



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

HENNING MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Chronicles

Winter 2019



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!



As our leadership has been praying about how to best serve our community, we have become aware of the great need for beds for children throughout Sulphur. Imagine the difference between not having a bed or a comfortable place to call your own, and counting on the space for a good night's sleep! It can surely make a world of difference!

Henning Memorial Church, working as a chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (<http://shpbeds.org>) will be making and delivering beds to children in the community that do not have a bed. Let us know that you want to be a part of this endeavor in one of the following ways: Fill out a sign up card, available in the

Gallery at the Sanctuary or the lobby of the Family Life Center and drop it in the collection plate; or call the church office.

Paul Warner will serve as president of the local chapter for this endeavor. Feel free to contact him at (jpaulwarnerche@gmail.com) or call the church office for more information.



Welcome Tiffany Dowdy Minister to Children and Youth

Hey everyone, I'm Tiffany Dowdy and I'm extremely excited to join you all in ministry. I wanted to share a little bit about myself before we met. I'm the proud dog mom to an awesome buddy named Emerson. I adopted him when he was a puppy and we have enjoyed some amazing adventures together over the years. I'm originally from Western Kentucky, but most recently have claimed Memphis as my home. Being from Kentucky, I was raised loving basketball at all levels. However I've actually played and coached soccer most of my life and it's by far my favorite sport. I love spending time outside in creation in any way I can especially kayaking and hammocking.

I've heard amazing things about your congregation and faith community. I have a deep passion for community outreach and social justice. I'm looking forward to serving along side all of you as we strive to expand the kingdom of God through our worship, service, compassion and love towards all of God's children.

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

STUDENTS IN 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019

2019 THEME: DEEP WATER, ISAIAH 43:2

REGISTRATION OCTOBER 2-22 - \$120

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:
HENNINGMEMORIALUMC.ORG**

Starting Point Class

What does it mean to be a church member?
How do I discover my place in the church family?

Join us for an informal time with the pastors and some
key leaders of our congregation on
Sunday, December 1 at 10:15AM in Key Hall.

Discipleship Pathway for Henning Memorial

Why do you come to church?

Is it to check it off your to-do list?

Is it the right thing to do?

Are you running for office?

Are you coming to 'Worship'?

Are you coming to see friends and catch up?

Is it Easter or Christmas?

Or...

Are you coming to grow closer to Christ in all your spiritual disciplines?



What are your spiritual disciplines? These practices include worship, prayer, Sabbath, witness, small group, tithe/giving, and serving. Are you fulfilling your vow that you made upon joining to uphold the church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness? For those of us who have been coming to church, are we just filling the pew or chair?

Now is your chance to begin again. The Faith Development Team is making a process to help us on our journey to better discipleship whether we are new to the church or have been here 50 years. It is called the Discipleship Pathway. Each person starts where they are on the path, but we look to find that next step. It is an active process of always moving forward in our journey with Christ. He promises to be with us along the path. We need to trust and follow his call to make disciples, starting with ourselves.

For those who are new to Henning Memorial or just visiting, there is a Starting Point for you. You will be invited to join the pastors on **December 1, 2019 at 10:15am in Key Hall** to have a simple overview of Henning, our vision, history, and a tour of the facility. You will then be asked to sign up for Connect classes that will help you understand our church, Methodism, and your role in the church.

For those of us who have been here a while, be looking for the pathway for you in future communication.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.” - **Matthew 28:19-20(CEB)**



JOIN US!
HENNING MEMORIAL UMC

TRUNK
OR
TREAT

404 S. HUNTINGTON

OCTOBER 31 | 5:30-7:00



D O N A T I O N S

Trunk or Treat

Donation boxes are in the Gallery and
in the lobby of the Family Life Center

November/December Events



BREAKFAST *with* **SANTA** *****

Community Christmas Block Party

Saturday, December 14

The Grove at Heritage Square

1211 Ruth St., Sulphur

11:00 am to 1:00 pm



Admission is FREE

Everyone is invited

Hosted by: Sulphur Area Churches and SC3

All are welcome to sing
in the Cantata

Rehearsals
Wednesdays
7:00PM
starting October 2

Christmas Cantata

December 15

"A Child This Day"

2019 Leadership Council

Mlinda Barbee Alternate Annual Conference

Sue Brinkley

Terry Collins Chair

Larry Joiner Treasurer

Mark McMurry

Chad Miller

Bobbie Murphy Lay Leader

Ben Parker Annual Conference

Scott Stringer

Paul Warner

Peggy Williams

Dee Vincent Annual Conference



Present without vote:

Senior Pastor - Ellen Alston

Associate Pastor - Austin Rinehart

Recording Secretary - Stephanie Dardeau

Leadership Council Highlights

Your Leadership Council meets monthly, welcoming all who wish to attend. Between meetings, Council members are linking up with numerous individuals, groups, and teams for shared insights, projects, and more detailed planning.

