



If you are new here and want to find out what it means to connect, grow, serve & lead, you're invited to join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon on April 3rd following our 11:00 services.

CONNECT



ADULT

We encourage you to get involved with a group of people who can walk with you through life. For more information on joining a small group, call 424.7771 or email Erik Rasmussen, Director of Small Groups at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org.

SINGLES

Tuesday at 6:00PM at FUMC. Our schedule varies week to week if you're interested in joining us contact Erik @ 318.424.7771 or erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org

COLLEGE

Email Heather Gunter for details at hgunter@fumcshreveport.org.

YOUTH

First Students Freedom Groups are age and gender-specific. To find your group, contact Mathew at mhargett@fumcshreveport.org or Carrie at cirvin@fumcshreveport.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer Support - Second Wednesday of each month · Noon · Hunter 104 · Lunch is provided for \$7. For more information on any group, contact Dr. Pam Crews at pcrews1@gmail.com or call the church office.

GROW



SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School · Sundays at 9:45AM - First Shreveport offers almost 20 options for adults of all stages of life.

Youth Sunday School · Sundays at 9:45AM - Classes for Youth, grades 7-12 are held on the 2nd Floor of the Hunter Bldg.

Kids Sunday School · Sundays at 9:45AM - Classes for Age 1 - PreK are held in the Children's Ministry Center, K - 4th grade on the second floor of the Dawson Bldg. and 5th & 6th grade in the Hunter Loft.

Deaf Community - ASL Bible Study - Sundays at 9:45AM in Hunter 104 & Interpreted Worship 11:00am in Sanctuary.

Children's Chapel - Children are invited to join us for Children's Chapel every Sunday morning during worship.

3 & 4 year olds · Children's Ministry Center · 8:30AM and 11:00AM services.

K-1st Grades · Dawson Bldg. 2nd Floor Room 207 · 11:00AM service only.

2nd - 3rd grades · Dawson Bldg. 2nd Floor Room 208 · 11:00AM service only.

K-3rd graders are escorted from service to the Children's Chapel after the children's message.

Wesleyan Communion - First Sunday of each month at 9:45AM in Couch Chapel. - A service of Holy Communion in the Wesleyan tradition. The full liturgy is followed with the congregation coming to the altar area to receive the elements.

Step Up Bible Study - SUF-4U - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in Hunter Bldg. 2nd Floor at 5:00PM. Join us for an afternoon of games, food, fellowship and Bible Study. Contact Rev. Caroline Wilkinson 424.7771 ext. 119 for more information.

TUESDAY

Men's Group - Tuesdays at Noon in the Courtyard Kitchen. Group led by Geoff Westmoreland. Contemporary topics of work, manhood and community looked at through a Biblical lens. Drop-ins are welcome!

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer - Wednesdays at 9:30AM. This small group is focused on praying for the ministry and needs of clergy and staff of First Shreveport. If you are interested in participating, please email Deana Mitchell at dmitchell@fumcshreveport.org.

Men's Group - Wednesdays at 6:45AM in the Courtyard Kitchen. This men's study is beginning *Encounters with Jesus* by Timothy Keller. Call Jonathan Beck at 424-7771 to let him know your interest.

THURSDAY

Men's Group - Thursdays at Noon in the Courtyard Kitchen. This Men's Study is starting the study of *The Gospel of John* by Ben Witherington. Call Jonathan Beck at 424-7771 to let him know your interest and to get a book. Drop-ins are welcome!

First Students T.N.T. (Thursday Night Thing) - Thursdays · Pregame at 3:30PM · Dinner at 5:30PM · TNT at 6:30PM · Hunter 2nd Floor. Grades 7-12 are invited to join us after school on Thursday nights for fun, worship, and fellowship! Come early to hang out and play games if you want! Food is served at 5:30PM for \$3, and an awesome time of worship and Bible study follow.

MONTHLY

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Circles meet monthly at various times and places. Email Sheila Berry at snberry@gmail.com for more information or to join a circle.

GROW EVENTS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 5 - 11:45AM - SANCTUARY - Join us May 5th as we give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on our nation, and to ask for his continued guidance and wisdom for the coming year. Our theme for 2016 is Wake Up America, emphasizing the need for our people, corporately and individually, to return to God in reverence and submission to honor His Holy Name.

