

# FUMC Newsletter

May 2025

## PASTOR LISA’S LETTER

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I arrived at First UMC Slidell last July, I started my time with you by sharing my top 10 favorite scriptures, including my very favorite, which is printed above. This summer, I’d like to give all of you the opportunity to turn the tables on me. In July and August, I will preach a sermon series titled, “You Pick Them, I’ll Preach Them.” For these two months, a total of nine Sundays, I will preach on scriptures and topics that you choose. In order to give me time to prepare the series, I am asking you to submit scriptures and topics of your choice during the month of May. I will use the month of June to go through your suggestions and choose nine of them to preach from. If you would like to suggest a scripture or topic, please email me at [lpriidmore@firstumcslidell.org](mailto:lpriidmore@firstumcslidell.org). I will ask that all submissions be made in writing so that I can keep up with them. Anything you say to me at the back door of the sanctuary after worship may or may not stick in my brain until I arrive in the office on Monday.

May is a busy month in the life of our church. We will be celebrating our seniors and confirming a new group of youth to join the church. The Women of First Church are hitting the road again. We will honor the women of our church on Mother’s Day as we remember both those who have given us birth and those women in the church who set an example for us and helped to raise us, whether we belonged to them by blood or not. We also have a special event on the first Sunday in May in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. We will have lunch and a guest speaker after the 11:00 service on May 4. There’s no charge for the lunch, so make plans to join us! I will also be hosting Coffee and Convo in the Gathering Place on May 4.

There are also Sunday school classes, Bible studies, children’s events, music ministries and so much more happening at First UMC Slidell. We hope you will find a place to plug in and grow in your relationship with Christ as we seek to love God and love our neighbor.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Lisa

## IT’S SENIOR DAY AT FUMC!!!



Avery Borchers  
Dylan Coker  
Alli Dominique  
Laci Dominique  
Ellie LeBouef

Gabriella Rico  
Isabella Rico  
Andrew Rodriguez  
Cory Rushing  
Ethan Vallee

Congratulations to our 2025 graduating seniors!  
Praying for a successful, happy and blessed future!

You are invited  
to a church  
luncheon in  
recognition of



JOIN US AFTER THE  
5/4 11:00 SERVICE!

We will have two outstanding guest speakers,  
Jeanne Marie Schramm and Gladys Campbell!

JEANNE MARIE SCHRAMM is a community advocate from the Northshore. She will share her story to inspire hope and to advocate for mental health awareness. She has overcome severe and complex health challenges that threatened her life.

GLADYS CAMPBELL is the Education Director for NAMI in our area. She is a certified Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

DRAMA CAMP IS FULL!

If you want to get on the waiting list,  
text Marlene Rawle at 985-640-0427!

Please join us for our performance on  
June 20th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.  
You will be amazed!



Join us for our FINAL  
gathering this year!

May 14th  
11:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

May Topic:

Selling your home  
as a Senior Citizen

40 Years of experience in real  
estate matters by Susie Hunt.

COST: \$8



Modern Service

9:45 a.m.

Traditional Service

11:00 a.m.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
WATCH FROM HOME!



Comfort Room

A comfort room is available in the Sanctuary's foyer for children needing changing, feeding, or to be consoled. You can still hear and see the service!

## SERMON SERIES

Back to Basics

A series based on events in the early church taken from the book of Acts that informs what it means to be the church today.



MAY 4TH

CHANGED IN A MOMENT

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

MAY 11TH

GET UP!

Acts 9:36-43

MAY 18TH

THE CIRCLE GROWS WIDER

Acts 11:1-18

MAY 25TH

COME AND STAY

Acts 16:9-15

## GET YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY INVOLVED AT FUMC!

### KIDS & YOUTH SUNDAY CLASSES

Infant/Toddler	9:00 a.m. - Noon Room 502/Family Life Center
Kids Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pre-K 3/4 &amp; Kindergarten 9:45 a.m.   Room 501</li><li>Grades 1-6 Treehouse Room</li></ul>
Kids Church	11:00 a.m. Gather in Sanctuary, then go to the Treehouse Room.
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grades 1-6 5 - 7 p.m.   Treehouse Room</li></ul>

### MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS, KIDS & YOUTH

Chancel Choir	Wednesdays   7:00 p.m. Music Suite
Praise Band	Sundays   8:45 a.m. Sanctuary
Welkin Bells	Thursdays   7:00 p.m. Music Suite
J.A.M. Session	
Youth Band	Tuesdays   6:30 p.m. Music Suite

Children's Cherubim  
Chimes Date/Time listed in Spring.

### ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

9:30 a.m.	Seekers	Media Room
9:45 a.m.	Inquirers	Room 107
9:45 a.m.	New Beginnings	Room 224

#### CONTACTS

Kids Club and Kids Church  
Lisa Carlton  
985.966.8660

Welkin Bells  
Barbara Williams  
985.768.2407

Youth (6-12th Grade)  
Danny Carlton or  
Abby Carlton Wright  
[crossroads@firstumcslidell.org](mailto:crossroads@firstumcslidell.org)

J.A.M. Session Youth Band  
(6-12th Grade)  
Sarah Malasovich  
985.707.3363

Chancel Choir and Praise Band  
Nathan Sumrall  
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Children's Chime Choir  
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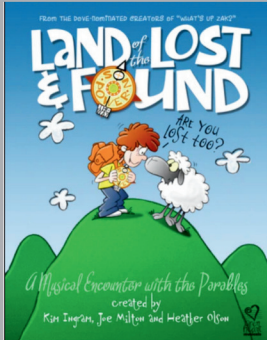
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## JUST FOR KIDS

**Chimes Spring** Thursdays  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

**Drama Camp** 9:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
**June 16-20** Sanctuary



**Art** Thursdays  
**Sept.-Oct.** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
Open to 2nd-6th Graders!

## WOMEN OF FIRST CHURCH OUTING!



Women of First Church had another fun filled trip to New Orleans Lakefront Airport and enjoyed a delicious lunch at Messina's Runway Cafe!

