

Serve

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Natchitoches, La

Our mission statement reminds us to share Jesus Christ's love to make disciples and transform the world. We serve because God is not going to ask how much we know, but how much we are like Christ, and who we are bringing with us. We encourage all ages to serve by volunteering in the church and engaging in missions. Children, students, and adults are encouraged to help others, both those within our church community and those beyond.

We are reminded that though we are one body, we are made up of many different members. Each member is graced with his/her own gifts. As such, service may take many different forms. In this bulletin you can find a place to serve for just about every personality. Sunday mornings offer opportunities for those with a heart for children to work with Sunday School, those with a heart for worship to plug into either the traditional or contemporary service, those with a heart for food to provide hospitality, and so much more. Throughout the

week there are opportunities to work with children, youth, and others. Throughout the year there are opportunities to serve those in need both here in Natchitoches and beyond.

At First United Methodist Church, Natchitoches, we believe that *all* Christians are called to be "ministers." Every Christian has a special gift or ability that can be used to serve others. Read through this booklet, pray about what God is leading you to do, and select one or more ministry areas in which you may be interested. Please indicate your interest by checking it on the list located in your bulletin.

Perhaps you want to serve, but you're not quite sure which area you would best serve. In this case, we would highly recommend that you check the statement in the bulletin which says: "I'm not sure where I should serve - I wish to talk to someone in the church office."

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**The mission of the United Methodist Church
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.**



WORSHIP MINISTRIES

FUMC invites everyone to participate in two different worship styles each Sunday.

The traditional service held at 8:45 am in the Traditional Sanctuary celebrates the great hymns of the church. Led by our chancel choir and ministers, this service celebrates the beautiful traditions of the Methodist Church.

At 9:30 am and 10:45 am the church worships in the Crossroads Worship Center with contemporary music and a laid back atmosphere. Our worship team leads this service through live music from the band, visuals and videos through the big screen, and audio through the sound board. Both the musically and technically inclined can find a place to serve in these services. Also those with the gift of hospitality are a vital part of creating a worshipful experience for guests and members alike.

WORSHIP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES	SERVICE TIMES	CONTACT
Usher - Prepare service needs, hand out bulletins, welcome and help guests find seats as needed, take up and count offering, and count attendance.	8:45 AM, 9:30 AM, and 10:45 AM	Stephanie Ellett - stephanie@fumcnla.org
Greeter - Welcome people to the church, guide guests to service locations, small groups, Sunday School, nursery, etc., and help guests find needed/wanted information about the church and/or church programs.	8:45 AM, 9:30 AM, and 10:45 AM	Stephanie Ellett - stephanie@fumcnla.org
Serve Communion - Assist pastors in serving the elements during the worship service.	8:45 AM, 9:30 AM, and 10:45 AM	Stephanie Ellett - stephanie@fumcnla.org
Traditional Music - Share your musical gifts through the Chancel Choir, instrumental solo, or ensemble.	8:45 AM & 5:45 PM Wed. Practice	Nicholaus Cummins - choir@fumcnla.org
Crossroads Worship Team - Operate the sound board or light system, run slides or the live broadcast, or share your vocal or instrumental gifts. Training provided for booth jobs as needed.	9:30 AM and 10:45 AM & 7:30 PM Thurs. Practice	Brandi Chasteen - brandi@fumcnla.org
Hospitality - <i>Setting out donuts, preparing juice, and if able to provide fruit and/or cheese on Sunday mornings.</i>	9:30 AM and 10:45 AM	Stephanie Ellett - stephanie@fumcnla.org
Crossroads Stage Design Team - Help with designing and setting up stage sets based on the upcoming sermons.	9:30 AM and 10:45 AM- They meet a few times a month.	Beth Cole - beth@fumcnla.org



MISSIONS AND EVENTS

Be the hands and feet of Jesus to the Natchitoches community and the world.

