

JUNE 2019

# The Spire

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## First Methodist Heartbeat: Faith and Action

By Michelle Holland

How does faith develop and what shapes us into the people God intends us to be? How do you put action behind your faith and strive to follow Jesus every day? I spent an afternoon with Liza Nelson, discussing faith, church, and life. Our conversation wandered from the past to the present and touched on the different events that have shaped her quest to be a disciple of Jesus.

I asked Liza about the most influential figure in her faith journey and why she chose that person. She comes from a family of faith, and there were plenty of characters and such a multitude of memories that she couldn't pick just one. I heard descriptions of kindness, tolerance, and nonjudgmental acceptance that could teach more than words could ever convey. There was the story of hungry strangers during the depression that could always get a meal, and one about two black girls who needed to go to school and were taken in and made part of this family. I learned about a spunky, feisty grandmother who prayed fervently for everyone she knew, and couldn't help thinking Liza must have taken after her.

Her father worked for Texaco and was transferred from Iran to Texas during the desegregation of the south. I listened to a moving, emotional description of her experiences with racism and prejudice, the awkwardness of being a teenager in a new school, and witnessing people at their worst. Just thinking about the signs, the yelling, the spitting, and all these painful memories still bring tears to her eyes.

Liza makes her way through this world following Jesus and taking action. She learned by example from her family to welcome those who are different, to love and accept people, to pray fervently like her grandmother, and to be a vessel of Jesus' love, hoping that she can share that love with someone who needs it. Faith is more than just what you believe; it is practicing the things Jesus told us to do, like loving our neighbor and welcoming the stranger. He taught us there is more to faith than words or rigid beliefs. He showed us love, kindness, forgiveness, and acceptance, and he put these words into practice. The practice is what makes us better, or as some might say, perfect, and shouldn't we all be striving to be perfected in Jesus as doers of the word and not just hearers only?



# Worship Together

SUNDAYS | 11 AM



## FIRST KIDS CHURCH SUNDAYS

Every Sunday after "A Time for First Kids" in our order of liturgy, children are invited to participate in worship together at First Kids Church. Here they will continue in worship by signing, listening to stories from the Scriptures, and sharing Holy Communion together in Longe Chapel. Afterwards they create art and enjoy play time together in the First Kids Center next to the sanctuary.



Join us for worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, as Pastors Jon and Silverio teach from the Scriptures together on what it means to be sent and empowered for ministry by the Holy Spirit.

During worship, we will join together in a sending forth prayer for the Sanchez family as they prepare for their next season of ministry together at First Methodist in Pearland, TX. Pastor Silverio's last Sunday to preach here at First Methodist will be the following Sunday, June 16th.

## 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.





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JULY 9-11, 2019

Visit [lovebeaumont.com/vbs](http://lovebeaumont.com/vbs) to register.

### *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**

June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**Collier Park Retirement Home Service**

June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Pelican Bay Retirement Home Service**

June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### *Dates to Know*

**Fellowship Lunch with Sanchez Family**

June 9 | after worship

**Some Other Place Service Day**

June 14 | 8:00 a.m. - noon

**Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build Day**

June 15 | 8:30 a.m. - noon

**Southeast District Youth Camp**

Lakeview | June 16 - 21

**Kairos Kitchen**

June 22 | 5:30 p.m.

**4th Annual Pie Wars Sunday**

July 7 | a fundraiser for VBS

**VBS Setup Day**

July 8 | [lovebeaumont.com/vbsserve](http://lovebeaumont.com/vbsserve)

**Jesus is Big Enough VBS**

July 9 -11 | [lovebeaumont.com/vbs](http://lovebeaumont.com/vbs)

**TX Annual Conf. Mission Depot Trip**

July 20 | Conroe | 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*A note from our Missions & Outreach Team*

## JUNE COMMUNION RAIL OFFERINGS

### JUNE 2- GOLDEN CROSS

A healing ministry of the United Methodist Church. Established in 1921, Golden Cross assists with the medical needs of United Methodists who lack the financial resources to seek treatment.

### JUNE 16 - SOME OTHER PLACE

Founded in 1968 by the local religious community to meet the unfulfilled emergency needs of the poor and hurting residents of the Beaumont community. When no one could help, they were told they had to go to "some other place," thus, the name Some Other Place. It allows people to have somewhere to go when all else fails. All S.O.P. services are offered at no charge to the recipient.

## REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES IN PRAYER:

SANDRA ARRINGTON, JOSE FERNANDEZ,  
W.C. HALL, MEDLIN FAMILY,  
REBECCA RANKIN, SHARON SMITH,  
STOUFFER FAMILY, LINDA THOMPSON,  
JOHN WILLIAMS

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

**FUMC** *students*

THE 2019 FUMC SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS ARE  
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:  
[LOVEBEAUMONT.COM/SCHOLARSHIP](http://LOVEBEAUMONT.COM/SCHOLARSHIP)  
DUE BY AUG. 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Kairos Kitchen  
in Rothwell Hall  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5:00 p.m.**





Sign up to serve at  
**JESUS IS BIG ENOUGH**  
 by visiting  
[lovebeaumont.com/vbsserve](http://lovebeaumont.com/vbsserve)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
 Build Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 visit [shpbeds.org/events](http://shpbeds.org/events) to register



# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019



**"Thank you for the thoughtful graduation gift and for the memories I have created in the short time that I have been a member of this congregation. Thank you!"**

- Joshua Ortego, Lamar University C/O '19

## Kairos Kitchen

**107 Neighbors**  
 WERE WELCOMED AT  
 KAIROS KITCHEN IN MAY.  
 NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO  
 SERVE IS **JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
 COME SHARE YOUR STORY.



"If it wasn't for Christ,  
 I wouldn't be here,  
 and it took me a long time to  
 understand this.  
 Reading Proverbs changed  
 my life because without  
 wisdom, we are nothing.  
 Put your trust in God and  
 everything will be all right."

- Willie W.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 11:00 A.M.

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