

FUMC Newsletter

June 2026

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know someone who needs prayers, please fill out a prayer request card and place it into the offering plate.

SCAN TO GIVE TO FUMC



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

Series: The Lord's Prayer

We will take a deep dive into the prayer that Jesus gave us. Adam Hamilton's book, The Lord's Prayer, will be a resource during this series.

JUNE 7TH OUR FATHER
Matthew 6:9-13

JUNE 14TH WHOSE WILL BE DONE?
Matthew 6:9-10 and Revelation 21:1-5

JUNE 21ST OUR DAILY BREAD
Matthew 6:9-11 and James 2:15-17

JUNE 28TH FORGIVE . . . AS WE FORGIVE
Matthew 6:9-15 and Luke 23:32-34

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 • Pre-K 3/4 & Kindergarten
9:45 a.m. | Room 501
• Grades 1-6
Treehouse Room
- Kids Church 11:00 a.m.
Gather in Sanctuary, then go to the Treehouse Room.
- Youth • Grades 6-12
5 - 7 p.m. | Family Life Center

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
- Youth (6-12th Grade)
Danny Carlton or Abby Carlton Wright
crossroads@firstumcslidell.org
- Chancel Choir and Praise Band
Nathan Sumrall
nathand.sumrall@gmail.com
- Welkin Bells
Barbara Williams 985.768.2407
- J.A.M. Session Youth Band (6-12th Grade)
Sarah Malasovich 985.707.3363
- Children's Chime Choir
Marlene Rayle 985-640-0427

PASTOR LISA'S LETTER

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance"
(Ecclesiastes 3:1,4, NRSVUE)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are in a time of transition at First UMC of Slidell. Bob Manetta has retired as Sexton after many years of faithful service at First UMC, and Mike Miller has been hired as the new Sexton. Marlene Rawle will be retiring at the end of June after many, many years of leading our Drama Camp and children's music programs, and I hope by the next newsletter to be able to announce to you who will be filling this role. We thank Bob and Marlene for their dedication to both God and our church.

One of the more prominent transitions is happening this weekend. On Sunday, May 31, Nathan Sumrall will lead his last worship service here at First UMC. We are looking forward to a wonderful service full of beautiful music and worshipping God. On June 7, our new music director, Samantha Holland will be introduced at 9:45 and will start her time with us leading music at the 11:00 service. I've invited Samantha to write an article introducing herself to y'all, which appears elsewhere in the newsletter. She's got a lot of experience in United Methodist churches, and we're looking forward to serving with her going forward.

Transitions are always difficult, but change is the one constant in life. As the author of Ecclesiastes points out, there is a time for every matter under heaven. We United Methodists are used to transitions. Much loved pastors come and serve and then are appointed to another church. New pastors come in and get to know the congregation, and the ministry goes on. Each new person who comes brings their own set of gifts and graces. We have enjoyed Nathan's gifts of music over the past thirteen years, and now we will get to see the gifts and graces that Samantha brings to the position.

January 1, 2027 will mark thirty years in pastoral ministry for me. In that time I have served eleven individual congregations. First UMC Slidell is far and away the most welcoming congregation I have ever served. You all made me feel welcome and loved from my first meeting with you. You've done the same for my daughters, and now for Patrick and his kids. My prayer is that even as you grieve Nathan's moving, you will show Samantha the same kind of loving welcome that you have shown me and my family.

We don't always know what God has in store for us, as individuals, families, and as a church. But we know that God is good, and that we can trust him in the changes and transitions that come along. Let's join together in celebrating Nathan's ministry with us, and then celebrate Samantha's arrival as our new music director! It's a time to worship God with music!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Lisa



DRAMA CAMP FINAL PERFORMANCE

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO THE FUMC STAFF!

We will have a collection basket in the Narthex
JUNE 7TH!



THE BUMBLE BEE Attitudes
A Sassy Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount
Created by Christy Semsen
Arranged by Daniel Semsen and Nathaniel Semsen

DON'T MISS OUT! IT WILL "BEE" A GREAT SHOW!

June 19th

7 pm

Sanctuary

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Meet our NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC!

Dear FUMC of Slidell,

I am so pleased to begin working as your new Director of Music! I look forward to getting to know all of you as individuals. Here is a little about me to get us started: I am professional musician and educator of over 20 years, holding a bachelors degree in piano performance from McNeese State University. I grew up in Ragley, Louisiana on a large sheep ranch and now live in New Orleans with my three children (cats): Gustav, Ferdinand and Sister. My favorite things include exploring outdoors, attending cultural and arts events, reading, psychology, handicrafts, gardening and thrifting. I am passionate about advocating for the arts and sharing my gifts in music with others, particularly through my work in music education. The United Methodist Church feels like home to me, having worked with United Methodist churches for around 15 years now, and I am enthusiastic to continue my career with FUMC of Slidell. I hope to continue the tradition of excellence in the music program here and anticipate a bright future!

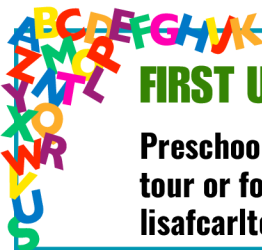
Most sincerely,
Samantha Holland



Do you hear the people sing?

