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# STUDENT MINISTRIES

## CONFIRMATION BEGINS | SEPTEMBER 11

Open to all students seventh grade and older.

Class begins on Sunday, September 11. For more information and to sign up for this year's class, contact Lisa Gill at lgill@lufkinfirst.com.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH & SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN

Wednesday Night Youth will start back on September 7 from 6-8 PM and Sunday Night Bible Study will begin September 11 from 5:30-7:00. For more info, contact Lisa Gill, Director of Student Ministries.

**Fall Calendars and Parental Consent Forms are both available in the Church Office**  
**Pick yours up today!**



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

# The FIRST LOOK

## NEWSLETTER

First United Methodist Church

September Edition

## A Word from the Pastor

*9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:9-10 (NRSV)*



Rev. Jerome Brimmage  
Senior Pastor

I am genuinely excited about the people of FUMC in Lufkin, TX. Last year, as I spoke to many of you, I shared that I believed our mission field would be with LMS across the street and the schools around us. We are living into our mission.

August 9, 2016 All LMS and Anderson Elem Staff:

- Handwritten Prayer Cards for each person
- Gifts of a mobile charger for each person
- Breakfast for all
- Entertainment of Se7en the Poet

August 13, 2016 – Back to School Bonanza – Heath Kits for 2,500 plus students

August 21, 2016 – Back to School Worship/Celebration

August 23, 2016 – Back to School Red Carpet Hospitality

- Team at Lufkin Middle School
- Team at Anderson Elementary
- Team at Brookhollow Elementary

There was even a tv news report that showed our teams in action.

August 25, 2016 – A team took breakfast to Anderson Elementary teachers.

Now, as we continue into the school year, we need LMS mentors, volunteers for hospitality, and more.

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As summer winds down, I look forward to our Fall Schedule of Worship, Bible Studies, Children's and Youth Ministry, and Missions. I look forward to what God has unfolding for us at First United Methodist.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday,  
Pastor Jerome Brimmage

## The Bible tells me, So...

**Come watch the children's interviews each week!**

Come and hear the stories you voted for as we prepare to look deeper into some familiar Bible stories.

Please note: September 11, 2016 is the 15th Anniversary of 9/11. We will have a special prayer time in our worship services that Sunday morning.



## BAPTISM

Madelyn Reneé Kelly  
daughter of Courtney and Jason Kelly  
born November 16, 2015  
was baptized August 28, 2016 in the  
Contemporary Worship Service at 11 AM.

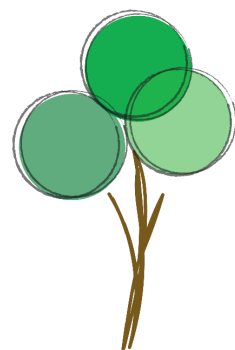
## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



We welcome new members  
Courtney and Jason Kelly  
and their daughters, Emma,  
Reese and Madelyn



My Growing Place, a childcare ministry of our church,  
has welcomed a new director, Megan Landers. Megan  
has been with us since July 25 and has brought a fresh  
perspective to the program.



### Children's Council Meeting

There will be a Children's Council Meeting on  
Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 PM in the  
Elementary Wing.

### KNO - Kid's Night Out | Sept 30

It's that time again! Drop your children off for  
an evening of dinner, crafts, snacks, movies, and  
fun! Give us your children and enjoy some  
freedom! RSVP to [sscott@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:sscott@lufkinfirst.com) to  
reserve your spot. \$10/child or \$25/ family.

## WORSHIP ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

### FALL 2016 CONCERT SERIES | *This is Our Story, This is Our Song*

The first performance in the concert series will be Sunday, September 18 at  
4 PM in the Youth & Worship Center. The Huntington High School Dance  
Steppers will perform. Through their dance, these Christian girls show that  
dancing is not totally about technique. It is about the right attitude in one's  
heart before God and telling a story.

### Steel Drums | Fifth through Twelfth Graders | Boys and Girls

Want to learn to play the steel drums? Come to the handbell room at 4 PM  
on Sunday, September 11 and find out why this group calls itself "Bells Gone  
Steell!" Bring a friend!

### Share the Joy of Handbells and Handchimes

You are invited to come and be part of any of the following groups:

Festive Ringers: for beginners - rehearsals on Sundays from 5-5:30 PM.

- Amazing Grace Ringers: for intermediate level ringers - rehearsals on  
Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

- Voices in Bronze: advanced level ringers - rehearsals on Wednesdays from  
5:30 to 6:30 PM

- Solid Rock Ringers is a handchimes group for those in third through fifth  
grades. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 4:00-5:00 PM.

**School of Fine Arts Ministry (SOFAM)** | This ministry provides quality  
instructions for Music and Fine Arts. Private lessons for piano, organ, voice,  
and guitar are all available. Contact Dr. Ernest at [eboamah@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:eboamah@lufkinfirst.com) for  
more information.

**Liturgical Dance** | Psalms 149 and 150 instruct us to praise God with dance.  
Liturgical dance requires the dancer to bare his or her sole in worship. You  
are invited to become part of this ministry. If you would like to learn more  
about this ministry, contact Dr. Ernest or Debbie Hemphill at 936.676.5233.  
All are welcome.

