

APRIL 2018

# The Spire

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## FIRST METHODIST HEARTBEAT

Loving Beaumont for Fifty Years by Michelle Holland

A heartfelt appreciation for the Spire church requires a little reading about the story of the people and the decisions they made to build a beautiful, modern, artistic church designed for the future. It was not an easy decision, but one based on a commitment to serve God in the place they found themselves. They stood firm in a declining downtown Beaumont when most were abandoning it for the suburbs. Each debate and discussion always ended with a decision to remain downtown because “this church is and should remain a downtown church”.

The Spire, First Methodist’s fifth home since 1840, has been watching over Beaumont for the past fifty years. I thought about all the changes it has been witness to. I took some time to think of all the people who watched this church come to life. People who surely gazed in wonder at the cross high atop the spire. People who worked hard and prayed hard for the success of this church. People who believed in a future of serving Jesus in uncertain and changing times. There was a culture that developed in the congregation of this church, one that reaches beyond 50 years. I learned about people with a spirit of moving forward, always looking toward the future but also believing that you see where you are now by taking time to look back. Throughout the pages of their history are statements such as: “to live is to change” and “this church has never given a little answer to a big question”. One of my favorites was “the church is here, now, seeking to serve the new wilderness”. That seems as relevant today as when it was written in 1968.

In the pages of our history you will find people who believed in community, diversity, commitment and social justice. These same people built a beautiful church and left us with a unique cultural heritage. We are living in that future they planned for. Reading this history gave me an even deeper appreciation for the space I worship in and the people I worship with. I know that we can face whatever the future brings because we have the past to show us the way.

I read about a sermon given by Dr. John Wesley Hardt for the cornerstone celebration of this church. He spoke about depending upon Jesus as a cornerstone for growth and that He is the one who joins old and new together and holds it in unity. It seems a simple message from the past is also the hope for the future and that depending on Jesus as our cornerstone is what will always keep us united.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Communion  
9:15 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts  
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.



COMMUNION IN LONGE CHAPEL  
SUNDAYS | 9:15 A.M.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEAUMONT

*Women's Retreat*

MAY 5TH  
ROTHWELL HALL  
SIGN UP  
DETAILS COMING SOON

SAVE  
THE DATE



# SERVE

**Some Other Place: April 20th, 8:00 a.m.**  
Friday, April 16th is FUMC Service day at Some Other Place. Join us as we prepare and serve a hot lunch for our neighbors and fellow members of the community in downtown Beaumont.

**Kairos Kitchen: April 28th, 5:30 p.m.**  
Kairos Kitchen provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know our downtown Beaumont neighbors and love the city with the heart of Christ.

# PRAY

Alberto Family  
Booker Family  
Everett Family  
Franks Family  
Green Family  
Hefty Family  
Joyner Family  
Lisa Taylor

Liza Nelson  
Martin Family  
McGuirt Family  
Moon Family  
Reed Family  
Snoek Family  
Yarbrough Family  
Woodland Family

**CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH  
**YOUTH LEAD SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
APRIL 22ND



**Kairos Kitchen**  
saturday // april 28th

**SIGN UP TO SERVE AT**

[lovebeaumont.com/kairoskitchen](http://lovebeaumont.com/kairoskitchen)



**Chancel Choir Practice**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Handbell Practice**

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

**Lectionary Bible Study**

Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. —Church Library.

**United Methodist Women Board Meeting**

April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. —Church Library.

**Calder Woods Retirement Home Service**

April 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

**Confirmation Sunday**

April 8th at 11:00 a.m.

**Collier Park Retirement Home Service**

April 10th at 10:30 a.m.

**Pelican Bay Retirement Home Service**

April 17th at 10:30 a.m.

**Some Other Place Service Day**

April 20th at 8:00 a.m.

**Youth Sunday in Worship**

April 22nd at 11:00 a.m.

**Kairos Soup Kitchen**

April 28th at 5:00 p.m.



**Evangelism Conference  
with Bishop Scott Jones**  
APRIL 24 | 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.  
WOODCREST UMC - LUMBERTON

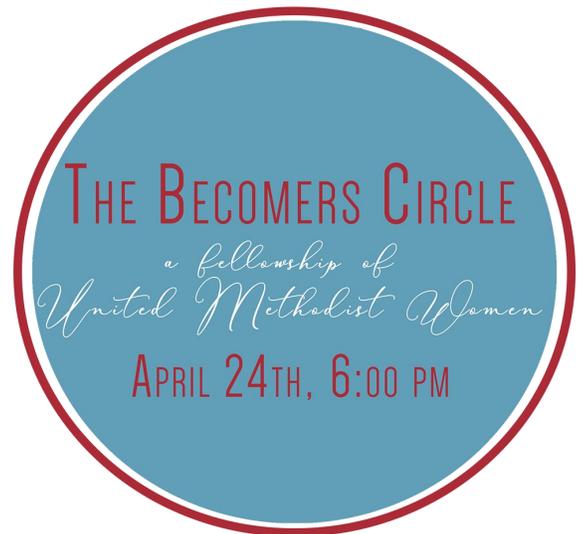
**ESTATE SALES**

**4/12 - 4/14**

**5/3 - 5/5**

**LOCATIONS TBA**

[fumcestatesales.org](http://fumcestatesales.org)



# GOLDEN MILESTONE CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

MILESTONE POTLUCK AND HISTORICAL TOUR

APRIL 22ND, 12:00 P.M.

MILESTONE HISTORICAL TOUR (COMMUNITY)

APRIL 29TH, 1:30 P.M.

## 178 years of ministry in Beaumont, TX, 50 years of service in The Spire Building!



### Golden Milestone Trivia

The spire measures 62 feet and is constructed of copper with a lead coating.

The cross that sits on top is 16 feet and made of stainless steel.

“The Spire Church” sanctuary has seating for 800 with another 120 in the balcony

The walls are made from native Austin limestone.

The cornerstone contains historical records, two Bibles, a hymnal, coins, church pamphlets, a membership roster and a tape of the service from Jan. 21, 1968.



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**Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Closed Friday**

**Sunday Worship Time**

11:00 a.m.

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