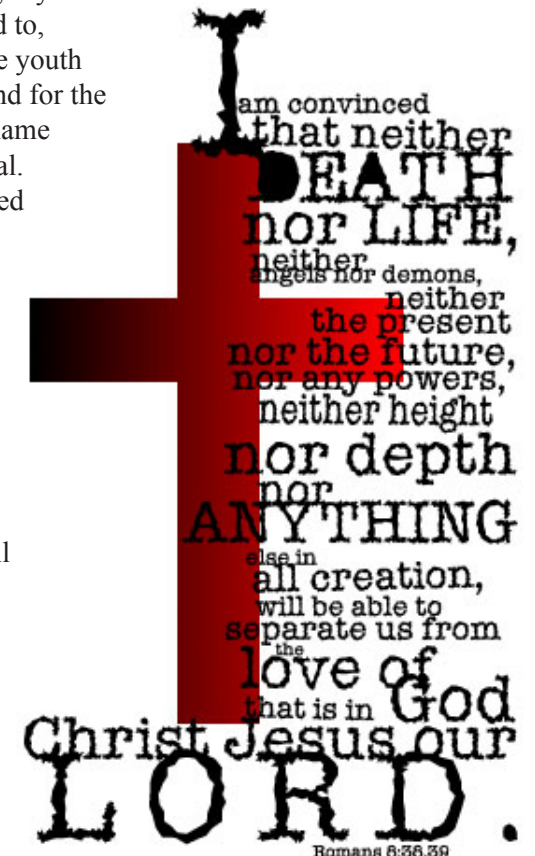
Thank you to all who have worked with, donated to, prayed for, and in any other way played a role in the youth meetings. We praise God for ideas, for resources and for the common purpose: gathering together in His Holy name for fellowship, devotional, games and sharing a meal.

The purpose of getting our youth together is stated at each gathering: to learn something about God, something about those around us, and something about ourselves – GOD, OTHERS, SELF.

When we present ourselves willing, God provides the path. It is then our honor as the body of Christ to be His hands, His feet, indeed, His body to the world around us.

To be astonished is to be stricken with great wonder and awe. When we pray to God for His will to be done through our faithfulness He takes us seriously! And as we continue to witness His work within our church, let us also pray that others will join us on the journey...one through which we grow closer to God, to each other and even to ourselves!

**AMEN!**



## 70-Year Warranty?

'Fraid not! But, to say that the plumbing in the education building has served its purpose would be a tremendous understatement.

Due to leaks in the ceiling and other plumbing issues, work began at the end of August to finally address the issues with three of the building's restrooms.



After exposing the large pipes (running in the space between floors), a crack spanning several feet was discovered...a large-scale disaster waiting to happen.

The education building was built in the early 1940s, so the pipes have serviced a few generations of congregations over nearly seven decades. And yes, as you might guess, the warranty expired!

Thanks to Dave Ruppert and our trustees for overseeing the work to bring these three restrooms into the 21st century!

**Garage Sale Downtown** The Main Street garage sale will again be held in November. If there are enough folks who donate items and enough workers the day of the sale our church can raise \$\$\$ to reduce our apportionment responsibility. Watch for the sign-up folder that will go around during church.

**Connect!** Our website has lots of information about FUMC Eunice and the United Methodist Church, as well as links to other UM and Christian sites. It can serve as a resource for you to surf your way to devotionals, news, information, events, etc. Also, visit (and "LIKE") us on Facebook to get updated information about church activities, including pictures!

*Link on our home page.*



## Finance

**Million Penny Total:** 148,921 (\$1,489.21)

### DONATIONS

**-Cambodian Mission (Joseph & Marilyn Chan):**  
\$446

**-Youth:** Monica Joubert, Pastor Doug & Mona Milliron, Pat Dossman, Shirley Jodon, Sharon LeDoux, Angelle Driggs and Charlotte Perron

**-New TV for youth** donated by David & Michelle Reed, Pat Dossman & Dwight Jodon

**CHOIR** The choir will resume rehearsals on **Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm in September, beginning September 4.** Please prayerfully consider joining voices with other believers. We need your help!



