

OCTOBER 2018

The Spire

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



FIRST METHODIST HEARTBEAT

The Prayer Warrior by Michelle Holland

When I asked Jean Lindsey to talk with me about her life, her faith, and her church, she was quick to say there were plenty of others in the church that had better stories and would be more dynamic and inspiring. I knew there was something special about Jean, so I was not going to let her talk me out of an interview. I wanted to discuss prayer because I had heard she was a prayer warrior. I was not familiar with that term and assumed it meant someone who either prayed a lot or was good at praying out loud, but if you look at the definition, it states that a prayer warrior is committed to praying for others.

She may be small, gentle and soft-spoken, but I learned about the warrior that she truly is. She is relentless in her prayer life, fierce in her love for this church, and utterly devoted to God. She works hard to find out who needs prayer, writes down names and spends time praying for them, you can be sure if Jean says she will pray for you, it will get done.

Praying is something that Jean has been doing her entire life, so I asked if the answers ever became easier to understand. She thought about this but said no she still has a hard time figuring out what God may want from her and worries if she is doing all that He needs her to do, but she has confidence that He is there, and He will guide her. We laughed together when she told me sometimes she wishes God would email her every morning and tell her what to do.

As we talked she laughed at my request for words of wisdom and inspiration but thoughtfully told me people need to know they are loved and are important, be patient and kind, encourage people, don't bring them down, love is what we need. Remember that everyone is made in the image of God, sometimes you just have to look really hard.

She told me about a passage she read from Max Lucado that said when we step into heaven we will be just like Jesus. She looked at me and said, "Won't that be wonderful?" Her eyes were shining, her smile was beautiful, and I don't believe an angel could glow as much as she was at that moment. I know I saw Jesus today when I spent time with a prayer warrior.

At this year's Fall Women's Retreat, you'll spend the morning exploring what it means to experience Sabbath rest.

You are invited to join in and celebrate God's re-creative and redemptive love by experiencing these four components of Sabbath rest: enjoying God's creation, God's word, feasting together with brunch, and playing again.

Sign up online. The cost is \$15 and childcare is provided for ages infant - 6th grade if signed up at registration.

FIRST METHODIST FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Falling Into Grace

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 13TH

\$15 | ROTHWELL HALL

lovebeaumont.com/fallretreat



Meet Sonya Jones

We're excited to introduce Sonya Jones as the newest member of the First Methodist Beaumont team. Sonya will be working alongside all of our Trustees, Finance Committee members, and the church staff as our Financial Secretary. She was born and raised right here in Southeast Texas and is a proud graduate of Lamar University. She also brings to our team over 14 years of bookkeeping experience which she gained mostly working at local law firms. Like a good Texan, she has a love for nature and spending time being in the outdoors. Most importantly, Sonya loves God and has a big heart for serving with her gifts and talents.

Be sure to introduce yourself when you see around our offices, or write her a note and say hello:

sonya@fumcbeaumont.org



PRAY

Some Other Place: October 19th, 8:00 a.m.
First United Methodist Church monthly service day at Some Other Place provides the perfect opportunity to serve a homecooked meal to those less fortunate. Plan to join us.

Kairos Kitchen: October 27th, 5:30 p.m.
We will be hosting our downtown friends and neighbors for dinner on Saturday, October 27th. We welcome you to join us.

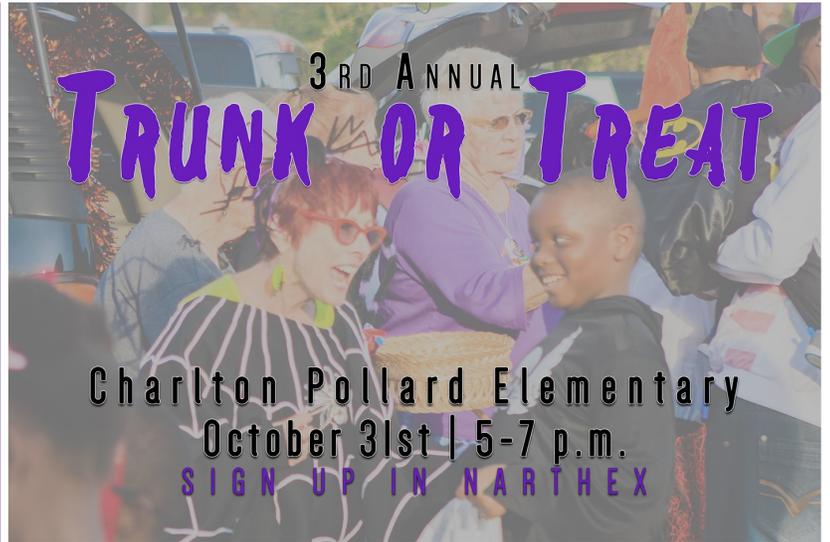
Visit www.funfbeamont.org/kairoskitchen for more information.

SERVE

Aaron Vinson	Lisa Ford
Alberto Family	Martin Family
Booker Family	Pierce Family
Burris Family	Rebecca Rankin
Crawford Family	Roberts Family
Emily Ethington	Rogers Family
Franks Family	Sanchez Family
Fred Simon	Seaberg Family
Hataway Family	Sheri Carruth
Jen Yarbrough	True Family
Jenni McSpadden	Woodland Family



The Annual Trunk or Treat at Charlton Pollard Elementary event began as a way of helping provide a safe place for families of the Charlton Pollard community to gather together on October 31st and enjoy a time of fellowship. Now in its third year, First Methodist is happy to continue sharing light and joy with our presence (and our treats) as a way of loving all God's children.



3 THINGS TO DO FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

- 1 - Arrive early to set up your decorations. Parking lot opens at 4 p.m., the event begins at 5 p.m.
- 2 - Bring plenty of peanut-free candy!
- 3 - Pray often for the Charlton Pollard Elementary family and for God to use you at Trunk or Treat.



First Methodist Weekly Rhythms

Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Practice

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Lectionary Bible Study

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

Calder Woods Retirement Home Service

Oct. 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

Collier Park Retirement Home Service

Oct. 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Pelican Bay Retirement Home Service

Oct. 16th at 10:30 a.m.

Women's Fall Retreat

Oct. 13th | Rothwell Hall
lovebeaumont.com/fallretreat

Estate Sale

Oct. 18 - 20th | Location TBA
fumcestatesales.org





Celebrating 178 years of ministry in Beaumont, TX & 50 years of worship and service in The Spire Building

As you celebrate over a century and a half
of Christian mission here in Beaumont,
and of all the good times experienced in this facility,
I want you to remember who you are,
because who you are is in fact
much more than who you've become.

- Bishop Scott J. Jones

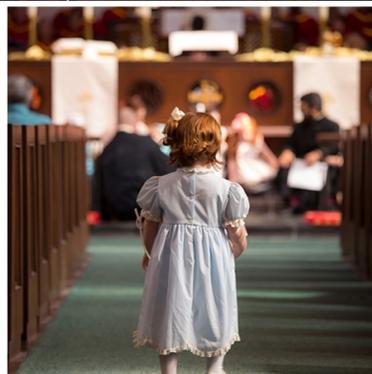


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