



Circuit Writer

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Our Journey Together

How cold did it get? Maybe it got colder than we thought a few weeks ago. Maybe something froze over and we did not know about it.

The reason I say that is I woke up this morning (Monday, January 25) to discover that it was not a dream I had last night. THE SAINTS ARE GOING TO THE SUPERBOWL!!!

Some of us are old enough to remember when the Saints came into being and the over 40 disappointing seasons the team, the city, the state, and the fans have endured. Did we ever believe this day would truly come? Was it really possible? Even to the end it appeared that the Vikings were going to at least kick a game-winning field goal just before the fourth quarter ended and that the Saints had again snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. But this year that did not happen and this season will end differently. Finally, the Saints are playing in the Super Bowl!

It makes you wonder what other seemingly impossible things might happen. Could change be in the air? Could the promises of transformation found in the New Testament be realized in your life or in mine? Could that weakness, failing, addiction, sin that has made life miserable, unproductive, and hopeless be overcome? Could that dream/vision for your life become a reality? Could the Spirit of the One who stated: "I have overcome the world" erase our fears and doubt and transform us into persons whose strength, love, and grace were Christlike? Wesley and others like him believed it was possible for anyone who entrusted his or her life to the Lord Jesus. Are we willing to consider the possibility now in 2010?

Could the seemingly impossible happen to the University United Methodist Church? Are there things that you hardly dare to believe possible here? Are there dreams and visions, probably God-given, which you have of this church making an impact for the cause of Christ here in Lake Charles and throughout Southwest Louisiana and beyond? Do you have any sense of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, inviting to be more and better than we are or have been? Will we dare to believe what the "infinitely more" God can accomplish (Ephesians 3:20) in and through UUMC?

There is a great deal of talk about destiny when it comes to the Saints' season. It has more to do with Coach Payton, Drew Brees, and the Saints daring to believe and giving themselves fully to making the dream/vision a reality! Will we dare to do the same and give ourselves over fully (as fully as we know how) to the God who is able? It could be our destiny that is realized!

In Christ,

Charlie

LENTEN STUDY

Jayne Muzzy and Gayla Abshire are leading a study of the book *A Cup of Your Life* by Joyce Rupp. The cost of the book is \$10. The class will begin the Wednesday before Ash Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. Participants will need to bring a cup from home. They do not need to buy one.

UMW News

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the gumbo fundraiser a success. \$1025 was raised for UMW projects.

UMW Executive Board will meet Thursday, Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Stonerollers.

UMW General Meeting is Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m. in Safe Harbor. Mike and Luan McLaurin will be speaking on Liberia.

Up Coming Date:

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27, 2010

10:00am to 12:00pm

See Mary to volunteer.



Social Lights

Meet for lunch at Harlequin, 501 West College, on Monday, Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m.

We will go to a movie after lunch (movie to be announced later)

University UMC Day School

has openings

for children in their

2 and 3-year old class.

Contact Julie Hebert at 478-4347



Souper Bowl of Caring



More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world-as they raise money for charities that feed the hungry. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's Love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every Dollar donated goes to Manna Ministries. Be watching for the Youth in Purple T- shirts and Big Soup Pots.

Special Offering February 7

Bishop William Hutchinson has requested a special offering on Feb. 7 to support the Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation, which is changing hearts and lives by building chapels in Louisiana prisons.

Former Louisiana Corrections Secretary Richard Stalder, an active United Methodist, says that one of the department's "most pressing needs" is to build churches on prison grounds. Stalder believes these chapels are "places where those who are motivated to change their lives can seek reformation in an atmosphere of hope and redemption.

Bishop Hutchinson said recently, "These chapels are serving as a place where those who are incarcerated are hearing the Word of God proclaimed, are enabled to study and pray in safe surroundings, and are nurtured in a new direction for their lives."

Make your checks out to UUMC and note in the "for" section Prison Chapels.

Primetimers

Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 11:00 a.m.

