

The FIRST LOOK

NEWSLETTER

First United Methodist Church

April 2017 Edition



A Word from the Senior Pastor

Dr. Jerome Brimmage

The week that everything changes begins on Palm Sunday, April 9, and will be an incredible day at FUMC Lufkin. We will start with a combined worship experience at 10 AM that will prove to be alive, dynamic, and passionate. Worship will follow with an Easter egg hunt and great food outside.

We need YOU!

We need YOU to pray about guests who will join us for Palm Sunday.

We need YOU to intentionally invite a guest to come join us for Palm Sunday.

We need YOU on Palm Sunday to look for guests and introduce yourself to people you do not know. Hospitality at its best.

On Wednesday of Holy Week, we will have a come and go Lenten Prayer Experience from 12-8 PM in the Youth and Worship Center.

Holy Thursday will have a special worship at 7 PM in the Youth & Worship Center.

On Good Friday, we will have a special service, Stations of the Cross, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Do not walk HOLY WEEK ALONE! Join us and we can walk together.

AND THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

EASTER SUNDAY! The day Christ-followers celebrate that there is nothing that can separate us from God. The day we remember with joy that in the dark and sad times of Good Friday, comes the light of a new day when the stone has been rolled away and Jesus is ALIVE!

See you in worship Sunday morning!

Pastor Jerome

Can We Know
GOD?
The God We Can Know



Sunday Morning Worship

April 2	I Am the True Vine
April 9	I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
April 16	I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday

April 9 | 10 AM Combined Service | Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt, Food, and Fun!

Lenten Prayer Experience

Wednesday April 12 | 12-8 PM - Come and Go
Youth & Worship Center

Holy Thursday

April 13 | 7 PM | Youth & Worship Center

Good Friday

April 14 | 7 PM | Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 16

Sunrise Service - 6:45 AM
Traditional Service - 8:40 AM
Contemporary Service - 11 AM

New Members



Regina Marie Evans
joined March 19, 2017



Josh Aarons
joined March 26, 2017

Baptisms



Margot Marie Davis,
born June 18, 2016 and the
daughter of Eason and Hayley
Davis, was baptized
March 19, 2017 in the
Traditional Worship
Service.

Missions...



Cook & Serve Ministry

Dr. Ernest Boamah and Randy Cadwell were at Herty Primary on March 11 to help with Cook and Serve and to film them. Jim and Cindy Tierney graciously agreed to be interviewed. Cindy explained how the community comes together and supply items like charcoal, bags of chips, water, and beef patties. Some of the honor students from Lufkin High School were also present to help with the cooking and serving. A table with crafts, color pencils, and crayons was set up for mothers with children. It was just precious to see some of the students from Lufkin High "babysit" these children. Setting up tables and cooking was done an hour before. Hands were joined with those who had come to be served and Jim led them in a short prayer. Just like Cook and Serve on Second Street, one could easily tell the compassion and love from the volunteers. They have formed good relationships with those they serve. Cindy shared how one lady expressed to her that Cook and Serve is the only church that she knows. Once again, on behalf of our church family, we thank Cindy and Jim and all the volunteers for Cook and Serve ministry. You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus.



From Market to Missions

We asked and you have answered! Our new Market to Missions program has been very successful thanks to our generous congregation! Our worship spaces and church office have been overflowing with all kinds of food staples. CISC is very grateful for your kindness. Please keep it coming. Next collection will be Sunday, May 7.

Haiti Mission Trip Scheduled

First United Methodist Church - Lufkin and Keller United Methodist Church have scheduled a summer mission trip to Mellier, Haiti. The team will be working with Water To Life and will be installing 200 Sawyer water filters. They will also be developing a five year plan to assist the Methodist Church of Haiti and the Mellier School in an effort to improve the quality of education for the children in the area.

This mission trip is scheduled for June 30 - July 7, 2017. The cost is \$650 plus airfare. Airfare typically runs \$800.

If you are interested in going on this mission trip, or have questions, please contact Bob Ford at (936) 465-1187. The deadline for applications is April 15.

Senior Scholarship Applications Now Available

Applications for senior scholarships have been mailed out. If you have not receive an application, or you have questions, please contact Lisa Gill at lgill@lufkinfirst.com. The deadline for applications and all supporting documents to be turned in is May 1, 2017 at 4 PM.