A list of very diverse anthems has been scheduled in order to return the choral element of praise to the morning worship service. *Dwight*

**Prayer List** Scharlotte Johnson's Family (her Father passed away), Frank Johnson, Carter Bertrand, Ronald Durio, Claudia Courville, Ilene Armond, Isaac Stanford, Hope Dupont, Teenie Fruge, Jeanne Soileau, Lisa Thomas, Albert Miller, Dottie Morris, Susan Domingue, Sophie Doucet, Youth & Children's Ministry, Mary Fuselier, Ken Chapman, Brett Young, Germaine Stagg, Raymond "Poochie" Fontenot, Pilar Parrie, Pastor Doug Milliron, Joey Ortego, Freeda Polk, Sandy McGaha, Emmet Carter, Pat Dossman, Dusty DeVillier, Shirley Jodon, Sheila Burnet Young, Will LeJeune, Sister Bea DeRouen, Shane Spears, Brett Faulkner, Bernice Guillory, Beth Manuel, Jackie Deshotel, Ryder Blaine Ward, Lisa Renee' Harelson, Fraser Landreneau, Isaac Bergeron, Tommy Morris, Sue Hargrover, Ray Pitre, Jim Witkowski, Kathy Fontenot, Ruby Timmons, Belinda Aguillard, Germaine Stagg, Michelle Stelly, Darrell Courville, Pauline Fruge, Lou Martin, Craig Fontenot, Laure Law, Ilene Burrus, Bruce Baker, Amanda Faulkner, Earl Courville, Paula Guillory, Mark Dischler, Homeless, J.W. Karlin, Jennifer Robicheaux, Toby DeVillier, Ted Hudson, LeDoux Family, Baby Mackenzie, Aileen Darby, Beth Reed, Merita Guillory, Steven Guillory, Jeff Guillotte, Phyllis Ortego



\* Please notify us if there are additions or removals.

**Fall BBQ** On **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** we will have our annual church BBQ for our apportionment. We still owe approx \$8,000 and need to have a successful fundraiser. We need workers and salespeople. We will be contacting you to help on BBQ day, but most importantly with ticket sales. We need to sell 900 plates to make a profit of \$3,000 to \$4,000. A successful part of this fundraiser is our cake sale. Please begin planning (1) how many cakes you will be able to commit to, and (2) what kind. Remember, it is easier to sell a baked good if the flavor and name of the baker is indicated on the cake.



**CHURCH COUNCIL** Next meeting, **September 14, 5:00pm**, Conference Room

**Welcoming Luncheon** There will be a covered dish lunch following worship on **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** to welcome Rev. Willis and Nancy Dear.

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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

*Algar Flowers*

**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](http://FUMCeunice.org)

### October

### September

**11th:** Christy Faulkner

**18th:** Beverly & Harland Guillory

**25th:** J.W. McManus

**9th:** Sharon LeDoux

**16th:** Robert Butler

**23rd:** Stanford Family

**30th:** LeDoux Family

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

**A Word from our Pastor**

The Little Brown Church in the Vale is a song we all grew up with, but did you know that it is a real place. It sits in a beautiful little park alongside Highway 218 in the town of Bradford, near Nashua, in northern Iowa. But the Church wasn't there when the song was written.

A New York native named William Pitts was traveling by stagecoach from his home in Wisconsin to Fredericksburg, to visit a girlfriend in 1857. When the stagecoach made a pit stop in Bradford, Pitts took a stroll along the trees to stretch his legs. The gently sloping hills formed a valley, and the Cedar River flowed peacefully by. That grove of trees, it seemed to Pitts, would be a perfect setting for a Church.

Unable to put this out of his mind, he returned home and composed the words and music to "Little Brown Church in the Vale." Five years later after he married his sweetheart, and he lived in Iowa to be near his elderly in-laws, he got a job teaching at the Bradford Academy, and he discovered that a Church was sitting on the very place he had imagined it could be. Christians had decided during the Civil War that a Church needed to be built there and it was painted with the cheapest color that they could find because of the war.

When Pitts saw the Church he went home and found the song he had written and sang it at the building's dedication in 1864.

Soon after he sold his manuscript to a publisher in Chicago for \$25 and the rest is history.

Though the song does not speak about God, or share any particular thing about worship or Christian theology, it does remind so many of us of the roots from which we came and how God's Grace moved among us to bring us to where we are today.



Br. Willis Dear



The kids of CLUB 3:16 want to thank those who have made contributions...



