

MAY 2019

The Spire

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



First Methodist Heartbeat: The Youngest Disciple

By Michelle Holland

When was the last time you took an intentional play day and ventured outside, smelling the flowers and listening to the birds? What if playing was a form of worship? I looked up the origin of the word “play,” and this is what I read: to leap for joy, dance, rejoice and be glad. Shelby Boutte is the picture of play, and I got to spend a Saturday afternoon learning life lessons from an eight-year-old. We headed out into the sunshine to talk and hang around in the magnolia tree where she taught me to relax, enjoy the day, and play a little.

Shelby explained how she is building her own life story and if you read the Bible, it will tell you how to accomplish this since God gives you everything you need in those stories. He does this because He loves us and if you do the wrong things, you may think it only affects you, but there are consequences for everything. Shelby’s advice to me was to trust God no matter what, and if you feel something terrible is going to happen, know that God will protect you. She wonders how Jesus could love us so much since we put thorns on His head and a cross on His back. The Easter story is her favorite, and she also likes the stories about Moses.

I asked her what it means to follow Jesus, and she said it’s about how you treat people, it’s standing up for kids who are being bullied, it’s giving someone a helping hand when they need it, it’s working at Kairos Kitchen and being generous with your time. She also said you shouldn’t be afraid of getting baptized, although she did say the water was cold, and that everyone needs to know that God loves them and will be with them always.

When we finished talking and tree climbing, we went back in to greet the Kairos guests, serve them, and clean up. I thought about our conversation and how such a young girl could have so much to teach us. My favorite thing she told me was about kindness, she said if everyone would be kind to just one person, we could change the world. She may be a bubble gum chewing, roller skating, fast runner, who makes straight A’s, and has a dog named Ginger. She is also a disciple of Jesus, well on her way to changing the world.



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.

MISSED THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY MESSAGE?

CATCH UP ONLINE:

Visit lovebeaumont.com/podcasts or search “First United Methodist Church Beaumont” on iTunes and subscribe to our podcast channel.



SANCTUARY COMMITTEE INFORMATION SESSIONS

The purpose of the sessions is to share the work of the committee including the proposed ideas for improvements to the chancel area. The sessions will be led by the committee members, Rob Clark (architect), and Pastor Jon.

MAY 2ND | 6:00 P.M.
MAY 6TH | 11:00 A.M.



Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12th

SENIOR LUNCHEON
HONORING 2019 GRADUATES

**KARLYE RAMOS,
ALAINA SCOTT, BRAEDON BLAND,
& JOSH ORTEGO**

MAY 19TH | AFTER WORSHIP
ROTHWELL HALL

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

May 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Collier Park Retirement Home Service

May 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Pelican Bay Retirement Home Service

May 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Dates to Know

Sanctuary Committee Info. Sessions

May 2nd | 6:00 p.m.

May 6th | 11:00 a.m.

The Gift of Life Blood Drive

May 5th | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Rothwell Hall

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day

May 18th | 8:00 a.m.

Texas Annual Conference

Houston, May 26 - 29

UMW Becomers Circle

May 28th | 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Lunch with Sanchez Family

June 9th | after worship

Southeast District Youth Camp

Lakeview | June 16 - 21

Jesus is Big Enough VBS

July 9 -11



Kairos Kitchen

80 NEIGHBORS
WELCOMED AT
KAIROS KITCHEN IN APRIL.
NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO
SERVE IS MAY 25TH.
COME SHARE YOUR STORY.



“I am originally from London; England and I was recruited by St Elizabeth hospital as a nurse in 1978.

There were 17 of us who came to work. I am retired now. I have two children; one lives in England and the other in Houston. My birthday was April 16 and I just turned 77.”

- Mary B.

A note from our Missions & Outreach Team

MAY COMMUNION RAIL OFFERINGS

MAY 5- RAINBOW ROOM BEAUMONT

MAY 19 - SEAFARER'S CENTER BEAUMONT

THANK YOU

The volunteers who helped complete 20 new beds at the Sleep in Heavenly Peace build day on April 27th. SHP currently has requests for 78 more beds so stay tuned!

Our April Kairos Kitchen team that served a miraculously bountiful gumbo and a delicious banana split dessert (thanks Mary Early). It was a very special night of fellowship and blessing for everyone in attendance.

The Estate Sale Committee for their time, talents, and dedication in support of our missions ministry at First Methodist.

The many First Methodists that dedicate time to serving the Rainbow Room, SOP, and Seafarer's Center. We appreciate you all!

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES IN PRAYER:

ALBERTO FAMILY, SANDRA ARRINGTON, FRANKS FAMILY, W.C. HALL, MEDLIN FAMILY, REBECCA RANKIN, SHARON SMITH, STOUFFER FAMILY, SEALY FAMILY, LINDA THOMPSON, 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
May 17th

Kairos Kitchen
in Rothwell Hall
May 25th
5:00 p.m.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Beaumont Chapter
17 beds from the inaugural build day have been delivered.
20 beds were built during the April build day.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 11:00 A.M.

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