

Live from Livingston

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NOTE FROM PASTOR RICK

During the next few weeks I hope to share with the Church Council my “plan for ministry” which I discussed with our District Superintendent. It is a little ambitious, some parts need to be set aside, some changed, perhaps a couple things added. Yes we want to engage in outreach to the Livingston community. An important priority for our church is inreach. We have many members who attend worship occasionally, children with whom we minister during Kids for Christ or Vacation Bible School and whose families are otherwise not involved. We pray for God to lead us in reaching many of the people we already know. And we pray for opportunities to invite new people, to welcome those who come for the first time or the first time in a while.

Last month I discovered the blog of Kevin Watson a Methodist pastor and also professor of church history at Candler School of Theology. In a heartfelt post “[Return](#)” about the United Methodist Church he writes:

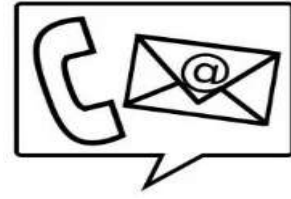
We live in a world where many are desperate for hope and healing... because they know that their lives are going in directions that are not going to end well, but they are not able to stop. Many are depressed, discouraged, and simply without hope. The list could go on and on. / Into this world, in this reality, our calling is to preach the full gospel. We have the good news of Jesus Christ...

There should not be a church in any of our communities that has a more audacious and bold optimism of what God’s grace can do in the lives of every single person in your community than Methodist churches. This is what is at stake in preaching and teaching Methodism’s grand depositum of entire sanctification. And we preach this not as an idea, but as the fruit that comes from knowing a person – Jesus, our risen Lord. Jesus saves. Jesus rescues. Jesus heals. He has done these things and he will do them again.

May God grant the words of that last paragraph be true even more of our own Livingston United Methodist Church.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

There are some ??? in the calendar below. These are placeholders for events and services that have not yet been confirmed. After Church Council meets on December 9 there will be a revised newsletter followed by email to the church.

CHURCH CALENDAR AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND DECEMBER!

Sunday December 2

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

2:00-4:00 p.m. Listening Session with our bishop at Broadmoor UMC

6:00 p.m. Christmas in the Park

5:00 p.m. Kids for Christ children rehearse at the church

Tuesday December 4

6:00 p.m. Bible study on 1 Corinthians

Wednesday December 5

6:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

Friday December 7

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Sunday December 9

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Church Council (planning and proposed budget for 2019)

Sunday December 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

*Tuesday December 18

6:00 p.m. Bible study on 1 Corinthians

Sunday December 23

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday December 24

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*Sunday December 30

9:00 a.m. Friends and Family brunch!

10:00 a.m. Worship

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday December 2

St Joseph Winter Wonderland. 10th annual St Joseph Catholic Church “Winter Wonderland” Food Festival. 10:00-6:00. Local favorites, craft booths, car and truck show, free activities for children.

Monday December 3

Kids’ Orchestra Winter 2018 Neighborhood Concert. 5:30 p.m. Mayfair Laboratory School in Baton Rouge. Other dates other locations all at 5:30 p.m. To learn more visit www.kidsorchestra.org. Kids’ Orchestra is the largest after-school music program for elementary students in the nation.

Saturday December 8

2018 First Guaranty Bank Christmas Parade by Kiwanis Club of Denham Springs. 2:00 p.m. Starts at Healing Place Church on Florida Boulevard in Baton Rouge. For more information call 225-803-2234 or -791-7964.

Saturday December 15

Holiday Cookie Decorating Class. 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the gallery, 133 Hummell Street in Denham Springs. There is a fee plus cost per additional child. For more information 225-664-1168 or email artscouncilofliv@bellsouth.net.

Arts Council of Livingston Parish call for entries. Former and current residents of Livingston Parish can submit original art for possible exhibition and publication. For more information visit www.artslivingston.org.