FUMC Kids



Spring has sprung in the Nursery and Children's Ministries at FUMC and we are thrilled about what we have going on! Following our super fun Family Game Night and our Nursery Meet & Greet that shared the wonderful ways our Nursery Ministry is growing, we have some events coming soon!

Save the date for our Spring Fling on Sunday, April 30th from 5-7 PM in the CLC Gym. Tickets for the delicious taco bar will be \$5.00 each and you will want to come ready to enjoy some of the best desserts and prizes around in our silent auction. We will also have more opportunities to enjoy the evening through a Duck Pond of Prizes and performances from our children and youth. Spring Fling is a fundraiser to support our children's summer activities and it is an evening that you don't want to miss! Watch for tickets on Sunday mornings or contact Sarah Scott at sscott@lufkinfirst.com for more information.



Mark your calendars for Gadgets & Gizmos Vacation Bible School 2017! Our children will become engineers for Jesus! Packed with tons of fun, VBS will be June 12-16, 2017 from 8 AM - Noon. Opportunities to serve during the week of VBS, as well as providing materials through donations will be available to anyone interested. Contact Sarah Scott at sscott@lufkinfirst.com if interested. Registration is now open! Register today to guarantee your child's shirt at bit.ly/2017GGVBS.

More fantastic opportunities for growing in the Lord

Camp Create - July 17-21, 2017 from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Cost is \$25 per child. Registration is now open bit.ly/2017CampCreate.

Mighty Mondays - June 5 and 19, July 10 and 24 from 1-5 PM.

Now open to children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration will be open soon, so stay tuned!

Poolside Jr. - A new opportunity for our 4th and 5th grade students to deepen their relationship with God through small group discipleship, fellowship and of course, swimming!!! More info to come on this exciting new opportunity!

Nursery Water Day coming in July!

There will be other chances for our children to fellowship together throughout the summer, so be watching for more details to come or email Sarah Scott at sscott@lufkinfirst.com. God bless!

UPCOMING EVENTS

It's Bunco Time! | April 18

Join us for an evening of fun on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 PM in the CLC game room. The nursery will be open for the evening. If you have questions, or would like to sign up, please contact Carolee Brink at cbrink@lufkinfirst.com.

MEN'S Breakfast | April 19

Come to the Fellowship Hall (aka the Man Cave) on Wednesday, April 19 from 6:30-7:30 AM. Eat breakfast with MEN, talk about all things MANLY, and get to know other MEN in the congregation. What happens in the Man Cave stays in the Man Cave! Except for cool events MEN plan together at the MEN'S BREAKFAST. For more information, please contact Pastor Jerome at pastor@lufkinfirst.com.

Confirmation Sunday

Come celebrate our confirmands as they are confirmed in the Methodist Church on Sunday, April 23 in both worship services.

Church Office Closed

he church office will be closing at noon on Friday, April 14 (Good Friday) and will reopen on Tuesday, April 18.

New Staff

We would like to welcome two new staff members to the FUMC family!



Sherrie Thames will serve as the administrative assistant to support the program staff, communications office, and the finance office.

Ashley Cagle is replacing Umeko Ivy, who is leaving in May. Ashley will be serving as the administrative assistant to support the Senior Pastor and Worship staff. Please welcome Sherrie and Ashley!



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Upcoming Events

April 12 - Lenten Prayer Experience

Special Time: 5:30-7:30

Dinner: 5:30-6:15 - Meet in Gym @ 6:15

April 19 - Game Night in the CLC

April 26: Lufkin Rodeo

May 21 - Senior Sunday

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Name Badges Now Available

The congregation can now order name badges. They feature our church logo and are available to everyone. The name tags are printed on plastic and secured by a magnetic clip. Cost is \$5 each. Purchase yours today and represent our church. To order, visit www.lufkinfirst.com/NameBadge

Lakeview District Camp June 25-30

Registration is open now
www.lakeviewmcc.org

Cost: See Lisa

Deadline to register: April 30

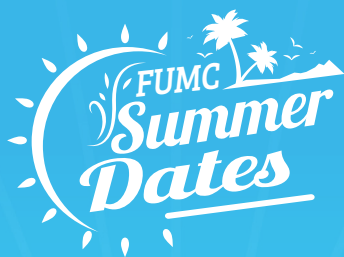
UM Army July 9-15

Registration opens
March 19

Cost: \$250

Deadline to register: April 30

****Financial assistance available for summer trips. Contact Lisa.****



The FUMC Lufkin App

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