

FUMC Newsletter

June 2025

PASTOR LISA’S LETTER

“Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:12-14, NRSV)

The summer months are upon us! We have congratulated our graduates, confirmed our confirmands, celebrated the women in our lives, and remembered those who sacrificed their very lives to give us freedom. It’s time to kick back and relax, enjoying the summer months ahead. I know many of you will be traveling in the coming months, both going to see family and also exploring the beauty of our nation and our world. Summertime is a time to slow down and take a break from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the year, especially for those who are in the midst of raising children.

Taking a break from work and school is a good thing. Our brains and bodies recharge, and we come back to the tasks at hand feeling refreshed and ready to take on new challenges. However, there are some things that don’t benefit from extended absences. Our spiritual life is one of those things. In this scripture from Philippians, Paul encourages the believers not let up in their desire to grow closer to God. Even Paul, one of the greatest evangelists to ever live, says that he does not consider himself to have “arrived” spiritually, but he presses on toward Christ.

I encourage you to stay connected to the church over the summer months. Many churches experience a “summer slump.” We are here for you, and we need your support, in all the ways you support the church during the rest of the year – with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you can’t join us in person, tune in through Facebook on Sunday morning, or you can watch each Sunday’s service the following week on YouTube. Please also prayerfully remember your financial commitment to the church. We have online options for making a single gift, or you can set up a recurring gift so you don’t have to think about it when you go out of town.

Wherever you are this summer, I encourage to you to take time to give thanks to God for the beauty of the summer and the blessings that God gives us. Use this time to draw near to God and grow in your relationship with God. I hope to see you often on Sunday mornings. If there’s anything I can do to help you or your family, please let me know.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Lisa

Feed Dat Ministry

**NOW DISTRIBUTING
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
ON THURSDAYS!**

- Do not start lining up before 4:30 p.m.
- Unless moving in line, all cars **MUST** be in **PARK** at **ALL** **TIMES**.
- Please have your trunk open and your radio off when receiving food.
- No cell phones when approaching distribution point or receiving food.
- WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REDIRECT RECIPIENTS TO THE BACK OF THE LINE IF RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED.**

PASTOR AWAY

Pastor Lisa will be out of the office June 23rd-July 6th for minor surgery. She will return to the office on July 7th and be back in the pulpit on July 13th.

Rev. Penn Morgan will be preaching on June 29th and July 6th. We appreciate Rev. Morgan filling in while Pastor Lisa is away. If you have a pastoral need while Pastor Lisa is out, please contact the church office, and we will notify the pastor who is helping out during this time. Please keep Pastor Lisa in your prayers.



**WE JUST GOT STARTED AND
HAVE COLLECTED AROUND
400 PAIRS SO FAR!**

BRING US YOUR SHOES!

HELP WOMEN OF FIRST CHURCH RAISE FUNDS JUST BY DONATING GENTLY WORN, USED AND NEW SHOES!

PLEASE ASK FRIENDS, FAMILY & NEIGHBORS TOO!

ACCEPTING: ATHLETIC, SNEAKERS, BOOTS, DRESS SHOES, SANDALS, CASUAL & MORE!

Collected shoes not only help support FUMC, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need.

DONATE BY JULY 31ST!



Join Us For Sunday Worship!

**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.

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| JUNE 1ST | YOU WILL BE WITNESSES
Acts 1:1-11 |  |
| JUNE 8TH | THE SPIRIT IS UPON US
Acts 2:1-21 | |
| JUNE 15TH | WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?
Acts 16:16-34 | |
| JUNE 22ND | HEALING OUR DEMONS
Luke 8:26-39 | |
| JUNE 29TH | YOUR HEALING STREAM
2 Kings 5:1-14 | |

GET YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY INVOLVED AT FUMC!

KIDS & YOUTH SUNDAY CLASSES

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| Infant/Toddler | 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Room 502/Family Life Center |
| Kids Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-K 3/4 & Kindergarten
9:45 a.m. Room 501Grades 1-6
Treehouse Room |
| Kids Church | 11:00 a.m.
Gather in Sanctuary, then go to the Treehouse Room. |
| Youth | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grades 6-12
5 - 7 p.m. Family Life Center |

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS, KIDS & YOUTH

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| 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

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

CONTACTS

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Sarah Malasovich
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Lots of things are happening with the Women of First Church! This group has recently decided that they are far too busy to shut down for the summer and as such have decided to continue to meet in June and July!

Every woman at First Church is invited and welcomed to join us in the work and fun we have planned! Speaking of fun, our next field trip will be to make a visit to the new Buckey's in Mississippi! If you haven't been to Buckey's, it is not to be missed! Lunch will be purchased at Buckey's and taken to a nearby park to eat and enjoy.

The latest fundraiser is a Mega Shoe Drive! Help keep shoes out of the landfill and provide them to areas in the world where they can have a second life! Collection boxes will be around the campus and collection will run until the end of July.

Women of First Church have provided a cash donation as well as underwear and socks to be given to the Louisiana Children's Home.

Don't be shy, come join us next month at our June 4th meeting!



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**

VBS sign ups will close on June 15th!

If you would like to volunteer please contact Lisa Carlton at lisa.carlton@charter.net

Kids Church and Kids Club will continue during the summer!

CROSSROADS YOUTH NEWS

We are headed to Panama City for BigStuf on Monday June 16th and will be there until Friday June 20th! Please keep the youth group in your prayers. We will be off of our regularly scheduled youth on both June 15th and June 22th. We will come back on June 29th for slip n slide kickball. I hope everyone is having a great start to their Summer!

If you would like more information, please reach out to Danny Carlton via email at crossroads@firstumcslidell.org or Abby Carlton Wright at 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.”

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!

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Musically yours,
Nathan



COME AND CELEBRATE
MUSIC IN WORSHIP AS WE
USHER IN OUR NEW ORGAN
CONSOLE AT OUR

**Organ
Dedication
Service**

**Sunday, June 1st
6:00 p.m.**

DRAMA CAMP

Join us for our **Drama Camp Performance on June 20th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Land of the Lost and Found**. It's a musical encounter with the parables of Luke 15.

WELKIN BELLS NEWS

- We are offering a Flexible Practice Summer Schedule!

Contact Barbara Williams at (985) 768-2407 to join!

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS!

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!

Email submissions to: lpriidmore@firstumcslidell.org

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BIBLE STUDY

Come and Join Us! The **Wednesday Bible Study** is starting a new **6 week study on June 4th at 10 a.m.** It is *"6 things we should know about God."* All are welcome.

EVENTS

6/1 **Organ Dedication Service**
6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

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You are invited to join us at our next meeting.

June 3rd 7:00 p.m. **FUMC Campus**
433 Erlanger Ave. **Room 302**

Mental Health Matters

This confidential group is facilitated by NAMI TRAINED individuals!

6/13- 6/21 **Big Stuff Youth Trip**

6/15 **VBS registration closes!**

6/16 - 6/20 **Drama Camp**

6/20 **Drama Camp Performance**
6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

6/29 **Welcome Penn Morgan as our Guest Pastor**