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## Worship this Sunday

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**Sermon Title:** No Such Thing as a Solitary Christian

**Scripture:** Mark 1:14-20

Do you want to deepen your faith? Want to be a better follower of Jesus? One of the first things we see Jesus do when he begins his ministry is gather a group of companions. There are all kinds of reasons this was necessary. Jesus was a teacher and needed students. He knew his time was limited and his disciples would be tasked to carry on his work. But in gathering a group of companions, Jesus also revealed a truth and pattern for the Christian life — we can't follow Jesus all by ourselves. This sermon will explore the importance of community in Jesus' life, in the early church, and for us today.

## Classes and Groups



### Adult Education & Spiritual Formation

Many new groups and classes begin in the coming weeks. A full listing with descriptions can be found by clicking the **learn more button**.

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## Essentials

Written and presented by Rev. Brady Whitton, and recorded here at FUMC in 2015, participants learn the importance of returning to the basics of faith; those foundational truths which are essential to a vibrant life with God. Begins **Sunday January 21st**, led by Eric Lockridge at 9:45am until 10:45am in Room 107 of the Adult Building.

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## Good Inside

*A Guide to Becoming the Parent You Want to Be:* This 8-week offering created by clinical psychologist Dr. Becky Kennedy, empowers parents with a game-changing approach that leads to meaningful and lasting change in your household. Co-led by Jen Rossnagel and Georgia Small Sunday evenings beginning **January 21**, from 5:00pm - 6:30pm in Adult Building Room 115. Childcare is available for little ones.

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## Financial Peace University

Money. Maybe you feel like you didn't learn enough growing up to manage your finances well now. Maybe money is so tight you worry you won't have enough from one month to the next. Maybe you're just exhausted and feel like no matter what you do, you just can't get ahead.

Here's some good news: Whatever your past, whatever your income, wherever you are with money right now—you don't have to stay there. You can get the knowledge and motivation to make things different. To fight inflation, get rid of your debt, save more money, invest, and get margin in your monthly budget so you can breathe again. Beginning **Sunday, January 21st, 5:00pm – 6:30pm**, certified Financial Peace University coordinators and FUMC members Josh & Sandy Glass, will lead participants through the 10-week program here on our church campus. Childcare is provided for those with little ones. Cost is \$79.99, which includes one year of access to Financial Peace University with downloadable pdf workbook and three months of access to the premium version of EveryDollar budgeting app. A hardcopy workbook is available for purchase for an additional \$20. To register, click the sign up button.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT ADDICTION

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### Let's Keep Talking

Drug and alcohol addiction affect many families in our church and community. Methodists for Social Justice's January *Let's Keep Talking* discussion session is about addiction and recovery. Please join us for a safe-space discussion from 9:45-10:45 on **Sunday, January 21st** in the Conference Room in the Church Office.

## You're Invited!



### Organ Concert

First United Methodist Church is thrilled to announce renowned organist Ken Cowan in concert on **Sunday, January 28, at 4:00 p.m.**

Cowan will perform on the celebrated Casavant pipe organ, and a highlight of the concert will be his transcription of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue featuring Dr. Willis Delony on piano. Cowan and Delony are collaborating on this work to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its premier in 1924. As always, this concert is free as an offering to the community. Childcare will be available. Ken Cowan, Professor of Organ at Rice University, is praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique, and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike. He regularly performs throughout America, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

This concert is underwritten by the Gene and Virginia Worley Music Endowment.



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### Youth Mardi Gras Ball

Come pass a good time at the 67th Annual FUMC Youth Bayou Ball on **Friday, February 2** from 7-9:30pm in the FUMC Joe Dean Gym (3rd Floor)! Dress to the theme: LSU, Saints, Mardi Gras or another way to rep the Boot, or come in semi-formal attire. Tickets are \$20 online through Feb. 1 and \$25 Feb. 2 and at the door. Get your tickets by clicking the button. Ticket includes DJ, prizes, food, and photo booth. Laissez les bons temps rouler!

### Daddy Daughter Dance

Calling all girls and the special father figure in their life...the FUMC Children's Ministry





invites you to the Daddy Daughter Dance on **Thursday, February 8**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the FUMC Conference Center! Tickets go on sale this week: \$20 per family. Come for dancing, photos, food, and lots of fun!

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## Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday Worship on **February 14**. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season of reflection and repentance. On this day we mark the sign of the cross on ourselves to be grounded in our mortality as we seek a more faithful life. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Lent is an opportunity to go deeply into our hearts and the souls of our communities, and to recognize the depth of our estrangement from God.

- **7:00-8:00 a.m.** drive-thru imposition of ashes at America Street.
- **12:10 and 6:30 p.m.** sanctuary services with imposition of ashes.
- The 6:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed.



## One Night Stand

Save the date! 7th and 8th grade youth and their parents are invited to a human sexuality and theology workshop that will be on **Sunday, February 25** from 12-5pm at FUMC. Letters will be sent to parents with additional information about the workshop content and cost. Lunch will be provided.

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