

APRIL 2019

# The Spire

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## First Methodist Heartbeat: Creating Potential

By Michelle Holland

What do you think about when you hear the word “creative”? Artists, writers, dancers? I used to think the same until I started reading about creativity and spent an evening talking with Robin Snoek. I was looking at creativity-the process, without including God-the creator. If you think about God as the creator and that God dwells inside each of us, it is logical to conclude that we are all creative, each of us in our own way. Robin can draw, and she can paint, but her creativity runs much deeper than those things. She has found a way to use her creativity to help children in need and along the way has discovered her life’s purpose.

Have you ever contemplated events in your life and realized that God has been working to lead you, that you are precisely where you need to be, and that you have been preparing for this moment your entire life? What a fantastic thing to realize! Robin can trace that journey and knows God has put her right where He needs her to be. I asked if her job with CPS ever made her doubt the goodness of people, and if it ever discouraged her. What she told me was inspiring. She believes all people are good, and that it’s the circumstances that are out of control and need to be changed. This is where her understanding of creativity comes to life. Robin relates our innate creativity with potential and therefore her sense of social justice demands that she stand up for those that are currently oppressed and marginalized. We have been learning about the fruit of the Spirit, and when I think of those nine words, I think of Robin. I listened to the story of how she and Charlie came to Beaumont and how obstacles seemed to leap out of the way as God cleared them one after another to get them here. I heard the joy in her voice as she talked about helping people make changes. I see the peace she has in her life because she knows she is doing what God created her to do.

Pastor Jon taught us about fig trees and fruit, how they must be grown, cultivated, and nourished. Robin reminds me of a gardener, tending and working, guided by the Holy Spirit, so that others may bear fruit and realize their own potential. Nine simple words to strive for and if you take the first one, “love,” doesn’t that lead to all the others? Spring is here, be happy and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit.





# EASTER AT FIRST METHODIST BEAUMONT

BREAKFAST 9:30 AM | EGG HUNT 10:15 AM  
WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11:00 AM

**HOLY THURSDAY  
SONGS FOR SACRED SUPPER  
APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> | 7:00 P.**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
SACRED LESSONS & SONGS  
APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> | 7:00 P.**

## BECOMERS CIRCLE

**APRIL 23 | 6:00 P.M.**

The United Methodist Women's Becomers Circle is meeting at Donna Lewis' home this month. Dinner will be covered dishes.



## MISSED THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY MESSAGE?

**CATCH UP ONLINE:**

Visit [lovebeaumont.com/podcasts](http://lovebeaumont.com/podcasts) or search "First United Methodist Church Beaumont" on iTunes and subscribe to our podcast channel.

### *Easter Breakfast*

Breakfast casseroles & drinks provided.

Suggested breakfast items to bring:

Choir, Faith Questers & Alpha  
Omega Sunday School Classes:  
Pastries, Donuts, or Muffins

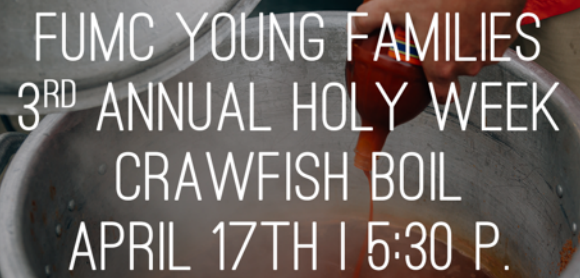
Everyone Else:  
Fruit Trays or Mixed Fruit







love, joy, peace.  
patience, kindness.  
goodness, faithfulness.  
gentleness and  
self-control



FUMC YOUNG FAMILIES  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HOLY WEEK  
CRAWFISH BOIL  
APRIL 17TH | 5:30 P.

RSVP: SILVERIO@FUMCBEAUMONT.ORG



GUMBO FOR SALE  
PINTS = \$5, QUARTS = \$10  
SEE CHARLIE SNOEK  
OR FRONT OFFICE  
FOR DETAILS

## Weekly Rhythms

### Prayer and Holy Communion Service

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. - Longe Chapel

### Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

### Family Worship Service

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

### Handbell Practice

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

### Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. - Church Library.

### Calder Woods Retirement Home Service

April 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

### Collier Park Retirement Home Service

April 9th at 10:30 a.m.

### Pelican Bay Retirement Home Service

April 16th at 10:30 a.m.

## Dates to Know

### Holy Thursday: Songs for Sacred Supper

April 18th, 7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday: Sacred Lessons & Songs

April 19th, 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday Celebration

April 21st

### Estate Sale

April 25 - 27 | [fumcestatesales.org](http://fumcestatesales.org)

### Texas Annual Conference

May 26 - 29

### Southeast District Youth Camp

Lakeview | June 16 - 21

### Jesus is Big Enough VBS

July 9 - 11





## Sleep in Heavenly Peace-Beaumont

The Sleep in Heavenly Peace Beaumont chapter held its first volunteer bunk bed build and open house on March 30<sup>th</sup> in the FUMC Annex Building. This ministry is on a mission to ensure that “no kid sleeps on the floor in our town.” Three ways you can be involved:

- Sign up for the next volunteer build day
- Make a monetary donation to SHP-Beaumont
- Purchase a “Bed in a Bag” (twin)

For more information contact Jack Seeley  
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[fb.com/Sleep-in-Heavenly-Peace-TX-Beaumont](https://fb.com/Sleep-in-Heavenly-Peace-TX-Beaumont)



“I played all the sports in high school. I like to sing and I like to draw.”  
 - Linwood

## Kairos Kitchen

56 NEIGHBORS  
 WELCOMED IN MARCH.  
 NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO  
 SERVE IS APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>.  
 COME SHARE YOUR STORY.



“Their names will be Matthew and Joshua. Family is everything to us. We are looking forward to the future not the past.”  
 - Joseph and Genea



*A note from our Missions & Outreach Team*

THANK YOU!

Our Oyster Supper was a huge success this year. We would like to thank everyone who helped in the planning, ticket sales, set-up, cooking and serving, eating and socializing with our guests, tearing down and cleaning up, and most of all for your continuous prayers.

SEEDS OF FAITH

We will be making a \$1000 seed money donation to Sleep in Heavenly Peace to help with the purchase of materials.

APRIL COMMUNION RAIL OFFERINGS

APRIL 7- FUMC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

APRIL 21 - SOME OTHER PLACE, BEAUMONT TX.

**REMEMBER THESE  
FAMILIES IN PRAYER:**

ALBERTO FAMILY, SANDRA ARRINGTON,  
MARY LOUISE CRIM,  
FLORES FAMILY, W.C. HALL,  
MEDLIN FAMILY, JEANETTE KUHLMAN,  
REBECCA RANKIN, SHARON SMITH,  
LINDA THOMPSON, RUTH WADE,  
WOODLAND FAMILY.

For prayer requests,  
email [prayer @ fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:prayer@fumcbeaumont.org).  
Our prayer team would  
love to be praying with you.

*serve Together*

First Methodist Service Day  
at Some Other Place  
April 19th  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kairos Kitchen  
in Rothwell Hall  
April 27th  
5:00 p.m.



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# BEAUMONT

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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 11:00 A.M.

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