



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
NEDERLAND

The LIGHT

Your FIRST News...

June 2019

By the Way...

The latest edition of *Christianity Today* magazine includes an article about pubs and churches in the United Kingdom. When MarLea and I visited the U.K. we loved the pubs. They were the gathering spot for each village where people came and went, eating, having conversations, sharing a pint and sharing life. We saw community there. Sadly, pubs across the U.K. are closing at a disturbing rate; only 39,000 pubs are left in England (25% less than two decades ago).

One reason this is happening is because people are simply staying at home. With technology they can settle in with Netflix for entertainment and use social media to connect with other people. But is technology a substitute for face-to-face interaction? I hope not. And the data offers an emphatic, "No!" Virtual reality is not reality.

Twenty years ago, a sociologist, Robert Putnam, wrote *Bowling Alone*, in which he presented the data that Americans are participating less in religious groups, civic and volunteer groups, fraternal organizations, and labor unions...and bowling leagues. We have become more individualistic, thinking we can be independent and self-sufficient. As a substitute, technology offers pseudo-community, giving us contact with minimal investment of our selves or our time.

We have no substitute for personal contact. We are created in the image of God who is Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit existing in perfect unity, perfect relationship, three-in-one and one-in-three. We yearn for connection because we are made to need God and need each other. The implication is that as we become more high-tech people we have a greater need for high-touch because an essential of life is missing. In other words, this is a great opportunity for the church. We specialize in what people need: being bonded to God and linked to other people. People need to know they matter so someone else.

Back to the U.K., there are now more churches than pubs. The question is, can we be as hospitable as a pub? While we were traveling from the Lake District back to Edinburgh we stopped in at a pub in a rural area. Once we were seated a regular there recognized that we weren't local and he came over to greet us and talk with us a while. Can we be inviting and welcoming and kindly so people want to be with us? We offer more than an ale you'll love; we offer ourselves through Jesus's love. Remember, strangers are simply people waiting to be your friend.

Grace and peace,
Jonathan Bynum

This month at a glance...

6/11 - 6 pm VBS Staff meeting
6/15 One Day VBS 9:30-3:30 Yee Haw!!
6/16-6/21 Church Camp at Lakeview
6/23 - 9 am Farewell & Good luck Reception
for Pastor Jonathan and Marlea
6/30 Lay Sunday

Library News...

Great News! A number of cookbooks have recently been presented and added to the library collection.

To see what's available, go to
<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/FUMCNED>, click on the Cookbooks link.

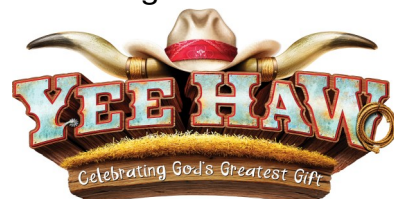
Also, it should be noted that the library is about to reach a milestone of 500 catalogued items.
Just seven more to go!

We will have a going away party for Pastor Jonathan and MarLea Sunday, June 23rd during the Sunday School hour. Join us as we celebrate their ministry here at FUMC, Nederland.
Then on Sunday, July 14th we will welcome Pastor Kevin and Karen during the Sunday School hour with an old fashioned pounding. Bring a little of this and that to stock their pantry and don't forget gift cards to local restaurants.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance for May

Gail Krohn, Kenneth Young, Emil Oleksy, Joe & Sue Colburn, Gay Furbee, Janie Oliver, Pastor Jonathan & Marlea, Chad Clark, Sue Dartz, John Guidry, Linda Schnell, Jimmie Lou Weeren, Tom Eldred, Brian Hurlbut, Sophia Clark, Jordin Pastorella and Bailey Sloane

Online Registration is OPEN!



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SATURDAY, JUNE 15th

Memorials...

A memorial has been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of **Mary Beth Harris** by Gay Trahan, Gail Krohn, Linda Schnell, Chuck & Leslie Reed, Tracy & Donna Cockrell, Vernon Askew, Cheryl & Jon Jackson, A.W. & Patricia Graham, Susie Chirafis, Sue Killion, 6th Street neighbors, Jim & Joyce McDaniel, FUMC Choir, Floyd & Juanita Macon, Jimmie Lou Weeren, Sue & Lee Jones, Jimmy & Brenda Noone, Greg & Joni Askew, Paul & Jane Thorp, Peggy Thomas, David & Donna Schion, Martha Tarver, Sally Smith, Janda Cook, Margaret Baker, Pat & Judy Radcliff, Jack & Barbara Pelloat, Senior Fellowship Class, Sonya Willis & James & Doretha Toler. In loving memory of **Imogene Butler** by Gay Trahan, Linda Schnell, Sue Killion, Jim & Joyce McDaniel, Floyd & Juanita Macon, Jimmie Lou Weeren, Sue & Lee Jones, Jimmy & Brenda Noone, Peggy Thomas, David & Donna Schion, Janda Cook, Martha Tarver, JoAnn Setliff, Pat & Judy Radcliff, Jack & Barbara Pelloat, Sonya Willis, James & Doretha Toler, Jerry McNeill and Senior Fellowship Class. In loving memory of **Rita Gillespie** by Pat & Judy Radcliff and James & Doretha Toler. In loving memory of **Edith Pate** by the choir, James & Doretha Toler

Honorariums...