Just kidding, we are not staging Les Mis over here at FUMC, but there ARE lots of opportunities in contemporary music for making a joyful noise! Our Revive! Praise Band leads worship music every Sunday at 9:45. That group is comprised of adults who have busy schedules, so they rehearse on Sundays at 8:45 (before the service). If praise music speaks to your heart, please consider joining us. We welcome both instrumental and vocal musicians (or aspiring musicians) and would be glad to have you! If you are the parent or guardian or ride-giver of a teen or pre-teen, please let them know that the JAM (Jesus and Music) band is ready and waiting for them to come and play! We welcome vocalists and instrumentalists of any pre-teen age through too-old-to-want-to-hang-out-with-teens. JAM rehearses on Tuesday nights at 5pm (in the summer, it will be every other Tuesday for a few weeks) and participates in the 9:45 service regularly. Please note that JAM is a no-pressure, all are welcome time for our youth to spend time together in music... it's fun!!

If you have any questions about the contemporary music programs, please feel free to call or text Sarah Malasovich at 985-707-3363.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

Preschool has a few openings for the fall, to schedule a tour or for more info please call (985) 643-5434 or email lisaafcarlton@charter.net

COFFEE CONVO
with Pastor Lisa

6.7.26
4:00 p.m.
The Gathering Place

- Delicious Coffee
- Great Conversation
- A Good Time

Contact Leslie Landache for more information!
985.643.6437
landache@firstumcslidell.org



FUMC HANDBELL MINISTRIES:

REHEARSALS: THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00---June 4, June 11, June 25
Ensemble in church June 7
SUMMER "camp"—techniques, drills, activities—TBD

To sign up, please contact BARBARA WILLIAMS
barbara.williams110@gmail.com
(985) 768-2407

KIDS CLUB AND CHURCH NEWS

SURPRISE PARTY!
VBS
The unexpected Grace of Jesus

Join us for VBS!
July 6th - 9th
9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

To register please contact
Lisa Carlton
985-966-8660 or
lisaafcarlton@charter.net

Looking for volunteers for VBS, if you would like to join the fun please contact
Lisa Carlton @ lisaafcarlton@charter.net



CROSSROADS YOUTH NEWS

I hope everyone is having a great start to their summer. Crossroads is headed back to Panama City Beach for BigStuf! We are leaving on Friday, June 12th and returning on Tuesday, June 16th. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and worship.

WE WILL NOT HAVE YOUTH JUNE 14TH!
WE WILL ALSO BE OFF JUNE 21ST FOR FATHER'S DAY!

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.”



Disaster Response Team is looking for team members! If anyone's interested they can email Alison Slaney at alisonslaney@gmail.com or text (985) 285-7370.

Barnabas Ministry

By sharing hand written notes, each Barnabas writer prayerfully offers words of Christian encouragement to those facing a time of crisis, loss, grief, or confusion.

If you wish to submit a request for the writers or if you would like to become a writer contact

Jane Moore at
404 895-0277 or
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SUMMER NIGHTS AT FIRST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
JULY 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

5:00 p.m.

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Our in-person support group draws on collective experiences and wisdom as we discuss mental health issues and find solutions.

NAMI Family Support Group
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Free In-Person & Online Support

You are invited to join us at our next meeting.
April 7th FUMC Campus
433 Erlanger Ave.
7:00 p.m. Gathering Place

This confidential group is facilitated by NAMI TRAINED individuals!

CLASSES

- Adult Painting**
This adult painting class will feature studio time with acrylic paints on a variety of surfaces while exploring different approaches to subject matter and painting techniques. Previous painting experience not required!
- Classical Music Appreciation**
Lessons & Conversation for those who love and are curious about European & American classical music. How it fits in with modern & pop music as well as how composers develop elements & characteristics to evoke those emotions and much much more.
- Diamond Dots/Art**
Have you ever wanted to try Diamond Dots/Art but didn't know how to begin? Come try a Diamond Dots kit and see the many ways to create a Stunning Art Project using Diamond Dots. We will discuss measuring and framing.
- Book Club - The Elephant Whisperer**
Come explore a nonfiction story with the written by Lawrence Anthony about a herd of rogue elephants he adopted in his game preserve in Kenya. Set against the background of life on an African game reserve.
- Yoga - Beginners & Intermediate**
A relaxing and accessible class that focuses on movement, mindfulness, & inner peace. Class blends light stretching, breathwork, and optional moments of reflection to help you feel more balanced and refreshed. Feel free to bring your mats as well have 10 to bring!

DATES & SCHEDULE

- JULY 1st** **JULY 8th**
- JULY 15th** **JULY 22nd**
- JULY 29th**
- 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.**
Prayer Service in Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m.**
Family Life Center
Dinner, Welcome & Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m.**
Breakout Groups
in Assigned Rooms

* CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FOR AGES NURSERY TO PRE-K3 *

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WE WILL BE CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY!

We now have a Youth Leader, Nicole Smith and Tanya Minor will be available for the Nursery, pending we have registration for the need. Be sure a let us know.