



**First United Methodist Church**  
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEAUMONT NEWSLETTER • SEPTEMBER 2021

## OUR REVIVAL

*Renewing Our Strength*



**WHEN ALL YOU'VE EVER  
WANTED ISN'T ENOUGH:  
THE SEARCH FOR A LIFE  
THAT MATTERS**

*Small Group | Thursdays @ 7*

**LETTER WRITING –  
FIRST PAGE PEN PALS  
SIGN UP TODAY**

*Details Inside*

**DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT  
OF MAKING PEOPLE FEEL  
SIGNIFICANT?**

*Consider being part of our new  
usher team. Details Inside*



*Loving the city with the Heart of Christ*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEAUMONT

*Small Group* 

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 9  
7 p.m. via Zoom

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# Stouffer's

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

First of all - please allow me to offer my profound thanks to our worship ministry team that work week in and week out to provide excellent music, bring in only the best musical guests, partner with preaching excellence, and lead worship with such passion, authenticity, and transparency. AND



- receive my crazy worship and musical ideas, run with them, join in the creative process, and make each week more deeply moving than I could imagine or even dream in my best dream. This is so very true of our whole ministry team - staff and church member alike! Every team member increases the impact we are having in our communities and in the world. My words fall dramatically short in offering my praise to God and my thanks to this wonderful team!

Secondly - please allow me to offer my profound thanks to our whole congregation. You work week in and week out to check on one another, care for the needs of others in our congregation and community, participate in ministry in this strange time as each discerns appropriate, and remain faithful to God to fulfill our congregation's mission

to make disciples of Jesus who love this city with the heart of Christ. Our leadership team readily receives and implements the recommended protocol changes as efficiently as we are able. Your continued faithfulness in this fourth wave of COVID is simply beautiful and quite inspiring to me. I am thankful for each and every one of you and all you accomplish for God's cause. Again, my words fall dramatically short in offering my praise to God and my thanks to this wonderful congregation.

Finally - please allow me to praise God who reigns over all creation with grace and peace. While the data show that this fourth wave continues to wreak havoc, I see our congregation and larger community coming together for the greater good of our city, county, state, country, and world. Many of the choices available to us have been so politicized that I refrain from comment so as not engage in an argument that I fear would only do harm and not do any good. I do know that God is always faithful and will continue to guide us through this time into a preferred future for Christ's continued ministry through our congregation!

And in closing ... (don't you love when a preacher has more than one closer to the message ...)

May God's grace and peace be with us all!

Jon

Rev. Jon Stouffer, Lead Pastor

## SMALL GROUP

**Beginning Thursday, Sep 9, 2021  
7 p.m. via Zoom**

Looking for connection and support? Pastor Julius will lead a small group for six weeks on Thursday nights starting Sept. 9th at 7p.m. over zoom. This gathering will provide a time to be heard, seen, and to connect with one another as we grow in our faith. We will read and discuss Rabbi Kushner's book, *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough: The Search For a Life that Matters*. In this book, Kushner gives us advice on how to redirect our energies toward goals that will bring us lasting happiness and true fulfillment. **Led by Pastor Julius Wardley**

## WE NEED YOU

Does your faith enable you to see Christ's presence in others? Do you see the beauty in others? Do you have the gift of making people feel significant? If so, we need you to help welcome people to our church on Sunday mornings. Consider being part of our new usher team. All are welcome.

**Please reach out to Pastor Julius Wardley or Robin Snoek to learn more.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep our entire First UMC Beaumont community in your prayers.

If you have a specific request, our prayer team would love to be praying with you. Email us –

[prayer@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:prayer@fumcbeaumont.org).

## STAY CONNECTED

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 [First UMC Beaumont](https://www.youtube.com/FirstUMCBeaumont)

 [lovebeaumont.com](http://lovebeaumont.com)

 [\(409\) 920-PRAY](tel:(409)920-PRAY)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### FIRST PAGE PEN PALS

**Sign up today as a First UMC pen pal – All ages welcome!**

First UMC families and volunteers will be matched as pen pals. Letter writing helps children with empathizing, promoting patience, utilizing grammar skills, reading comprehension, commitment, and more. All materials are provided and will be available for pickup on Sunday, September 26. **Sign up with Stephanie Denham - [stephanie@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:stephanie@fumcbeaumont.org)**

### GAMES DAY – FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

**September 8, 2021, (2nd Wednesday each month)**

**10 a.m. - noon | Small Dining Room**

For more information, call Ruby Nelson 409-781-6798

### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

**Saturday, September 11 | 8:30 a.m. - noon**

2950 Milam St., Beaumont, TX

Come help build more beds! Bring yourself and your friends, get dusty, have fun and most importantly help get kids off the floor in Southeast Texas. Contact Jack Seeley, SHP for more information.

### FIRST FRUITS - RETURNING SOON!

Our First Fruits Tower Gardens will be returning soon. Shipping delays have slowed the arrival of plant nutrients, vital for our tower gardens to sustain plant life. We are excited to see our tower gardens to bloom and grow once again!

## WEEKLY RHYTHMS

### SUNDAYS

**Sunday School**  
9:45 a.m.

**Family Worship Service**  
11 a.m.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Chancel Choir Practice**  
6 p.m.

## DATES TO KNOW

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**Labor Day**  
Church office closed

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**Games Day - Fellowship & Fun**  
10 a.m. - noon | Small Dining Room  
Contact Ruby Nelson (409)-781-6798

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Small Group**  
Beginning Thursday, Sep 9, 2021  
7 p.m. via Zoom  
Led by Pastor Julius Wardley

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**  
8:30 a.m. - noon  
2950 Milam St.  
Contact Jack Seeley, SHP for more information.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**Some Other Place**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### DO YOU HAVE UPCOMING EVENTS?

Email event info and pictures to –  
[Erika@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:Erika@fumcbeaumont.org)