An honorarium has been given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of **Connie Butler, Judy Guidry, Brittney Womack, Mackenna Grice, Bailey Sloane and Jordin Pastorella** from Shelba Laird. Thank you for all your help with JAM this year! Also an honorarium has been given in loving honor of **Martha Tarver** by Margaret Baker and Jim & Joyce McDaniel. In loving honor of **Easton Grice** and **Olivia Cloud** by Joe & TJ Robbins.

With our presence

Average attendance for May 143

With our gifts

Giving for May \$36,160.19
Monthly Budget \$43,288.14

In Our Prayers...

Tom Pate
(brother of Helen Reynolds)
Ray Guidry
(brother of John Guidry)
Kendall Barr
Maurice & Katy Talbert
Connie Eldred
John Guidry
Cindy Winfrey
(sister of Jim Quebedeaux)
Harold Westbrook
Edna Harrington
Joe & Sue Colburn
James & Jean McClammy
Colt Plake
(grandson of the McClammy's)
Clarice Armstrong
(mother of Rose Hairston)
Carleen Henderson
(sister in law of Margie Hart)
Susan Nimmo & Connie Dubuisson
(friend of Rhonda Richey)
Terry Simpson
(friend of Richard Printy)
Bill & Pat Terrell
(family of Sue Darteze)
Dave Winfree
Lynette Strickland
(Glen Meaux's sister)
Linda Cobb
Donna Whitehead
(friend of Janda Cook)
Paula Adaway
Claudia Hicklin
(daughter-in-law of Lee Forsythe)
Ricky Moye
Smokey Sanderson
Lee Jones
Bill & Evelyn Hale

Larry Krueger
(brother of Bob Krueger)
Carol Perkins & Ron Hollier
(sister & nephew of Sonya Willis)
Christy Schlag
(niece of the Pelloat's)
Fred Robbins
(brother of Joe Robbins)
Phyllis Theriot
(sister of Paula Adaway)
Jackie Smith
(father of Christi Murphy)
Harland Patteson
Bob Henderson
(father of Margie Hart)
Conor Wheatcroft
(grandchild of the Wheatcroft's)
Manny Vara
(friend of Jamie Miller)
Juanita Macon
Christy Wheat
(friend of the Richey's)
Alex Boyd
(grandson of the Adams')
Gwen & Jerry Maldonado
Jerry Dews
(friend of the Brown's)
Leonard Wood
(brother of Verna Rutherford)
Don & Nancy Adams
Wendy Johnson
(niece of the Sanderson's)
Carrel Hanley
Ann Quarles
(friend of Judy Radcliff)
Ralph Hendricks
(friend of Laura Tatum)
Ricky Moye
Our pastors as they make the transition

Family & Friends of Rita Gillespie who passed away May 12th, Mary Beth Harris who passed away May 14th, Imogene Butler who passed away May 17th and Helen Reynolds and family on the loss of her mother Edith Pate who passed away May 24th.

Thank you's

Thank you to my sweet church family for the many calls, text, cards, flowers, food and especially the love and prayers during my moms passing. I am blessed with an amazing church family and I am so very thankful for each one of you.

With lots of love
Shelba & family

The Butler family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and visits during the last few weeks. Maw Maw loved her church family, and we so appreciate the care, concerns, and wonderful luncheon that was provided by her 1st Methodist Family. While we will experience an immense hole in our lives, we are extremely grateful for the memoires and time we had with our mother, mother in law, sister, friend, and Maw Maw, Imogene Butler. We are blessed to have you in our lives.

On Going Ministries at First

GOLDEN FRIENDS

9 am
Tuesday
Mornings
Weekly



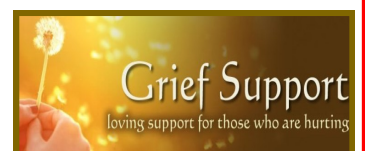
Special Events
throughout
the summer

Jr Hi & Sr Hi youth for grades 5th-8th & 9th-12th

9:30am
Wednesday, 6/19



1 pm
Wednesday, 6/12
1:00 pm



6:30 am
Thursday
Mornings
Weekly