ARE YOU NEW TO FUMC OF SLIDELL? COME JOIN US!

# COFFEE CONVO

with Pastor Lisa

**5.4.25**  
4:00 p.m.  
The Gathering Place

Always On The Menu:  
• Delicious Coffee  
• Great Conversation  
• A Good Time

Contact Leslie Landeche for more information!  
985.643.6437  
llandeche@firstumcslidell.org

**CELEBRATING PASTOR LISA'S BIRTHDAY!**

April 22, 2025

## MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

By Nathan Sumrall,  
Director of Music

### A NOTE OF THANKS AND EXCITING NEWS AHEAD!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated towards our news organ project! Your generosity made it possible, and it was an absolute joy to play for the first time in church on Easter morning! What a glorious way to celebrate the resurrection!

Please mark your calendars for a special **Organ Dedication Service on June 1st at 6 pm in the Sanctuary**. This will be a meaningful evening of music and worship as we officially dedicate this beautiful instrument to the glory of God!

### You Choose the Music!!

Looking ahead, we want to hear from you! As we plan for the summer, we're inviting you to submit your favorite hymns and organ pieces. Your selections will help shape our musical offerings for July and August. Let's make it a summer filled with music that speaks to your heart!

As usual, everyone is welcome to join one or more of our multiple music ensemble offerings. Please contact me if you have any questions!

Nathand.sumrall@gmail.com or 601.297.8061

Musically yours,  
Nathan

## WELKIN BELLS NEWS

Coming soon!  
Summer Ringing Opportunities:  
As we work on our summer offerings, we will include cool handbell activities to keep you out of the summer heat!  
Stay "tuned" for:

- GO BELLISTIC
- Family bells
- Week day ringing?

**MAY Rehearsals**  
May 8, 15, 22, 29

- 7:00 p.m.  
Warm-ups and ensembles
- 7:15 p.m.  
Welkin rehearsals

**PRACTICING THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUSIC SUITE.**  
Contact Barbara Williams at (985) 768-2407 to join!

## KIDS & YOUTH NEWS



### KIDS CLUB AND CHURCH NEWS

**2025 Registration is OPEN!**

# VBS

Registration is open until 6/1!

VACATION • BIBLE • SCHOOL

**Dates:**  
**7/7 - 7/10**  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
**Theme: Yee Haw**

### Visit our website to register for 2025 VBS!

If you would like to volunteer please reach out to Lisa Carlton at [lisaforlton@charter.net](mailto:lisaforlton@charter.net) or (985) 966-8660.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MAY 18TH!**

Please join us in welcoming our new confirmands on May 18th the 9:45 service! There will be a cake reception to follow in the Family Life Center!

### CROSSROADS YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to all our graduates! We will be in Fellowship Hall on May 4th instead of the Family Life Center – come get some pizza and play some kickball. We will be off on May 11th for Mother's Day. Crossroads will have some fun events scheduled this summer. BigStuf is also right around the corner and we can't wait for worship and to hit the beach!

If you would like more information, please reach out to Danny Carlton via email at [crossroads@firstumcslidell.org](mailto:crossroads@firstumcslidell.org) or Abby Carlton Wright at [abbymae27@charter.net](mailto:abbymae27@charter.net)

1 Timothy 4:12 – "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

## "EXTRA EXTRA!"

### J.A.M. YOUTH PRAISE BAND DEBUTS MAD SKILLS AND HOLY WORSHIP!

The youth J.A.M. Band has begun to participate in leading worship! You heard them on Palm Sunday and Easter, and they will be regular parts of the 9:45 modern service worship experience. There is always room for more, so if your junior or senior high school aged child plays an instrument or sings, please reach out to Sarah Malasovich at 985-707-3363 for more details!

### YOU PICK IT, I PREACH IT SUGGESTIONS WANTED!

Send Pastor Lisa a scripture or topic you'd like her to preach on! She will use suggestions through July and August!

Accepting submissions the entire month of May!  
Email submissions to: [lpriidmore@firstumcslidell.org](mailto:lpriidmore@firstumcslidell.org)

## EVENTS

### 5/4 2025 Senior Day

Celebrate the seniors at the 9:45 a.m. Service with reception in Fellowship Hall to follow.

### Mental Health Awareness Lunch

After 11:00 a.m. Service  
Family Life Center

### Coffee & Convo

4:00 p.m.  
Gathering Place

### 5/6 NAMI Support Group

7:00 p.m.  
Room 302

### 5/11

HAPPY  
Mother's Day

### 5/14

### Faith Believers Luncheon

11:00 a.m.  
Family Life Center

### 5/18

### Confirmation

### 5/26

HAPPY  
MEMORIAL DAY

SUMMER Nights

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**July 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

Anyone who would like to help, please contact Leslie Landeche at [llandeche@firstumcslidell.org](mailto:llandeche@firstumcslidell.org)