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Lay Speaker at Strange UMC, Readhimer - This mission provides Strange UMC with someone to give the message each week.	Nettles Brown - leshnett@gmail.com
Jesse Tree Ministry - The Jesse Tree is a way we can give to others during Advent.	Emily Harrington - emilybayneharrington@gmail.com
Cane River Food Pantry - Help collect, sort, and/or unload food for those in need.	Donna Greene - caneriverfoodpantry@gmail.com

SEED MINISTRIES

Seed Ministries include former ministries of the church that need to be revamped or brand new ministries that we think we need. These are all starting from the ground up so get in on the ground floor and help the church serve more people.



SEED MINISTRIES

Directory Committee - It is time for a new directory and we are doing things completely different that will make things easier. We are in need of committee members to help with the process.

Visitation Team - Would you like to visit a shut-in or someone who is recovering from surgery? This new volunteer opportunity is looking for people to visit our church members when they are unable to attend church.

Inviting Ministry - Be a part of the ministry that welcomes guests into our congregation. Help each person who walks through our doors feel welcomed.

Spanish Ministry - Once a month bilingual church service led by Clair Carter.

Living Nativity - Help coordinate the event for December 17th or volunteer to participate in the event.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Help care for the members of our family through the congregational care ministry. Visit, write, notes, cook or deliver a meal to those who are in need of a little TLC.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE	CONTACT
Mary and Martha's Kitchen - Prepare a meal, purchase a meal, donate a gift card, and/or deliver meals to those who are sick, grieving, or new parents.	David Guillet - dguillet@mycitybank.com
Intercessory Prayer Ministry - Pray for those in need in our congregation, community, and beyond. Members meet Tuesdays at 5:30 PM in the prayer room.	Juli Fleming - prayer@fumcnla.org
Eucharistic Ministry - Deliver communion to those unable to attend services due to health issues. Communion is served first Sundays of each month.	Sherri Barrett- sherri@fumcnla.org
Crafters with Purpose - Make prayer shawls, lap robes, hats and other items for those facing cancer and other serious illnesses.	Carla Bond - carla@fumcnla.org
Note Writing Ministry - Write notes to new members, those who are ill or had surgery, just say hello, or maybe a note of encouragement.	Carla Bond - carla@fumcnla.org
Kitchen-Aids - We have several large and small events around the church that we serve food. If you love to cook, prepare, clean, or serve we have a spot for you! Some events include Wednesday night dinners, church family gatherings, funerals, and other events around the church.	Carla Bond - carla@fumcnla.org



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

When children are baptized the congregation is asked, "Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?" As they grow, we seek to show them who Jesus is, share the stories of the Bible, and help them grow as disciples of Jesus. Please contact the church office at 318-357-8296 or epworth@fumcnla.org. (Kristy McGlothlin, Children's Director, is on maternity leave until November.)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School (Training and Literature Provided) - Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM for children age 2 to 5th grade

Nursery Volunteer - Help in the nursery during Sunday services and other times we need childcare.

Preschool Volunteer - Help with our 3-4 year olds on Sunday mornings.

K-2nd Volunteer - Help with our k-2nd graders on Sunday mornings.

3rd-5th Grade Volunteer - Help with our 3rd-5th graders on Sunday mornings.

Substitute - Fill in as needed with Sunday School.

Children's Church - Lead the children's devotion during the 10:45am service in Room 101.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Summer program for children Pre-K through 5th grade. Children sing, experience Bible stories, play games, participate in mission activities, do crafts and science experiments, and have snacks. More details to come in 2018.



YOUTH GROUP

The youth group is open to students in 6th through 12th grades. Youth group seeks to build meaningful opportunities for middle and high school students to grow in their relationship with Christ. Students meet Sundays for fun, fellowship, food, worship, and small group discussions and Wednesdays for small group studies. Students also participate in mission projects, retreats, fun trips, and summer spiritual growth and mission trips. For more information on the Youth group and/or their activities, please contact Colby Session at colby@fumcnla.org or 318-357-8296.

YOUTH GROUP (6TH GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE)

Sunday Evening Snack Supper - Provide snacks or light supper for youth on a Sunday evening.

Ride In or Drive Van For LSMSA Pick-Up/Drop-Off - Pick up and return LSMSA students for worship and activities.

Sunday or Wednesday Evening Team Member - Be that other adult in a young person's life.

Sunday Morning Leader - Lead youth devotional time.

Confirmation Class Team Member - Help youth prepare to become full members of the church.