Wednesdays  
at 6pm

- RICHARD DAVIS
- ED DESHAUTELLE
- PAT DOSSMAN
- ANGELLE DRIGGS
- SHIRLEY JODON
- MONICA JOUBERT
- SHARON LEDOUX
- SUZANNE LAHAYE
- JEAN LEMBECK

- MARY FRANCES MATHERNE
- DOUG & MONA MILLIRON
- JAN PARKS
- CHARLOTTE PERRON
- DAVID & MICHELLE REED
- TAMMY STANFORD
- CARLIS YOUNG

For God so loved the world!



QR code for CLUB 3:16 web page



**ARK Day!**  
**Saturday, September 17**  
**10am-Noon**

*Led by our youth!*

*Inviting all  
kids of the  
community!*

**DANCING    FUN    FACE PAINTING    FUN    SKITS**

**Aug correction** In the August news-letter, we incorrectly indicated that Faith Community UMC is located in Lafayette. It is actually located in Broussard, and is one of the newest, fastest-growing churches in the conference.

**Parsonage Prep** A great big thank you to all who helped to prepare the parsonage for Rev. Dear's arrival. Extra special thanks to Barbara Deger and Buddy Jones for lending furniture for the interim period (thru May, 2012).



**Alabama Relief** At this year's VBS, our children collected school supplies for children in Alabama who were victims of the devastating tornados. The items were personally delivered by Steve & Candace Saucier. Here is a note we received: "Here's a picture of the school supplies donated to the Alabama tornado victims in Phil Campbell, AL. The lady in the pic is the pastor's wife at the collection center. They were very happy to get the donations before school started. Glad I could help get the donations to the right people. Steve Saucier"



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**Communion Rail Offering** The designated cause for the August offering left at the altar rail during communion was school supplies for local children. \$175 was collected! Misty & Dale Guillory have chosen the Bertrand Family as recipients of the September communion offering. Baby Carter Bertrand, only months old, is in need of a liver transplant. The family has the ongoing expenses of travel and care. Please consider generously supporting this cause on Sept 4, and remember them in prayer.

**CTCYM keeps giving!** In mid-August FUMC received a \$369 check from the Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission. Here's their message:

*"Thank you again for serving as a host church for one of the Central Texas Conferent Youth in Mission (CTCYM) trips earlier this summer. Thanks to your hospitality and other mission-minded churches like you, the youth and adults of the Central Texas Conference were able to serve in 28 different communities in Texas and Louisiana. Conservatively speaking, that translates into more than 350 families whose lives were improved because of your willingness to open your doors to us. We have enclosed a small honorarium to help offset any additional expenses you might have incurred due to our presence. If that is not a concern for you, we invite you to use this honorarium to further your own church missions.*

*Thank you again!*

*In Christ!*

*Rev. Kyland C. Dobbins*

*Mission Experience Coordinator, Central Texas Conference"*



## We Remember

September 11, 2001 ♦ 10th Anniversary

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

PSALM 46: 1-3



**Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee Meeting** Thursday, September 8, 5:00pm, Conference Room

**Blood Drive** Sunday, November 20, 1:00-5:00pm

**Storm Aid** The United Methodist Committee on Relief is usually one of the first relief agencies to arrive on the scene of disasters and emergencies around the globe. Hurricane Irene is no exception. To contribute to UMCOR, go to the website at:

**WWW.UMCOR.ORG**



**Journey of the Cross** On Sunday mornings, a member of the congregation passes a small, wooden cross to someone else. It serves as a reminder of the presence of Christ, to pray for the church and its ministry, and to pray for our church's families. Over the past six years, the little cross has had quite a journey. Here is a short list: accompanied patients in hospitals (including operating rooms for heart surgeries and knee replacements, Washington, D.C., school classrooms across the city, Russia, on family vacations, nursing homes, in an auto accident, fishing boats, business offices, sporting events from little league to pro, on farms, Gulf Coast beaches, etc, etc! It reminds of the journeys of Paul, one of the most influential Christian missionaries. Paul made his way throughout the Roman Empire sharing the gospel and encouraging others in the name of Christ. May we imitate his passion, going boldly into the world, carrying His cross and His Gospel through word and deed.

**Communion Sunday Altar Offering**

**SEPT** Misty & Dale Guillory: Baby Carter Bertrand

**OCT** Christina Johnson: TBA

**NOV** Eunice Food Bank

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