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This Sunday



Sermon Title: Does Jesus Still Matter?
(Part 1) | We Are Not Alone

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Theme: In a world where faith can feel outdated or even harmful, does Jesus still matter? This sermon begins with the story of Jesus' baptism, exploring what it reveals about God and how Jesus shows us the very heart of God. Whether you're a skeptic questioning faith, a seeker searching for meaning, or a believer looking to strengthen your faith, this message is for you.

Join us for the rest of this sermon series:

January 19: The Truth to Guide Us, *John 3:16-17*

January 26: A Battle Worth Fighting, *Luke 23:32-43*

February 2: The Path of Victory, *Luke 24:1-12*

February 9: Dreams Really Do Come True, *Revelation 21:1-5*

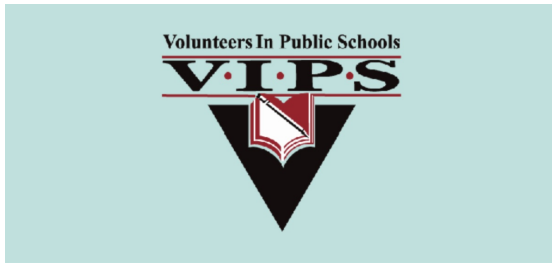
February 16: Living the Way, *Matthew 4:18-22*



Discover First

A great place to learn more about First United Methodist Church is at the monthly "Discover First" gathering in the Ory Parish Hall. The next gathering, led by Shan Schatzle, Discover First Coordinator, is **January 12 at 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Registration is not required. For more information, email Shan at shan@firstmethodist.org.



Volunteers in Public Schools

Volunteers in Public Schools strives to foster student success and build support for public education.

Help FUMC support VIPS on January 12!

- Enjoy Mission Lunch benefitting VIPS for \$10 a plate.
- Sign up to be a volunteer by visiting the table in the Conference Center.



Kids' and Youth Night

Kickoff is on January 12 from 5:00-6:30 PM.

Get ready for an exciting evening packed with games, music, worship, food, and a whole lot of fun! This is the perfect way to kick off the year and connect with friends.

Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, we want YOU to be part of this special night! Don't miss the chance to start the year with joy, laughter, and celebration.

Spread the word and bring your friends – we can't wait to see you there!

Our Stories | Love in Action: The Rob Harroun Story



Rob spent his time bringing love to others; when he could no longer do so, our Television and Online Worship Ministry brought love to him. Watch and share his story.

[Watch The Video](#)

Adult Classes Starting Soon

How the Bible was Translated

Curious about the cultures, languages, and histories behind the Bible? When was it translated into English, and were those



translations from the original texts? Join Dr. Tasha Whitton for a 6-week study exploring the origins of this sacred text. The class meets Sundays, 9:45–10:45 AM, starting January 19, in the Adult Parlor (Room 118).

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Walking Group

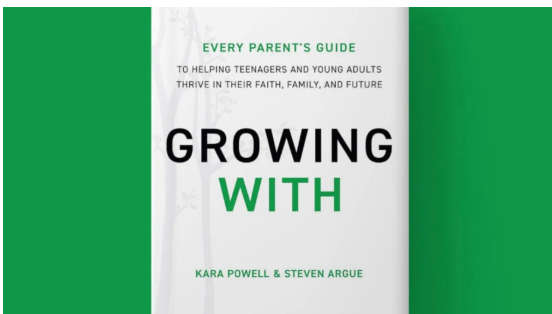
Join our walking group to boost both physical and social well-being! Enjoy heart-healthy exercise and great conversation as we stroll together. Led by Caitlin Rush, the group meets at 5:10 PM in the America Street Lobby, returning by 6:25 PM. Open to men and women of all life stages, rain or shine, with alternate plans for inclement weather. No registration needed—just show up!



Living The Message

How does the Bible shape your daily life? Do the stories of God influence how you navigate the world? Are you inspired to deepen your faith after hearing the Word in a sermon? Using Rev. Whitton's new sermon series, *Does Jesus Still Matter?*, as a springboard, this 6-week study will explore how to apply biblical truths to strengthen your faith. Led by Pattye Hewitt, the group meets Sundays, 5:00–6:30 PM in the McKenzie Library, starting January 12.

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Growing With

If you are a parent of a graduate and/or high school senior, this 8-week offering is for you! Gain useful tools to help guide you through the relationship changes that come with transitions in this season of life. Led by Shannon Hyde.

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Ways to Give

[Setting Up a Recurring Gift](#)

Recurring gifts provide essential stability for our church, helping us know how much income to expect and to manage cash flow throughout the year. Here's how you can set up a recurring gift online:

1. [Click here.](#)
2. Select the "recurring" option, then select the dollar amount you would like to give, or write in your own amount.
3. Select which fund you would like your money to go toward. If you are making a general gift, please select General Project Fund.
4. Please enter your personal information. Note that a receipt will be emailed to the email address you provide.
5. Select how you would like to pay for this gift. Depending on what type of phone you have, you may see Apple Pay or Google Pay as options.

To make a recurring gift via ACH bank draft, please mail the church a voided check (or place in the offering basket), and a note indicating the gift amount and whether you would like it to be drafted on the 5th or 20th of each month. Checks can be mailed to FUMC, attn: Destiny Muse, 930 North Blvd, Baton Rouge LA 70802.

Questions? Please contact Destiny Muse at dmuse@firstmethodist.org.

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