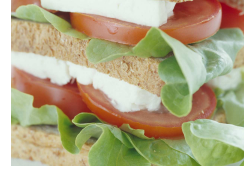
Meet in Safe Harbor



- February 2 Ed House, Jr., Danny Park
- February 3 Ann Holmes, Leisha Gallien, Rebecca Sprick
- February 5 Mary Cooper, Steven Hillebrandt, Becky Sonnier, Sarah Sprick
- February 8 Ella Istre, Claudia Reynolds-Gentry, Cole Thompson, Lauren Tarasiewicz, Darrell Doucet
- February 9 Dustin Haese, Hayley Chatagnier
- February 10 Paul Mitchell, Cindy Hodge, Cassie Smith, Courtney Fuller
- February 11 Shane Truxillo
- February 12 Violet Gibson, Preston Kane
- February 13 Tiffany Cain, Gordie Alpha, III, Jonathan Abraham
- February 14 Kaki McDaniel, Diane Kane, Beverly Jones
- February 15 Nelda Boese, Eddie House IV
- February 16 George Miller II
- February 17 Elaine Aquillard, Melissa Gilley, Sarah Negroni
- February 18 Helen Cooke, Melva Levingston, Curt Thompson, Steven Stallion, Brett Dering, Magen Himes
- February 19 Charlie Langford
- February 20 Joyce Johnson, Monique Doucet, David Brooks, Adam Agee
- February 21 Howard Gaudet, Suzan Batey, Paula McDonald, Amanda Ogea, Amy Grace Shannon
- February 22 Charles Natali, Bill Lyford, Jr., Frank Hurlbut
- February 23 S.S. Hall, Jr., Shirley McKee, Debbie Hall, Randi Morgan
- February 24 Pat Anderson, Willie Looney
- February 25 Zoe Kane
- February 27 Anita Hillebrandt
- February 28 Dolores Reynolds

Check out our New Member Board outside of Safe Harbor near the coffee area. Meet a new member and welcome them to University.

Get your Super Bowl subs here!



The youth are selling sub sandwich-meals on Super Bowl Sunday. You get a 6-inch sub, chips, and a brownie for \$6. See Mary Stager to order yours today! Some extras will be made for pick-up that day. Sandwiches will be ready after both worship services that day.

Looking for a spot to park and enjoy Mardi Gras? Are your friends looking for a place they can claim the day of Mardi Gras and come and go throughout the day?

University has the use of the old Sel-Mart parking lot again, thanks to the Self family.

Front-row parking will be \$50 per space.

Second row parking will be \$25 per space and back row parking will be \$10. These spots will be reserved in advance and a hangtag will permit buyers to come and go on February 16 between parades.

Call the church today to reserve your spot! Money raised this year will go to University Day School.



We need volunteers to help that day, also. Contact the church office or Julie Hebert to volunteer.

The flower calendar needs donors! Flowers are \$39 per arrangement. Please see Kathy to sign up for a date on the calendar. There is a maximum of 2 arrangements per Sunday.

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Youth Sunday School

What does the Bible say about OUR lives? In our Youth Sunday School class, we do many different things and have many different studies. Our Sunday School hour is a great time where we catch up with each other, find out how our weeks went, share our prayer concerns, and grow deeper in our faith as a group. All youth, grades 6 to 12, are welcome and encouraged to join us at 9:40 a.m. up on the second floor in the Youth Room.

Youth Fellowship

If you are in 6th to 12th grade join us on Sunday nights for Youth Fellowship at 4:30p.m. in Safe Harbor. We mix it up with games, snacks, a short devotion, and time to just hang out with friends.

Up Coming Dates:

Feb. 7, 2010- Souper Bowl For Caring (Donations are going to Manna Ministries)

Feb 19-21, 2010- Sr. High Retreat (Youth that are in 9th to 12th grade)



Children Sunday School

Each Sunday morning from 9:40 till 10:40a.m., University United Methodist Church offers an exciting Sunday school program for children ages 2 to 5th grade. The LIGHTHOUSE is a place where children learn about the Bible and develop their understanding and faith in God in fun filled and exciting settings. All children are invited to the LIGHTHOUSE.

Kids Bible Study (Superstars)

A Bible study for Kids that are in Kindergarten to 5th grade. Please join us for God's People Celebrate , worship God through a year of Holidays and celebration, Holy days, games, art activities & Bible verses. Dinner is at 5:30p.m. Class will start at 6:00 till 7:00p.m. If you would like more info please contact Mary Stager in the church office. Hope to see you there!