

Announcements

Small Group Sign Up

This fall our congregation will be reading through *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith on Sunday mornings and in small groups. We invite you into this opportunity for growth and spiritual formation as we kick-off the fall and reimagine where God is leading us together. We are offering a variety of small groups at different times during the week led by our staff and church leaders. For more information, please contact Pastor Madison at mgarcia@lufkinfirst.com.

Sunday Night Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? Join us on Sunday evenings beginning September 19th for a Fast Track Disciple I class. Fall classes will be 12 weeks long covering the Old Testament every Sunday evening from 5pm-7pm. This is a great way to learn, be in community, and learn more about God's Word. If you have questions or wish to sign up, please contact Leslie Brimmage at lbrimmage@att.net or Carolee Brink at cbrink@lufkinfirst.com.

Market to Missions

This month for our Market to Missions project we will be collecting paper towels, paper plates, and toilet paper. All donations will benefit our local CPS children and staff. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex or in the church office during regular business hours.

The Leadership Institute 2021

We will be hosting an online watch party together in the Youth and Worship building September 29th-October 1, 2021 in preparation for a new season of ministry marked by unity, clarity of vision and a call to love extravagantly. Early registration by Sept. 8, 2021 is \$55 per person. Registration after September 8th will be \$75 per person. Contact Amy Childs at achilds@lufkinfirst.com for registration and further details. Let's come together and be blessed by the worship speakers, and spending time together.

The Good and Beautiful Community

Classes start this week for a new worship series titled The Good and Beautiful Community, based on the book by James Bryan Smith. Together we'll explore the different ways we are called to be a community together that lives and loves like Jesus. Join us Sunday mornings at 10am in the Sanctuary.



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The Good and Beautiful Community



September 12-October 31

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WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! We are glad you chose to worship with us today and we hope you experience a time of community and spiritual renewal. Please fill out our connection card on our mobile app or using the QR code, so that we can connect with you. Let an usher know if we can assist you in any way. Whether you're a first-time guest or a long-time member at FUMC, volunteers are ready to assist you with any questions you may have regarding activities and ministries at the church.

Worship

FUMC - Lufkin currently offers our weekly worship service in-person or on Facebook Live at 10 AM. Join us on Sunday for In-Person Worship Service.

Busy Bags

Children are welcome in our worship service. Busy bags filled with activities offering scripture lessons are available to help keep children engaged. Look for the orange FUMC Kids bags!

Connect and Grow

At FUMC, we hope that all grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and develop a deeper understanding of God's word. Sunday School classes offer such an opportunity. Please contact our ministry staff for more information on how these classes meet.

Adult

The church offers adult classes for all ages. For more information, please contact Carolee Brink at cbrink@lufkinfirst.com.

Nursery / Preschool (Infant - Pre-K)

Please contact Chasity Gauthier at cgauthier@lufkinfirst.com

Elementary Age Children (Grades K - 5th)

Please contact Chasity Gauthier at cgauthier@lufkinfirst.com

Youth (Grades 6th - 12th)

Please contact Jenny Capps at jcapps@lufkinfirst.com

Words of Welcome to New Members

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members, together with you in the body of Christ and in the congregation of First United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.



Check In

Scan this QR code to mark your attendance on your phone!



FREE WIFI

Feel free to connect to **FUMC Guest WiFi**
Use the password: **CharlesWesley***

September 12, 2021 • 10 AM

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Chorus

Bind Us Together

Welcome and Greeting

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! We are glad you chose to worship with us today, and we hope you experience a time of community and spiritual reviving. Please be sure you let us know you are here by filling out our connection card at <http://lufkinfirst.com/check-in-form/>.

†Songs of Praise

Waymaker

You Are Good

Holy Spirit

†Affirmation of Faith

UMH No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Response

Gloria Patri

UMH No. 70

Children's Time

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Ministry Moment

Angel Gillispie

Faith-Based and Community Engagement Director for Texas Child Protective Services

Invitation to God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ways To Give

- Through our website at www.lufkinfirst.com
- On the Venmo App - our username is @FirstUMC-Lufkin
- By texting FUMCLufkin to (936) 209-1422
- By mailing your check to: FUMC, 805 E. Denman Ave. Lufkin, TX 75901

Musical Offering

It Is Well

Doxology

UMH No. 70

Reading of God's Word

1 John 4:7-12

Sermon

"The Good and Beautiful Community"
Pastor Jerome

†Closing Song

Sweet Sweet Spirit

UMH No. 334

†Pastoral Benediction

Departing Chorus

Bind Us Together

† Please stand as able

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Join Us In Prayer

Fervent Prayer for our Faith Family...

Bennie Hollis
Beth Jones
Bettye Platt
Bill Ricks
Bob McCarroll
Brenda Stogner
Cherry Barnes
Cookie Yeates
David Carrizales
David Turner
Dennis Holder
Dorcas Walker
Dot Brookshire
Gene & Sherry McClung
Georgia Kimmey
Harold and Evelyn Ward
Harry Stafford
J.D. Barnes
Janet Squires
Kevin Korando
Linda Stafford
Lisa Haglund
Liz Wilkie

Lucille Anderson
Luke Michael Jefferson
Lynn Berry
Mollie Shands
Patsy Lawrence
Pete Peterson
Sandy McEntire
Sarah Williams
Seth M Wheeler
VCI Teams
Vercie McMullen
Vergia Walker
Virgil Walker
Wayne Haglund
Wendy Okray
The Family of Bill Beaver
The Family of Janet Brown
The Family of Gladys Liese
The Family of Joy Frederick
The Family of Mike Rawlinson
The Family of Melanie Stewart

Our Military...

Boyce McClellan
Cody Minshew
David Webb
Jan Janisch
Josh Rudis
Richard Wilroy
Ryan Hamel
Jacob Hamel