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Our Journey Together

A new day is dawning! It is an exciting time to be alive and involved at University United Methodist.

Since the last newsletter went out, two outstanding persons have joined our staff. Our day school is now led by Mrs. Joan Bruchhaus Chaveleh (see article elsewhere), a well-educated and highly qualified Methodist from Elton. She began on Monday, September 13. Ms. Glynetta Phenice (see article elsewhere) is our new Staff Assistant/Secretary as of Monday, September 20. She is a very capable Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) with "hands-on" experience with the United Methodist Church, Stephen Ministers, and Cursillo. I have known her since I was doing single adult ministry in Lafayette and know you will enjoy getting to know her.

That is great, and I am thrilled with both of these new staff members, but the greatest of the new things that are happening is the long awaited dedication of the Southwest Louisiana Methodist Children's Home. Thanks to the generosity of the Henning family, numerous individuals and Sunday school classes, we are ready to dedicate the facility on LA Highway 27 north of Sulphur. The service of dedication will be at the site on Sunday, October 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. I am so pleased we will have such a facility in our district. We have much to look forward to as we contribute to and participate in this effective ministry with the troubled youth of our state.

It's a new day! Hallelujah!

In Christ,

Charlie

Live a God-Pleasing Life!

As Christians, we are stewards or managers of all the gifts God has given us. This is quite a task, a task, frankly, that we, on our own, are incapable of carrying out. Yet we don't have a choice; all Christians are called to be stewards. We are not left on our own, though. The God who calls us equips us as well.

"May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to who be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Faith is the foundation of our stewardship. It is only through faith that we can please God, and it is only by faith in Christ's mighty power within us that we are able to do the works God has prepared for us to do.

If we are to be stewards **living a God-pleasing life**, we must follow the **path of discipleship** that Jesus lays out before us. We are called to serve, even as Jesus himself *"did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28).

God-pleasing stewards give generously, even as their Master, Jesus, gave all he had, his very life. **Generosity was the hallmark of** the early Christians who *"shared everything they had . . . There were no needy persons among them"* (Acts 4:32, 34). Out of thankfulness to our giving God, who gives so generously, we, along with our spiritual forefathers, respond to the needs of others, giving to them as unto the Lord (Matthew 25:40).

Beginning October 31 we will spend three Sundays learning and growing and becoming stewards **living a God-pleasing life**. It is my hope and prayer that you will read the devotions, attend the worship services and participate in the Bible studies for this very important, educational, and enriching program.

Charlie

Day School Celebrates 50 Years

A half century ago, there were very few private preschools in the city, and none in the public sector. Rev. James Stovall, pastor of University United Methodist Church at that time, saw the need and realized the importance of the education and development of the young child. As the result of his efforts, the school began with a half-day program in the Fall of 1960 with 10 students. Floyd Holland, an area educator, was named chairman of the Day School Committee and held that position a number of years. Ruth Johnson was named Teacher-Director. Kate Lyford followed as Teacher-Director when Johnson retired.

In February of 1976, the school expanded to meet the community's growing need for full-time day care, and met the qualifications for a Class A center. At that time, there were no classes for infants in any church operated center, but Dr. Kenneth Reed, who was UUMC's pastor, felt there was a need for such a program. It was at his insistence that the center took infants. Pauline Rentrop was named the first full time director. Classes have changed through the years to meet the needs of the community. Kindergarten classes were discontinued when all public schools started offering them. Though some public schools offer Pre-K classes, UUMDS still offers a class for that age. Currently, there are classes for infants through Pre-K, and all classes use age appropriate curriculum. Curriculum for the Pre-K class is the same as is used in public schools. Call 478-4347 regarding current openings.

When Floyd Holland retired from the Day School Committee, Warren Allen was named chairman, and remains in that position. Other directors through the years include Cathy Bresley, Lurchel Wittler, and Julie Hebert. Current director is Joan Bruchhaus Chaveleh.



Welcome! **New Day School Director**

Joan Bruchhaus Chaveleh has been named director of the University United Methodist Day School (UUMDS), a class A child care center. Mrs. Chaveleh received her Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical and Recreation Education from Louisiana State University. She earned a Masters Degree in Supervision and Administration from McNeese State University, and has earned +30 hours above the Masters Degree.

With over 25 years experience in the education field, Mrs. Chaveleh retired from the Jefferson Davis Parish School System. Among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Chaveleh was selected Elementary Teacher of the year for the district. She is well qualified to lead the school into its fifty-first year of operation.