Recent actions and activities by your Leadership Council in August and September:

Service Sunday celebrated Henning Memorial's mission outreach - past, present, and future. The Beds for Kids project was launched with the model bed as a centerpiece of each worship service, initial fundraising goal of \$10,000, and various other opportunities for folks to plug in from building to bedding to delivering. Several members of the Council and of the Connections Team have been shadowing the work of the Beaumont chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace to learn how to initiate a chapter here locally.

The new staff position of Minister to Children and Youth has been filled, with Tiffany Dowdy to begin work in late October.

The Scout House is being refurbished to provide housing as partial compensation for our new staff.

The Cornerstone House garage has been enclosed for additional living space, and the house is currently being rented.

Hail-damaged roofs have been replaced with new ones across most of Henning Memorial's properties.

Prayer Garden drainage and Columbarium expansion work continues, and is nearing completion.

The next Leadership Council meetings are scheduled for Mondays, October 14, November 11, and December 9, each at 6 pm in Key Hall.

Charge Conference

As part of the United Methodist Church, we celebrate the opportunity to connect with other United Methodist Churches in our area at various times. The next opportunity is the Lake Charles District Charge Conference, November 3, 3-5PM, which will be hosted by Wesley United Methodist Church, 423 Live Oak Street, Sulphur. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Tom Dolph will guide us in a time of renewed call to mission and ministry in our community. All are welcome to attend!

Guest Preacher



We will welcome Dr. Tom Dolph as our guest preacher on Sunday, November 17.

Tom was born and reared in Shreveport, La. He holds a B.A. in Law Enforcement from NLU, a MDiv from The Iliff School of Theology and a DMin from St Paul School of Theology. His 30+ years of ministry post seminary have all been served along the I-10/I-12 corridor from Slidell to Lake Charles. He has served as a Youth Pastor, Pastor in Charge, Conference Director of Youth Ministries and now as District Superintendent for the Lake Charles District. He is married to Jane Freudenberger, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker currently serving as an Infant Mental Health Specialist for the Nurse/Family Partnership. They have 2 grown children, Amanda - a high school chemistry teacher in Shreveport; and Chris - a construction liaison for the Appalachian Service Project stationed in Tennessee. Tom's current hobbies include looking for hobbies.

WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE BEHIND?

More Thoughts on WILLS

Brought to you by HMUMC Permanent Endowment Committee

“Where there’s a will, there’s a way” is an old adage that many of us think is true. We probably think of the “will” in this sentence as the inner reserve of optimism and faith fueled by hard work and determination, so undoubtedly that saying is a WIN-WIN statement. When talking of estate planning, however, the inverse is probably even more true: **“no will, no way”**. For it is certain that if you have no will, there is no way that **YOU** can be sure your choices about your legacy will be carried out. Do you have a will yet?



All Saints' Day will be celebrated Sunday, November 3, 2019. We remember those who have lived and died, in the faith, both in our own congregation and the church universal.

The bell will ring as the names of persons in our church family who died during the past year are read.

Our list of members of our church family who died since our last All Saints' observance includes the following persons. If we have omitted anyone please notify the church office so that we can include them in our celebration.

Jimmy Granger
Virginia "Jinx" Vincent
Charles English
Bob Hill
Emilie Davis
Terry Gaudet

Mount Newby
L.J. Boudreaux
Iris Vinson
Dianne English
Lonnie Saltzman
George Hardy Vincent

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that ***Henning Memorial United Methodist Church*** has a Permanent Endowment Fund? We do, and it has been in existence since about 2011. Our endowment fund is a permanent growing resource that enhances and extends the ministry of our congregation beyond customary monthly giving. Charitable donations that are given for specific missions in the church are invested and administered locally by our church while gifts received for the Endowment Fund are invested through the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana, and the income from them is available for our church to administer. Over the years, our Permanent Endowment Fund contributors have been extremely generous and have allowed us to work on many projects, some of which include:

- Renovation of Family Life Center in anticipation of contemporary services in The Branch
- Drainage repair of the Prayer Garden to lessen probability of flooding as well as prepare to expand our columbarium
- Repair of roof damage from recent hail storm

We encourage you to give prayerful thought to a contribution to the Endowment Fund and hope over the coming months to acquaint you with different methods of continuing your legacy at Henning Memorial United Methodist Church. If you have questions about these ministries, please speak to *Ellen Alston*, pastor, or *Linda Butler*, chair of Permanent Endowment Committee.



With Gratitude

Much appreciation to Toby Brackens, who has served as our Director of Facilities and Hospitality for the past three years, offering her winsome smile, spirit, and coordination to the care of our facilities and the cultivation of our ministry of hospitality. We wish her the best in this next chapter on her journey!

The Mustard Seed



Pictured here are Mary Carbello, Heather Oakley and Becky Thompson with quilts and blankets made for Potter's House. They also made dresses for little girls and shorts for boys. Shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes along with other toiletries were included with the items and sent to Potter's House. The last trip the Mustard Seed sent adult blankets and adult pajamas. These women come to Potter's House with their children. They have only the clothes they are wearing. These families have been abused and have no means of supporting themselves.

