

Joys & Concerns:

HOSPITALIZED: June Miller • Rev. Larry O'Dell

DISCHARGED: Winnie Middleton


CONGRATULATIONS TO: Amanda & David Hagen on the birth of their son, Levi Everett Hagen on April 7, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Emily & Clint Cain and maternal great grandmother is Evelyn Friday.

SYMPATHY is extended to Jane Jenkins & family in the death of her mother, Ruth Isler; to Renee Eason & family in the death of her grandmother, Estelle Clanton; to Julia Andress & family in the death of her cousin Pierce Graham; to Jenny Kennon & family in the death of her sister, Gloria Read and to Sharon Matlock & family in the death of her sister, Susan Romine.

Please let the church office know if you, one of your family members or church friends enters the hospital so they can be offered pastoral presence and the love and concern of the congregation.

Sign up now!

Each week, we'll send you an informative, interactive bulletin packed full of upcoming events and opportunities to help keep you connected to all the wonderful things going on here at First Shreveport. You'll find band member spotlights, a word from our pastor, encouraging scriptures, noteworthy articles, and links to that worship song from Sunday that you just can't get out of your head! Best of all, you can receive this weekly bulletin through an easy-to-use app on your smart phone or by email. To sign up simply scan the QR code with your phone, or email Heather at hgunter@fumcshreveport.org, or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.

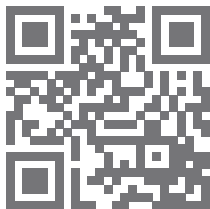
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming Alive • Rev. Derek Joyce

John 5: 19-29 — Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life whomever he wishes...Very truly I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. (vv. 21, 25-26)

Easter Sunday! Resurrection Day! The greatest day the world has ever known. The resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is the fundamental historical reality that validates Christianity. Jesus was a great teacher, leader, visionary, prophet, and more, but without the resurrection, he remains just those things. The resurrection validates his claim as the Son of God. In the resurrection we see Jesus conquer death in all of its forms, passing through death itself and undoing its power over creation. Jesus indicated that he would die and rise again. Without the physical, literal, resurrection his claims are exposed as lies and Christianity cannot stand. The resurrection gives us hope and victory in the face of sin and death. When we gaze at the resurrected Jesus we are witnessing the inauguration of God's kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven. We see in Jesus the first fruits, the dawning of God's new creation, and the promise of our inheritance for those who believe. The resurrection of Jesus is worth celebrating together on a weekly basis as it transforms all of life! Because Jesus is alive, we are becoming alive in him!

Order of Worship:

Scripture Reading - 1 Cor. 15:1-4	“In Christ Alone” by Kristian Stanfill
“O Praise the Name (Anástasis)” by Hillsong Worship	Offertory “Death was Arrested”
Meet & Greet	by North Point
Children’s Message	Message
Scripture Reading - 1 Cor. 15:12-22	“The Anthem”
“Great I Am” by New Life Worship	by Planetshakers Prayer/Lord’s Prayer
Scripture Reading - 1 Cor. 15:51-58	Benediction

Welcome

We’re so glad you are joining us for Worship today!

If you have any questions about Sunday morning activities & Worship or you would like more information about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our wonderful ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. They’d be glad to help!
- Call the church office at 318.424.7771. We’re open 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30am - 4:00pm on Friday.
- Visit www.firstshreveport.org/getconnected

Want a tour of the campus?

Starting Point tours happen the second Sunday of each month at 9:45am beginning in the Welcome Center located in the Education & Administration Building. Whether you’re joining us for the first time or have been considering making this your church home, join us as we explore our church campus.

Ready to Join our First Shreveport Family?

If you’re curious about what membership means and want to meet our pastors before deciding, join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon. Contact our New Member Pastor, Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at 424-7771, ext. 135 or cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org for more information.

You may join the church today by profession of faith, transfer of membership or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Our church receives persons from other traditions by transfer. If you have been baptized in another denomination, re-baptism is not necessary. To join, simply come to the front of the church and meet the pastors during the singing of the last song.

Next Steps:

- Join a small group! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit www.firstserves.org or email Ashley Goad (Global) at agoad@fumcshreveport.org or Michelle Osborn (Local) at mosborn@fumcshreveport.org.

For Announcements and other Upcoming Activities:

Grab a copy of the *First Weekly* or *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit firstshreveport.org.

Childcare:

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available on Sundays from 8:15am-12:15pm in the Children’s Ministry Center (CMC). The CMC is down the hall and down the left set of stairs from the Emmett Hook Center. There is a sign that says “Children’s Ministry Center” outside of this stairwell. Outdoor access to the Children’s Ministry Center is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.