



This Sunday at FUMC

Luke 4:1-13 | Life's Most Urgent Question

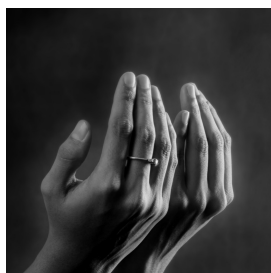
If you were the world's most powerful person, what would you do with your power? During Jesus' wilderness temptation, Satan tries to lure Jesus into using his power for selfish ends: to satisfy his hunger, seize political control, or dazzle the crowds. But Jesus refuses, showing that true power isn't about serving self, but about serving God and others. We may not be the world's most powerful person, but we do have power—our words, choices, resources. The question for each of us is: what are we using our power for?

Mission Sunday



Visit the Conference Center this Sunday for mission opportunities!

- Mission Lunch (fried fish) benefitting Hands Producing Hope for \$10/plate.
- The Hope Shop pop-up shop ([learn more](#))
- Salsa sales benefitting the Methodist Children's Home



Prayer Retreat

March 8 | 8 AM - Noon

The Season of Lent is a wonderful time to deepen your life with God. You are invited to attend a halfday retreat at FUMC. Rev. Dr. Jack O'Dell, retired United Methodist Elder of the Louisiana Annual Conference, will facilitate and cover facets of an enlivened prayer life.

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2nd Grade Bibles

March 9 | 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM

The time-honored tradition of presenting 2nd graders with their own Bibles will be on Sunday, March 9 at all worship services. Parents, if your Second Grader will be here to receive their Bible, please RSVP today. A "How to use my Bible" session will be after the 9:45 and 11:00 services. This will be a quick info session for your 2nd grader on what the Bible is and how

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to navigate it. Parents are welcome to join in Elementary Worship Room 305.



Let's Talk About the Library

March 9 | 12:15 PM

Libraries play a vital role in ensuring access to information, education, and community resources, making them an important social justice concern. Join **Methodists for Social Justice** for a discussion on the latest developments related to the library this Sunday at 12:15 in Adult Building Room 113. Grab a Mission Lunch and be part of the conversation—everyone is welcome!



Growing With

Begins March 9 | 5-6:30 PM

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, this class starts March 9 and will continue for 9 weeks.

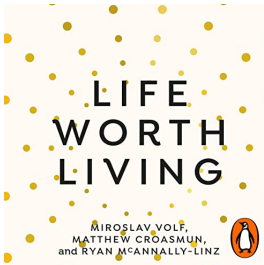
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Church Council



March 10 | 6:30 PM

The FUMC Church Council will meet on Monday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. All members are welcome to attend.

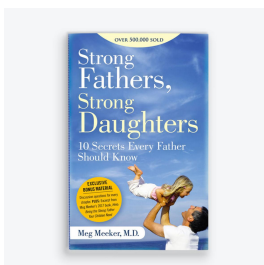


Life Worth Living Book Study

Begins March 11 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Join Reverend Whitton and Reverend Dr. JC Richardson for a unique group experience: "What makes a life truly worth living?" Nine participants from each congregation, FUMC and Wesley UMC, will meet every other Tuesday for 10-weeks starting March 11. Participants will need to buy "Life Worth Living" by Miroslav Volf and the accompanying workbook by Eagle Reads.

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Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters

Begins March 12 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Join men looking to be more intentional fathers for a book study on *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters* by Meg Meeker. Led by veteran girl-dads Todd Barlow and Chris King during Lent.

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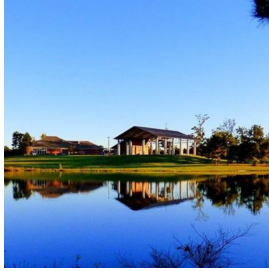


Preteen Color Wars

March 14 | 6:30-8 PM

4th and 5th graders are invited to the Color Wars at Perkins Road Community Park. They should wear white and expect a mess (and a whole lot of fun)! Cost is \$30/child and includes supplies, a t-shirt, and a light dinner. Share this invitation with friends!

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Men's and Women's Retreats

Mark your calendars to attend FUMC's annual Men's Retreat (**March 21-23**) and Women's Retreat (**March 28-30**). Each retreat will be held in the serenity and beauty of the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA – a two-hour drive from Baton Rouge. These all-inclusive weekends will include single lodging accommodations, delicious meals, and all program materials. Cost is \$325.00 per person.

[Women's Retreat Sign Up](#)

[Men's Retreat Sign Up](#)



Easter Walk Eggs Needed

April 12

The FUMC Easter Walk is on Saturday, April 12, and the Children's Ministry is collecting 5,000 candy-stuffed and taped eggs. Empty eggs and bags of candy are also accepted. Please bring your donations by April 6. Event sponsorship opportunities are available, and we are accepting monetary donations.

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Our Stories

Exciting moments of learning and growth at First United Methodist Church! Nancy Cadwallader leads our **Church Readiness Program**, guiding our kindergarteners through the importance of communion and preparing them to be active members of our church family. From understanding the sacredness of communion to learning the skills for attending church in the sanctuary, these little ones are getting ready to embark on a lifelong faith journey.

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Serve During Lent

- We're looking for volunteers to greet at





worship services and events during Lent!
Love others through a smile or handshake.

- Help decorate the sanctuary with Easter Lilies on Friday, April 18 in the afternoon.

[Greet](#)

[Decorate](#)



Lent Devotional

Experience a transformative Lenten journey with *The Sanctuary for Lent 2025* devotional. Each day includes a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a prayer or practice. Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, this annual favorite will guide you from Ash Wednesday to the glory of Easter Sunday. Devotionals are available on the Resource Tables and at the entrances to the sanctuary. Those who would like a printed copy mailed to their home or a downloadable version can email Pattye Hewitt by clicking the button.

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Love Your Neighbor Van Wishlist

The Love Your Neighbor van needs your help purchasing items off their wishlist!

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1. View the wishlist by clicking the button.
2. Browse the Items – Scroll through the collection and select the item(s) you'd like to contribute.
3. Buy Item- Click on an item to view details and choose the option to "Buy Item" from the linked retailer then complete the checkout process.

Donation Guidelines:

- If purchasing online or locally, please mark the item as "bought" to prevent duplicates.
- Purchased items can be shipped directly or dropped off at *Love Your Neighbor Van, First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, 930 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.*



Grace Notes

Grace Notes writing ministry celebrates its first anniversary! Over the 12 months of its inaugural year 28 writers have composed over 3400 notes of love and compassion for people beyond our congregation who are hurting or have suffered loss. Grace Notes writers receive weekly emails

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with the names and addresses of up to three persons/families chosen as recipients. Each writer then composes hand-written notes to each of the three and mails them sometime during that same week so that their mailboxes will be flooded with GRACE. Members of the team provide their own cards/stationery and postage. Those who desire to participate, but need help to cover these costs, may speak to Rebecca Mitchell or Pattye Hewitt for assistance.



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