The Day School Board is thrilled to have her on board and look forward to a return to intentional excellence in caring for and educating children, which has been the school's goal since its inception. If you see her around our campus, be sure to introduce yourself and make her feel welcomed.



Welcome! **New Staff Assistant**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Charlie are glad to announce the hiring of Ms. Glynetta Phenice, CPS, as our new Staff Assistant/Secretary. She is a graduate of Welsh High School, and has two associate degrees from McNeese. She has extensive background of administrative work with the Louisiana Department of Education (Region V), Louisiana Department of Revenue, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

She is a member of First UMC, Lake Charles, active in the Cursillo movement, a trained Stephen Ministry Leader, and a labyrinth facilitator. Charlie has know her since the 1980s when she participated in the single adult ministry he led at Asbury UMC in Lafayette and is excited about her joining the staff.

Come by and introduce yourself to Glynetta. Give her a warm University welcome.

UMW ON THE GO...

1. **Manna Ministries** badly needs your food. They are in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereals and anything you can bring to the church and leave. It will be gratefully appreciated.
2. **Christmas Boxes** need to be packed for the needy children around the world. You choose a certain age and sex and fill the box with all kinds of clothing and toys and include \$7 for mailing. The boxes are due in November. Donations will be appreciated - the youth would love to fill a box for you.
3. **Cooking for Wesley** - University UMW is cooking on Wednesday, October 6 for about 100 students.
4. **UMW Conference Meeting** - Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2 in Natchitoches. Nell Hayes is planning to attend. This is the meeting where the mission candle burns, business for the year is discussed, and wonderful programs are heard.
5. **UMW General Meeting** - will be Thursday, October 7 at 10:30 in Safe Harbor. Lisa Sober will speak on Prison Ministry.

Social Lights

Social Lights will have lunch at Harlequin Steaks and Seafood, 501 West College on Monday, **October 18 at 11:30 a.m.** All ladies are invited to attend for a Dutch Treat social.

Methodist Children's Home of SW LA

October 9 Benefit. Two bands, door prizes, lunch, short program, and tour of the home. Sponsored by Acadiana District.

October 17 Grand Opening and Dedicatory Service from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Dedication commence at 2:30. Bishop William Hutchinson will be present. Local churches and general community are invited to attend.

Additional Information Available in Church Office

Youth

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 week 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 the 6th to 12th grade, join us on Sunday nights for Youth Fellowship at 5:00 p.m. in Safe Harbor. We mix it up with games, snacks, a short devotion, and time to just hang out with friends.

Superstars

Kids Travel Guide K to Grade 5
Sunday Nights 4:00 5:00 p.m.



Here's a trip worth making--so buckle up!

The travel guides in this program are essentials for leading children on the road to righteousness. Children take life-impacting explorations and engage in activities, stories, prayer, and much more. Kids will understand Bible messages in imaginative and dramatic ways.

Grief Support Meeting

You are invited to attend our meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from noon to 1:15. Light lunch is followed by a devotional. Time is spent sharing experiences and giving emotional support to cope with various experiences and stages of grief due to loss. Questions may be directed to Marj Robinson at the church at 477-2003.



Angel Tree Project

The Touchstones Sunday School class is once again sponsoring the Angle Tree Project. Plan now to choose one of the Angel Tags from the tree. It is a program of Prison Fellowship focusing on transformation in the lives of children of prisoners and fostering reconciliation between the child, prison-parent, and family.

During November church members may obtain an Angel Tag from a Christmas tree at the church. The tag will have information about the child, gift request, and possibly a message from the prisoner-parent.

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**Trunk or Treat****Sunday, October 31 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Our church celebrates together allowing children to have a safe environment to enjoy Halloween. We gather in the church parking lot and fill our trunks with goodies for the children. Children through Grade 5 dress in costume and go from car to car while the adults share in fellowship and fun. There will be fun and treats.

Come Join In The Fun!**Young Adults Ages 18 to 30**

Sunday, October 24
 Movie Night (followed by discussion)
 5:30 p.m. in Safe Harbor

Our Christian Sympathy to Families of

Genevieve Heintz

Erline Godwin (death of brother)

Trunk or Treat Help Needed

October 31

Cars are needed to help with the festivities. Decorate your car trunks, your truck beds, or the back of your van and show up about 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot.

Candy is needed - each church member is asked to donate bags of individually wrapped candy. Drop off at the church **before** October 31.