

The Spire

JANUARY 2019

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



First Methodist Heartbeat: Roaring Like a Lion

By Michelle Holland

I talked last month about getting to know someone new, so what better way to start the new year than for me to do that. I attended the symphony Christmas concert, and to my surprise, Lance Orta was the featured soloist. That was exciting, and I wanted to tell everyone that Lance sang at my church! I felt this was a sign that I had found my next Heartbeat story. I assumed Lance had been singing and performing since he was a child and that it really wasn't a big deal to get up in front of hundreds and sing your heart out. I soon learned that wasn't the case at all.

A shy kid with a spectacular voice just seems to be one of those illogical things God always likes to do, sort of like a built-in obstacle to character development that turns us into the person we are meant to be. Lance joined Renee's high school choir as a freshman and was content to remain in the background until he realized you could get a letterman jacket for singing a solo, the attention you received from the girls was an unexpected bonus. He decided to try out for a part singing 'Circle of Life' from The Lion King, and this quiet kid surprised everyone who heard that audition.

Lance was able to conquer his fear because he knew singing was what he was meant to do. It led him to DePauw University where he majored in vocal performance and experienced opportunities to travel and sing, including the White House for Christmas carols.

Lance told me music is more than just music, it brings people together, and it is a part of something bigger than just the music itself. Music defines moments, it lifts our spirits, it plays on our emotions, it lives in our memories, and it is hard to imagine life without it. We talked about community and how it feels to be a part of this one, to be a part of something that is bigger than yourself. God gave us all a purpose and finding that purpose despite the obstacles we encounter provides meaning to our lives and develops us into who we are called to be. Lance found his gift, and we get to be part of his journey as he is a part of ours. Who knows, maybe some Sunday we will hear him sing 'Circle of Life', I know I would love to experience it.

LET THERE BE LIGHT



CULTIVATING CHRIST'S LIGHT
IN US, AROUND US, & BEYOND US.

SUNDAYS  11:00 A.M.

280 YEARS AGO, A PRAYER MEETING IGNITED *The Great Awakening*

"On Monday morning, January 1, 1739, Mr. Hall and my brother Charles were present in Fetters Lane, with about sixty of our brethren. At about three in the morning, as we were continuing instant in prayer, the power of God came mightily upon us insomuch that many cried out for exceeding joy and many fell down to the ground. As soon as we were recovered a little from that awe and amazement at the presence of His majesty, we broke out with one voice, 'We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.'"

-John Wesley

MISSED THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY MESSAGE?

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Thank you for making 2018 another great year of supporting Some Other Place's Little Giving Tree program.

COMMITTEE TRAINING

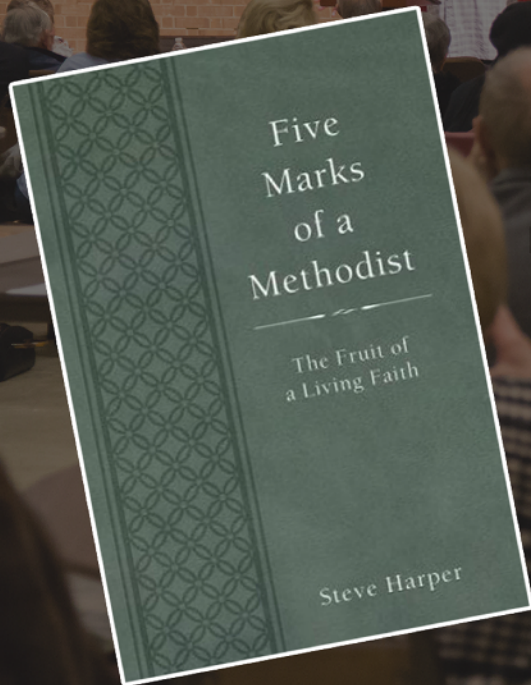
JAN. 19TH // 9 AM - 12 PM

For new & returning committee members. We will meet in Rothwell Hall to prepare & pray for our work together. Coffee & light breakfast provided.

OYSTER SUPPER

SAVE THE DATE: FEB. 28TH

Our biggest fundraiser for missions of the year supports our work alongside many local and regional partners such as: Some Other Place, the Rainbow Room, the Seafarer's Center of Beaumont, Providence Place in San Antonio, and the Methodist Children's Home in Waco.



5 MARKS OF A METHODIST

A FIVE-WEEK
SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTIVE
BEGINNING JANUARY 13TH
9:30 A.M. | ROTHWELL HALL

*Limited number of books will be available for purchase.
Also available Online through Amazon and Cokesbury.

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.

Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Practice

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Lectionary Bible Study

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

Collier Park Retirement Home Service

Dec. 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Pelican Bay Retirement Home Service

Dec. 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Dates to Know

Church Wide Committee Training

Jan. 19th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Estate Sale

Jan. 24 - 26 | fumcestatesales.org for info

Oyster Supper

Feb. 28th

Ash Wednesday: Songs for Sacred Lent

March 6th, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday: Songs for Sacred Supper

April 18th

Good Friday Service

April 19th

Easter Sunday Celebration

April 21st

Texas Annual Conference

May 26 - 29



Children's Sunday School Chicken Project



Bikes and Bibles - December 2018

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES IN PRAYER:

Alberto Family, Bushnell Family,
Flores Family, W.C. Hall,
Martin Family, Medlin Family,
Sonya Jones' Family,
Rebecca Rankin, Sharon Smith,
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
January 18th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kairos Kitchen
in Rothwell Hall
January 26th
5:00 p.m.



"THE BEST OF ALL IS, GOD IS WITH US!"

John Wesley
United Methodist
"F.O.G.-Ly Salad"
"Reliant On"





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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 11:00 A.M.

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