SENIOR SUNDAY - MAY 15 - BREAKFAST - 9:15AM - MULTI-MEDIA ROOM - SENIOR RECOGNITION - 11:00AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE - Congratulations on your youth making it to this great milestone in their life—we would like to recognize them for this accomplishment! On Sunday, May 15th two events will take place that will provide us with an opportunity to honor and recognize them:

The first is a "Senior Breakfast." This breakfast will be held from 9:15 - 10:45 am in the Multimedia room on the third floor of the Hunter Building. Your senior and your immediate family are invited to attend. Reservations are necessary and are due by Sunday, May 8th. You can make these reservations by emailing Carrie Irvin (carrie@fumcshreveport.org), or by calling the church (318-424-7771 ext.119). We will also have a special Senior Slideshow during the brunch, and we need 2-3 images of your senior (one/two from childhood, one from senior year) so that we can include each person. Photo Submissions can be sent to Carrie Irvin (carrie@fumcshreveport.org) and are due no later than May 8th.

The second is Senior Recognition during the 11:00am Traditional Service, to be held in the Sanctuary. We invite each senior to wear their senior cap and gown, have their names listed in the service bulletin, and receive recognition for this great accomplishment. Please be sure that we have your senior's full name as you would like it listed.

Also, if you cannot attend either of these events and would still prefer that your graduate's name be listed in the May 15th worship bulletin (traditional service), please let us know.

SERVE



GLOBAL MISSION

Ashley Goad: agoad@fumcshreveport.org

Each year, we offer trips to Haiti, Ecuador, Russia, Uganda, and Costa Rica. If you're interested in finding out more about which mission is the right fit for you, contact Ashley Goad at agoad@fumcshreveport.org.

LOCAL MISSION

Michelle Osborn: mosborn@fumcshreveport.org

Goodwill - Our clothing drive takes place on the first Sunday of each month. We need volunteers to man that station from 9:30-10AM on the first Sunday of the month.

VOA Lighthouse - Staci Zeagler leads a great group of kids every Wednesday, 4:30-5:30, for Wacky Wednesdays with VOA Lighthouse! She would love to have your help - only one hour, no preparation required! The Lighthouse is also looking for afternoon tutors and one-on-one mentors, both of which are great ways to connect with minimal time. Tutoring is Monday-Thursday, 3:30-4:30, as many days a week or month as work with your schedule - great opportunity for a Sunday School or ministry group to share volunteer time! All age groups and subjects - no need to be a trained educator.

Common Ground - Participate in Cedar Grove community dinner, every Thursday, through cooking, greeting, or working the clothes closet and pantry. This is a great way to connect a Sunday School class to the community.

Fuller Center for Housing - We still need volunteers to finish the three homes sponsored by First UMC in this year's Legacy Build. Sign up at www.fullercenterwla.org or contact Michelle.

Communities in School - Join us at JS Clark Elementary on Thursdays, 3-4:30, to help their students succeed! We will work with a group of precious children who need tutoring and support for positive behavior and academic success, and we will work to instill the priceless gift of HOPE. Don't get left out of this fun!

Novice Knitters - Mondays at Noon in Courtyard Kitchen. Join us for stitching & fellowship as we create items for those in need in the community. Novice Knitters also provides prayer shawls for the Prayer Ministry. Don't know how to knit? We'll teach you! For more information contact Melanie Barron, 429-6887, or mbarron@fumcshreveport.org.

Ceramics - Thursdays at 9:00AM - Hunter Loft. Come make and paint ceramics! No experience necessary and it's free! Supplies are provided. Call the church office for more information.

LEAD



Be a Small Group Leader

Often when we think about leading a small group we envision grand theological training and courses on leadership development, but the first step is simply being connected and surrendered to Jesus. Email Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org for more info.

Be a Sunday School Teacher

If you like to teach, there's a place for you on Sunday mornings. Space is available for both adults' and children's classes.

Be a Sunday Servant Leader

Sunday mornings at First UMC are a great gathering time of worship for members and guests alike. Servant leaders are needed to make everyone feel welcome and direct guests to the right locations.

Be an Event Servant Leader

Coming up, we have GEMs Night Out and GEMs Young at Heart events. Servant Leaders are needed to make sure our Kids and Adults with special needs are well taken care of and have a great time! Email Billie Tate at btate@fumcshreveport.org to find out how you can help.

Wednesday Business Lunch - Wednesdays at Noon. Join us at the intersection of Faith and Life as we indulge in food for the body and soul. Dr. Jonathan Beck teaches leadership lessons for business and home and a great meal is provided by Mrs. Diana Peak. Lunch is free for first time guests and \$7 each time after.

Youth Choir

7th -12th grades - Sundays in the Choir Room from 9:00 - 9:30AM.

