



Circuit Writer

October 2011

Our Journey Together

Generosity is never out of style. It is a blessing to the giver as well as the receiver. For Christians, it reflects the amazing generosity of our God.

Recently one of the members of our congregation passed away. I preached her funeral, and it was one of those easy ones to do. There were plenty of good things that could be said. However, that was not the entire story.

Within a few weeks of this member's passing, the church was informed we were a recipient of a bequest from her estate. The next day a check for \$20,000 arrived. The instructions were to use these funds wherever seemed best. Even in death, she continues to give.

Some of us might not ever have \$20,000 we can leave to the church. Others may have much more. But this will not happen unless one makes plans and takes action beforehand. The technical term is "estate planning." It means making arrangements to provide for self, loved ones, and others in such a way to insure income for one's lifetime, to minimize taxes owed, and to provide for family, church, and other important entities. It is an extremely important task.

Do you know how to do that? Professionally trained persons are able to make sense out of both our desire to provide for self, others, and the complicated tax laws. Where would one find a professional like that? Moreover, what would it cost?

You would certainly pay a good bit of money for such a service, but you do not have to. The United Methodists of Louisiana are blessed to have a Foundation that provides such a service free of charge to enable us to make wise financial decisions. Representatives for the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana will be more than happy to help if you want to maximize your income in these financially volatile times, avoid paying unnecessary taxes, and giving generously upon your death to the persons and institutions you love. Contact the church office if you are interested, and we will put you in contact with one of these representatives.

Thank you, all of you who have given, continue to give, and make it possible for our church to bear witness to the love of Jesus the Christ here and around the world. You are a great blessing!

In Christ,

Charlie

Circle Up

Meets Each Tuesday
Safe Harbor @ 6:00 pm

Circle Up

Circle Up is a spiritually challenging biblical support group for persons, and their families, who experience mental health challenges. They meet weekly at 6:00 p.m. in Safe Harbor. A free meal is served, and a time of fellowship offers the opportunity for



sharing. After members attend three times, they are presented a Life Application Study Bible. Home study and sharing in group is facilitated by everyone using the same Bible translation. A wide variety of speakers, also teaching from the same translation, helps members in understanding biblical literacy and of life application skills in everyday living.

Participants each week take a pledge to help create a safe, healthy, alcohol and drug-free fellowship in order to guide each other toward a more prayerful, responsible spiritual life style. If you have questions, please contact Mickey Shannon at 337-540-7813.

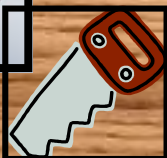
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Wednesday, October 5
Randy Morgan's Camp
(5327 Goos Ferry Rd)

Fish Fry



RSVP: 477-2003

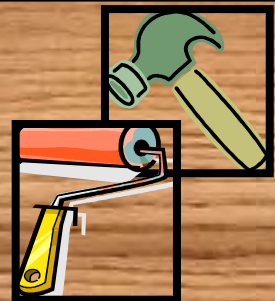


Church Work Day

Saturday

October 15, 2011

8:00 — noon



University Church Celebrates 64th Birthday

with Cake Auction for Missions

Everyone "passed-a-good-time" with \$6,252+ raised for missions!



United Methodist Women

General Meeting & Lunch

Thursday, October 6 10:30 a.m.
Safe Harbor



A day of fun and fellowship. Wear a favorite apron with a story to tell about it. Women are encouraged to wear smocks and bonnets.

A special guest, Susannah Wesley, will drop by to tell us about her life. You do not have to be in UMW to attend – just let us know so we can add another cup of water to the pot.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is underway across the nation. The shoe boxes are touching the lives of underprivileged children worldwide. The shoe boxes bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations and shares the good news of God's love.

Tuneful Tuesdays Choir



Pre-K 4's— 5th Grade

Tuesdays 4:00 — 5:00



Performance Dates:

October 9, 8:30 Sanctuary

November 6, 11:00 Safe Harbor

December 18, 11:00 Safe Harbor

Choir Dues: One Bag of Cookies!!

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of:

Lerlita Butt

Rocky Leger

Social Lights

October 17 11:30 a.m.

121 Artisan Bistro
(Formerly DeAngelo's)

121 Dr. Michael Debakey Drive

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Address Correction Requested

Trunk or Treat

Help Needed

Sunday, October 30

Cars Are Needed

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

Please donated bags of individually wrapped candy. Candy can be dropped off at the church. Please drop off before October 21 so we will know how much we will need to purchase.

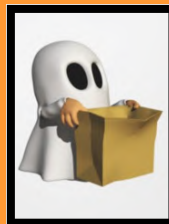


Sunday, October 30

5:00 — 7:00

University Parking Lot

Trick or Treating & Haunted Hayride



**Free Hotdogs,
Nachos & S'mores!**