**Christmas Cantata** | Everyone loves Christmas and the holiday season. Our  
Christmas Cantata tells us of the true meaning of Christmas and the message  
of God's greatest gift for us all. The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsals on  
Christmas music. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM. We will  
work on Christmas music from 6:45 to 7:15 PM for those who would like to  
sing in the Cantata. Join us and let us sing and make a joyful noise to the glory  
of God.

We also want to welcome the newest baby to  
My Growing Place, Dempsey Lolan Landers, born  
August 31 to Megan and Joey Landers.  
Congratulations to big brother Xavier and big  
sister Aila, grandmother Karen Williamson, aunt  
Haley Barrett, and cousins Josh and Caley Owens.



## children's ministries

### Third Grade Bible Presentation

Third grade Bibles will be presented to all third  
graders on Sunday, September 18 at both 8:40  
and 11 AM services. For more information,  
contact Sarah @ [sscott@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:sscott@lufkinfirst.com).

### Terrific Tuesdays

Terrific Tuesdays begins on Tuesday, September  
13 at 3:45 in the Youth & Worship building.  
For more information, contact Dr. Ernest at  
[eboamah@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:eboamah@lufkinfirst.com).



**SUNDAY EVENINGS** beginning  
September 11 from 5:30-7:30 in Youth  
& Worship

### Epic of Eden:

for adults led by Pastor Rebecca  
for youth led by Lisa Gill  
related study for children led by  
Sarah Scott

### Financial Peace University:

Led by Steve and Joy Killam

### Sunday Evenings at Pinecrest

September 11-October 23  
6:00-7:00 PM, led by Carolee Brink  
"Who Stole My Church"

by Gordon MacDonald

### The Wesleyan Way

by Bishop  
Scott J. Jones, Wednesdays  
beginning September 21, led by  
Pastor Jerome

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

### Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story

by Angie Smith, begins Monday,  
September 12 from 9:00-10:30 AM  
in Youth & Worship Room Y103,  
led by Carolee Brink

### Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy

by Beth Moore, begins Wednesday,  
September 7 at 9:30 AM in the  
Allen Parlor, led by Carolyn Haney

For more information on any of  
these studies, contact Director of  
Christian Education, Carolee Brink  
at 936.639.3141 or through email  
at [cbrink@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:cbrink@lufkinfirst.com).

## NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



It is with great joy and enthusiasm that we announce our  
new Communications Director, Vicki Shimer. Vicki has Lufkin  
roots, but has lived in Nacogdoches for many years. She  
has much experience in the area of communications in her  
current role with Stephen F. Austin University. Please be  
in prayer for Vicki as she transitions to her new role here  
with us at First United Methodist Church. We will welcome  
her on Tuesday, September 6.

### CHURCH FINANCES

through July Income: \$1,182,518.87  
through July Expenses: \$1,104,255.54

### SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

We have paid 70% of our  
apportionments to date.

We recently gave over \$1000 for  
Lydia Patterson scholarships.

We sent over \$3800 for flood relief  
in Louisiana.

### VETERANS TO BE HONORED

On November 13, we will honor  
veterans at both worship services.  
If you have pictures and  
information that you would like to  
submit for the presentation,  
please send them to  
[communications@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:communications@lufkinfirst.com)  
or drop off at church office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Coffee with the Pastors

Have questions about the  
Christian faith? The United  
Methodist Church? or How to  
connect with our church family?  
We would love to meet with you  
and answer questions over a cup  
of coffee. Join Pastor Jerome and  
Pastor Rebecca on any of the  
following Sundays at 9:50 AM in  
Hebrew's Cafe:

September 25    November 20  
October 30      December 11

### SAVE THE DATE CHURCH COUNCIL

Our next Church Council  
Meeting will be Tuesday, Septem-  
ber 13 at 5:30 PM in Henderson  
Chapel. Come and hear about the  
ministry of the church and enjoy  
being part of an evening of worship  
with communion.

### SACRED PAINTING

On September 27 from 6-8 PM in  
the Fellowship Hall our Women's  
Ministry will host Sacred Painting,  
where we will get creative and have  
fun creating our own unique works  
of art! We need RSVP's to make  
sure we have enough supplies for  
everyone so please email [cbrink@lufkinfirst.com](mailto:cbrink@lufkinfirst.com)  
by Wednesday,  
September 21st if you want to  
attend.

### SPECIAL FALL EVENTS

**Sunday, October 16 from 5:00 to  
7:00 PM,** there will be a

Service of Welcome for Bishop Scott  
Jones at Marvin UMC in Tyler. A  
reception will follow the service.

**Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 PM,**  
we will host the Installation

Service for our new District  
Superintendent, Rev. Tony Vinson. All  
are invited to attend this very import-  
ant event. More details to come!

**Monday, November 14 at 6:00 PM  
in Henderson Chapel**

Mark your calendars for our annual  
Charge Conference. This will be a  
great time to celebrate 2016  
ministry and plan for what God has  
for the future here.