Children's Choir

Children are invited to join us in choir rehearsals every Sunday morning.

3 & 4-year-olds - Friendly Frogs Room - 9:30 -10:00AM

K5-2nd grades - Dawson 202 - 9:30 - 9:55AM

3rd & 4th grades - Dawson 208 - 9:30 - 9:55AM

5th & 6th grades - Hunter 2nd floor youth area - 9:30 - 9:45AM

FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHERS

STEAK DINNER - MAY 11 - 6:00PM - BAIN HALL AND HUNTER 101 - Hal Carter will give his life story and witness to God's power in his talk, 'How to Go Through Hell and Still Live a Healthy, Happy Life.' Hal experience great tragedy as a young man when his fiancé was murdered. The grief was compounded when he was accused of the crime. Hear his story of dark days and eventual renewal in God. Reserve a seat by calling the church office, 424-7771, and asking for Tammy. Plates are just \$10. Bring your friends and neighbors to this exciting dinner.

GEMS NIGHT OUT - MAY 13 - 6:00PM - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CENTER - Don't "monkey" around! Come to the Jungle Jamboree GEMs Night Out on May 13th. The group will be reminded of all the many beautiful creatures God has made to roam in the jungle as they create crafts, play games, enjoy a yummy dinner, and rotate through the centers.

RENEW & REVIEW BOOK CLUB - MAY 10 - 10:00AM - COUCH CHAPEL PARLOR - Join us for coffee and conversation in Couch Parlor May 10th. At 10:30 a.m. Dr. Donald L. Hall will review *The Petticoat Affair-Manners, Mutiny, & Sex in Andrew Jackson's White House* in which the author, prize-winning historian John F. Marsalek, offers the first in-depth investigation of the earliest -- and perhaps greatest - political sex scandal in American history.

DEAF COMMUNITY SOCIAL - MAY 20 - 5:30PM - HUNTER BUILDING, ROOM 101 - Join us for our Summer Salad Mission Send-off! Bring your favorite summer salad to share as we send off our very own missionary to the deaf in Haiti.

SILVER SCREENINGS - MAY 17 - 9:45AM - MEET AT FUMC - Silver Screenings will be held at the Robinson Film Center. The movie will be announced at a later date. Movie and lunch is available for \$15. Meet at the church at 9:45 am to be transported to the Robinson. For reservations call the receptionist (424-7771) by Friday, May 13th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP EAGLE - JUNE 7-12 - CAMP EAGLE, ROCKSPRINGS, TX - COST \$500 - Camp Eagle is nestled in a beautiful and rugged environment that is perfect for the casual camper, outdoor adventurer, or extreme sport enthusiast. While beauty and adventure draw many to the camp, the experiences and relationships make the greatest impact. Activities are more than just fun, each one is geared to inspire and transform lives towards a deeper relationship with Christ. The curriculum at Camp Eagle is equally far from ordinary. Tough issues are tackled head-on with straight talk - uncompromisingly Biblical, laced with grace, and delivered with humility. We hope you'll take this opportunity to experience some great challenges, Biblical truths, and fun in fellowship with our youth. It will be a great experience for all!

YOUNG AT HEART - GEMS - JUNE 17 - 6-8PM - BAIN HALL - The beach may be miles away, but that doesn't keep our YAH GEMs from having fun with beach balls. The night will include dinner, games, gift card walk, crafts, snacks, and dance. New guests are always welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN 2017 WRITERS NEEDED

Writers and storytellers are asked to send 250 words from your heart for the daily Lenten Readings 2017, published by our church. The theme is "Along the Way . . ." as well as prayer, alms, and repentance of the Lenten season. Send to Nan Dozier, by May 31, 2016, at nansfancies@bellsouth.net, mail to 9303 Arrowwood Dr., 71118 or bring to the church office. Your story is important.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Mother's Day offering to the Louisiana United Methodist Children's Home will be taken Sunday, May 8, 2016. Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church, Shreveport with the memo to "Children's Home". Envelopes will be found in the pews and may be dropped in the collection plates. Thank you.

SUBMIT YOUR FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS!

It's time once again to go through those family photos and send us your best dad photo for the slideshow on Father's Day. One photo per family please. Digital photos are preferred and can be submitted via email to kdensmore@fumcshreveport.org. Physical photos should be dropped off to the church office along with a return envelope including your name and address. Deadline is Friday, June 3rd.

NEW MEMBERS

SEAN TROXCLAIR

MR. RICHARD &
MRS. SHERRY WRIGHT