



## Circuit Writer

AUGUST 2009

### *Our Journey Together*

In a few days, a new school year will begin. For the teachers, it all begins on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the 18<sup>th</sup> for students in Calcasieu Parish. Even those of us who don't teach or attend school or have family members who do experience this time are getting back into the routines of life and starting new endeavors. August and September marks the return of Circle Up, UMW, UM Men, and Primetimers even as we rejoice in the recent beginning of the YMCA's *Active Older Adults* program here on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Accordingly, University UMC will be celebrating Back to U Sunday on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be one service in the sanctuary followed by a meal in Safe Harbor. It will be a time of reconnecting with God and one another. It will be a time of learning about opportunities for growth and service that you can participate in this Fall. It will be a time of sharing stories of things experienced over the Summer and making plans for Fall adventures. It will be a time of celebrating God's goodness and rejoicing that his grace brings us together and makes us family. It's something you don't want to miss.

Among the things that you will be hearing is about using the wisdom John Wesley once commended to persons seeking to follow Christ in challenging times like ours. Our children, youth, and adults will explore *Three Simple Rules* (Bishop Rueben Job's revisiting of John Wesley's "General Rules.") In worship and study we will spend six weeks exploring the implications and practice of the simple, yet profound imperatives of "Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God."

A very special parenting workshop will be offered in September (see details inside). Outstanding leaders have been lined up to address the various challenges of raising the children with whom God has blessed us. It will be something that you will want to encourage parents to attend. Children's activities will be offered during the workshops.

Be looking for further information on these and other opportunities. Plan on being here on the 16<sup>th</sup> and bring loved ones and friends with you. Get involved in worship, study, and service and experience God's blessings anew!

In Christ,

*Charlie*

**BACK TO U**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2009**

**COME FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON AT UNIVERSITY THIS FALL!**

## A Sincere Camp E.D.G.E. Thank You!



Our 2009 Vacation Bible School at Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere) was a week packed full of great music, crafts, stories, snacks, discoveries, and recreation. "Thank you" to the 62 campers, 45 leaders, 1 fox, and 2 beagles who all worked together to create a time when we all truly experienced the love of God in one another.

## Required Safe Sanctuary Training

**August 13**

Pick one - 10:30 a.m. in Choir Room

or 7 p.m. in Safe Harbor

All children and youth workers that have had background checks done need this annual

training to stay

Involved in these ministries.

This includes VBS, Sunday School, and special children and youth activities.

The Lake Charles YMCA is expanding our off-site services to include the following:

### **AOA—Active Older Adults**

This 45–60 minute class is designed to improve strength, cardio-vascular fitness, flexibility, and overall health. A chair can be used during the class if needed—participants will get a great workout and FEEL better! Cost is \$28 per month.

**Classes are held at University United Methodist Church!!**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**At 10:15 a.m.**

**Hope to see you there!**

Call Jennifer Hebert with the YMCA for any questions!

912-5897



## All-church Talent Night

**Sunday, August 9**

Come for a catered meal with a time of fellowship and fun beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Safe Harbor. We invite anyone (families or individuals) to share stories, songs, dances, Karate moves, skits, play an instrument—anything in good taste—for good family entertainment.

Please call Marj Robinson in the church office and let her know that you plan to participate in the evening. Come share your talent with us! No need for professionals.



## August Birthdays



August 1	Murrell Holt, Dana Hermann, Russell Hargett, Kyle Natali
August 3	Mary Barker, Barbara Bruns, Matt Golemon, Riley Brown
August 4	Alline Kestel, Gordon Alpha, Suzy Comeaux, Blayne Robinson, Megan Kratzer
August 5	Connor Brignac
August 6	Anita Tarasiewicz, Elizabeth Langford
August 7	Sarah Warner, Gabi Fontenot
August 8	Toni Murphy
August 10	Hubert Boales, Gus Fontenot, Katie Vidrine
August 11	Tom Sawyer, Chris Sonnier
August 12	Barbara Savant, Ann Aucoin, Marty McFillen, Debbie Rauser
August 13	Laura Bearden, Erline Godwin, Justin Alpha, Abigail Sonnier
August 14	Michael Butler
August 15	Janine Gerhart, Jennifer Hay, Kari Dupin
August 16	Sherwood Golemon, Beau Soileau, Jennifer Harvey, Cameron Nagelhout, Carly Hand
August 17	Earl Alexander, Geoffrey Paul
August 18	James Wynn
August 19	Ethan Sonnier
August 20	Reva Chesson, Helen Faulk, Diane Wilkinson
August 21	Marcheta Wilson, Chad Whited
August 22	Brian McCain
August 24	Eva Murphy, Maureen Baldauf
August 25	Eddie Austin, Sr., Rod Perkins, Jr., Jace Warren
August 26	Babbye Patrick, James Bulhot
August 27	Marty Ardoin
August 28	Elva Groves, Janis Gothreaux, Zachary Burkhalter
August 29	Paul Molbert, Wesley Hughes
August 30	Ward Fontenot

(Birthdays continued)

August 31 Phyllis Contois, Sarah Todd, Carl Bartling, Phillip Scalisi, Dale Couvillon, III, Domino Elliott

### Social Lights



Ladies, let's meet Monday,  
August 17 at Harlequin on  
College Street  
11:30 a.m.

The flower  
calendar is  
empty for  
the month  
of  
September.  
Call the Church  
Office to reserve  
a spot.

**Announcing...**  
**Our new and  
updated  
website!**

**Check it out at  
[www.university  
methodist.com](http://www.universitymethodist.com)**

**Circle Up**  
*starts back up*  
*Tuesday, August 4*  
*6:00 p.m.*



### Coming in September...

**Parents Now Workshop**  
**September 12, 2009**

**10 a.m.—2 p.m.**



**Activities provided for children (through 12 years old) whose parents are attending the workshop. Cost is \$15 per person. This will include a picnic lunch for both parents and children. Speakers will be Robbi Dowden, Brenda Gueringer, Nathaniel Langford, James McGee, and Yvonne Pauley.**

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST**

Youth Week begins August 2!

This is a chance to get closer as a youth group, closer to God, and have a whole lot of fun!

August 2—SPAR Water Park 4-7 p.m.- meet at UUMC—cost \$5

August 4—Evening at Putt-Putt-7-9p.m.-meet at UUMC—cost \$7

August 5—Youth Room Workday & Breakaway at the Brignac's  
 (Bring a snack)

August 6—Incredible Pizza Co. in Lafayette—leave UUMC at 10 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.—(cost \$20-30)

August 7—Movie Night—Cinemark—cost \$8

Contact Mike Brignac or the Church Office for permission slips or additional info.

***Back to School on August 18!***

**Manna****Ministries**

***Sunday, August 30***

**Bring non-perishable food items to church.**

**Donation boxes are in the Narthex and Safe Harbor.**

