

FUMC Newsletter

August 2026

PASTOR LISA'S LETTER

"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23, NRSVUE)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is drawing to a close, and school is almost back in session. It is an exciting time in the life of the church. **We will celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks with a single service at 10:00 a.m. on August 9.** We hope that those of you who have students of all ages in your home or who work anywhere within education will plan to join us as we mark the beginning of a new school year with a time of prayer and worship.

Another new thing is our new sermon series that has just begun. I am preaching a nine-week sermon series on the fruit of the Spirit. We are taking a close look at these "fruit" that Paul says a growing Christian should produce. Each week, I'll look at a different fruit and what the Bible has to say about it. We started with love on July 26. I'll be preaching on joy on August 2.

The middle of the year can be a hard time for preachers. There's a long stretch of time between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent. Liturgically, this is Ordinary Time. The lectionary usually works its way through most of the gospel narrative during this time. I've found that it can be a nice time to focus in on scriptures that I might not get to preach on at other times of the year. This summer I was inspired by our Drama Camp musical, the BEEAtitudes, which reminded us that we are blessed when we are meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, and peace makers. And we are also blessed even when we are poor in spirit, mourning, persecuted, and reviled. That's a very different way to think about life. The world tells us that the rich and powerful are the ones who count.

The fruit of the Spirit reminds us that our faith in Christ is supposed to make a difference in how we live our lives. We are not saved by good works, but if we are making a diligent effort to follow Jesus, then our lives should look more like his. I'm hoping that by taking each one of these fruit separately and focusing on them, we can be encouraged to pay attention to how we show up in the world. May the people we meet see the light and love of Christ shining brightly in our lives.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Lisa

FUMC HANDBELL MINISTRIES:

REHEARSALS:

BACK TO SCHOOL/BACK TO BELLS!

- ◆ First time ringers welcome
- ◆ Youth ringers welcome
- ◆ Experienced ringers welcome
- ◆ LOOKING TO GROW OUR GROUP!
- ◆ THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 in Music Suite
- ◆ August 6, 13, 20, 27



Go Bellistic!!!

FUN 'CAMP' FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY HANDBELLS!

- Meet other ringers
- Basic and fun ringing skills
- Fellowship, lunch, and a mini-concert

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 19, 2026,
9:00AM -2:00PM—in Family Life Center**

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 Fruits of the Spirit

We are taking a closer look at the fruit of the spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23.

AUG. 2ND THE FRUIT OF JOY

Nehemiah 8:9-12
and Luke 15:3-10

AUG. 9TH THE FRUIT OF PEACE

Psalms 34:11-14
and John 14:25-27

AUG. 16TH THE FRUIT OF PATIENCE

Colossians 3:12-17

AUG. 23RD THE FRUIT OF KINDNESS

Micah 6:6-8 and
Ephesians 2:3-9

AUG. 30TH THE FRUIT OF GENEROSITY

Proverbs 11:24-26
and Acts 2:43-47

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

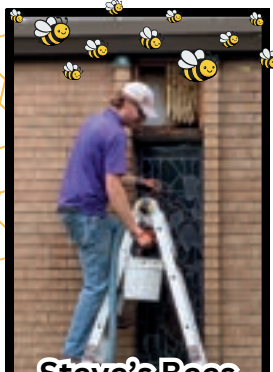
9:30 a.m.	Seekers	Media Room
9:45 a.m.	Inquirers	Room 107
9:45 a.m.	New Beginnings	Room 224

CONTACTS

Kids Club and Kids Church Lisa Carlton 985.966.8660	Welkin Bells Barbara Williams 985.768.2407
Youth (6-12th Grade) Danny Carlton or Abby Carlton Wright crossroads@firstumcslidell.org	J.A.M. Session Youth Band (6-12th Grade) Sarah Malasovich 985.707.3363
Chancel Choir and Praise Band Nathan Sumrall nathand.sumrall@gmail.com	Children's Chime Choir Marlene Rawle 985-640-0427



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Steve's Bees came last month and removed a rather large beehive from the wall in the Sanctuary by the prayer garden.

He guessed it was about 30,000!

The hive has been relocated to Prairieville.

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.

July 7th **FUMC Campus**
7:00 p.m. 433 Erlanger Ave. **Gathering Place**

This confidential group is facilitated by NAMI TRAINED individuals! *Mental Health Matters*

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.

FUMC received this beautiful card in the mail from the Southeastern Wesley Foundation!



Chapel Window - Southeastern Wesley Foundation.

Dear St. Iedell Fumc:

Your support of Rairas Ministry at Southeastern Wesley has been invaluable. We have been able to make needed repairs to restrooms and to supply meals for students in our campus lunches because of your timely and much appreciated donations. Thank you for your faithful dedication and care for the community of students & staff at Southeastern La. Univ. We couldn't do it without you!

Peace & Blessings to you -
Karen Williams (Southeastern Wesley Board 985-237-6262)

PUMPKIN PATCH
is almost here!

PUMPKINS ARRIVE SEPT 26 AT 9:00 AM

Let's make this year's Pumpkin Patch our best one yet!

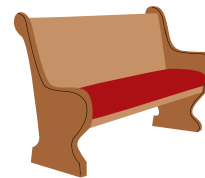
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- 1. DAY CAPTAINS**
Serve as the daily supervisor by opening and closing the patch and ensuring the patch runs smoothly.
Contact Angela Davis
- 2. WAGONS**
We are asking for wagon donations. Please drop off at the Pumpkin Patch sales area.
- 3. VOLUNTEERS TO WORK THE PATCH**
Check your calendars and sign up for a shift starting in September. Every volunteer makes a difference!
- 4. BAKERS**
We need baked goods for the Pumpkin Patch! Please contact Monette Gremillion at (985) 287-1196 or gremillion.monette@yahoo.com

Questions? Contact: Angela Davis
985-707-3218 | acw4105@yahoo.com

CHURCH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Your Church Council is beginning to take a fresh look at Stewardship. We took part in a webinar sponsored by the United Methodist Foundation entitled, "Stewardship in a New Day" that was very enlightening. One of the initial actions we would like to implement is the establishment of a Stewardship committee. This committee will be separate from the Finance committee and will work on how we as a congregation can take a fresh look at how we approach our views around stewardship. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on this committee, please contact Pastor Lisa or Barbara Miller.



Help is needed with keeping the pews straight and supplied!
Please see Leslie to volunteer!



Paintings from our Summer Nights 2026 will be on exhibit at Cloudberry at Allison's store on the evening of white linen night, AUG. 8TH!