Do you sew or want to learn how? Join up with sewists for Sew Days at Mustard Seed on Friday Nov 8 or Saturday Nov 9 from 9:00 to 12:00. We are making pillowcases and storage bags for the upcoming Beds for Kids project. Extra sewing machines available; call Sandy Friesner 309-1353 if you need to reserve a machine.

Christmas Cards



Lydia Circle and SOS Sunday school class will, once again, be sponsoring the "Making of the Christmas Cards" family activity on **Sunday, October 27, at 10:10 am in Key Hall**. These Christmas Cards will be placed in the Christmas food boxes which Care Help gives out in December. In many cases, these are the only Christmas Cards some families or elderly may receive.

We encourage everyone to join us in this activity. No special skills required, all supplies will be furnished, and help is available to get everyone started.

We need 500 cards for Care Help so we need everyone to join us. If you are a Sunday School teacher or youth leader, please, cancel your class for the day. Making 500 cards is a big commitment. Let's make this a "church family" event and add a little extra joy to the Christmas food boxes.

Baptisms and New Members



Harper Louise Pousson, daughter of
Morgan and Case Pousson
September 15, 2019



Raymond Yonskie, Jr., Christina
Schellhardt, Raymond Yonskie III,
Henrik Yonskie
October 6, 2019



Owen Winston Land
Pictured with parents Holly
Beth and Austin Land
Rev. Austin Rinehart
October 13, 2019

UMW NEWS



Most of the UMW circles do not have meetings during the summer, but we continue to host the Stonebridge UMW meetings. Attendance has been up for this, and themes for the summer meetings included patriotic for June, a bee theme for July, and back to school theme for August. Thanks to all who helped with the refreshments and programs for these meetings. In September Pat Mueschke gave a devotional and program based on her quilting. Special guest was her friend and talented quilter Carolyn Slack. Pat also provided refreshments for this meeting. What a woman!

The State Annual Conference is October 11th and 12th in West Monroe. For anyone interested in attending, there is a \$100.00 stipend available to offset travel expenses. The Lake Charles District Meeting will be held on November 3rd, in Alexandria. More details can be provided as they become available for both of these meetings. If you are interested, just contact unit president Michele Joyce.

Our unit continues to collect this year the Little Debbie Cakes for SC3, and also baby wipes and diapers (now size 5 needed) for Guiding Light Ministries. Please bring these items to your circle meetings each month.

If you have not completed your pledge for 2019, remember that we only have a few months to do this. Also please consider making a donation to the Wesley Center at McNeese and praying for them at 12:15 PM daily. They are in need of funds due budget cuts. Volunteers are also needed from 10 AM to 2 PM Monday through Thursday.

Those in Need of our Immediate Prayers

Lance Bruce
Pam Cary
Kim Suarez
Jim Wood



Those in Need of our Ongoing Prayers

Zelda Bertrand
Craig Derouen
Michael Jardell
Mike Pigott
Ethan Trosclair
Joan Wallace
Mark Wood

Church Family in the Military

Matthew Carmack - Phoenix
James Cormier - Afghanistan
Chris Nelson - Afghanistan
Paul Hebert - Afghanistan
Caleb Fraizer - Ft. Rucker
Adam Billiot - Beale AFB, Ca.

Our Homebound Members

Colleen Chance
Georgette Jones
Mickey Penton
Joan Wallace

Our Members in Long Term Care Facilities

Dru Beglis - Stonebridge Place
Walter Dulany - The Verandah at Graywood
Maribel Ellender - Stonebridge Place
Bell McCall - High Hope Care Center

Refugees in crisis worldwide
Methodist Children's Home workers and youth
Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry
All disaster areas in the United States
Men and Women in the military

Prayer requests can be submitted by "prayer request cards" provided in the pews, phoning the church office at 337-527-5483 or email to church@hmumc.com. Names will appear for three weeks, if longer is desired, please submit a new request.



The church extends its sympathy to the family of Marilyn "Lonnie" Lormand Saltzman on her death.

The church extends its sympathy to the Vincent family on the death of George Hardy Vincent.

The church extends its sympathy to Genny Dunn and family on the death of her father, Kyle McFatter.

The church extends its sympathy to Samantha Matte and Tommy Nichols families on the death of Samantha's father and Tommy's brother, Eloi Charles Fontenot.



- Congratulations to Travis and Danielle Stegall on the birth of their son, Thomas Alan Stegall.
- Congratulations to Joseph and Megan Pego on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Grace.
- Congratulations to Michael and Mandi McFarlain on the birth of their daughter, Maeve Kamille. Proud grandparents are Kempa and Brad McFarlain.
- Congratulations to Kathy and Rusty Webb on the birth of their granddaughter.



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[ADVENT CONSPIRACY]

Worship Fully **Spend Less** **Give More** **Love All**

December Sermon Series

Sunday Service Times

9:00 AM—Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
11:05 AM—The Branch Service in the Family Life Center
5:00 PM—Vespers Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday School for All Ages

10:10 AM-10:50 AM