

NOVEMBER 2018

The Spire

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



First Methodist Heartbeat: Life is Good

By Michelle Holland

When I chose W.C. Hall as the subject of this month's Heartbeat, I didn't know much about him other than he was friendly, interesting, and a retired minister so I assumed it would be a simple task to write about him, but little did I know the life I was about to uncover. I found myself wondering how to create sentences that would be worthy of describing a storytelling, book writing, big game hunting, Methodist minister who could make you laugh until you cry, teach you the value of family, and touch your heart with emotion when he speaks of the miracles in his life.

I met him at his childhood home in Beaumont and it was surprising and fascinating to step into his home and hear his pet birds and to see the exotic animals that adorned his walls. This was humorous to me when I learned that this part of the house used to be his mother's beauty shop. I wondered what the ladies would think about it now! W.C. is an incredible storyteller, with details that bring each person to life and I felt as if I knew them. I think he obtained his gift of words and sense of humor from his mother who described a storage room as her "Ain't it a pity?" room.

As I listened, I noticed a common theme in these tales of a young man who could have gone to medical school, planned for a secure financial future, and pursued a path that would have made his parent's dreams come true, but instead listened to that quiet voice that called him to the ministry. Every story had a link to family, and I could see how those values were handed down through the generations and W.C. expanded it to include his congregations. He cares for people and it is easy to see why God chose him to be a shepherd.

If you want to see W.C.'s face light up with love and pride, just ask him about his adopted son Luis and the events that brought them together. You won't leave that conversation without believing in miracles and experiencing the Spirit at work. I think about what I heard that day, and I still marvel at how events and decisions of the past all work to join lives and bring people together the way God intended. These stories reminded me of how good life is and that God always has a way of working things out.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 4TH | 11:00 A.M

Sundays at First Methodist

Communion Service | 9:15 a.m.
 Coffee & Donuts | 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School | 9:45 a.m.
 Worship | 11:00 a.m.

A PRAYER SERVICE

Songs for sacred Gratitude
 NOVEMBER 7, 6:00 P.

Songs for sacred Advent
 NOVEMBER 28, 6:00 P.

LONGE CHAPEL





BEAUMONT INTERFAITH CHORAL SOCIETY

presents

Praise To The Heights

MAESTRO CHELSEA TIPTON, II
CONDUCTOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018 - 3PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN DOWNTOWN BEAUMONT

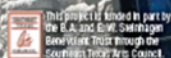
Missa Brevis – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Zadok the Priest – George Frideric Handel

56th Season • 67th Concert Performance
Admission Free to the Public

Come Hear Us & Enjoy!

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First Methodist Chancel Choir Members Participating in the 2018 BICS Concert

Mary Woodland, Irma Silvernail, Wynelle Guidry
Michael Guidry, Fred Simon, Ron Alexander
Gene Soper, Marvin Hayes
Gregg Conway, Ed Richey

The 16th Annual Inter-Religious Thanksgiving Service

Led by an Interfaith Gathering of
Downtown Beaumont Religious Leaders
November 18th, 6:00 p.m.
The Church of Jesus Christ LDS
7785 Weaver Dr.



ESTATE SALE

November 8th - 10th
Time & location TBA at:
fumcestatesales.org

First Methodist Weekly Rhythms

Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Practice

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. - Church Library.

Calder Woods Retirement Home Service

Nov. 6th at 11:00 a.m.

Collier Park Retirement Home Service

Nov. 13th at 10:30 a.m.

Pelican Bay Retirement Home Service

Nov. 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Dates to Know

Annual Church Charge Conference

Nov. 5th at 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Women's Meeting

Nov. 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Estate Sale

Nov. 8th - 10th

Interfaith Choir Concert

Nov. 18th at 3:00 p.m.

Inter Religious Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 18th at 6:00 p.m. - (7785 Weaver Dr.)

Church Offices Closed

Nov. 21 - 23rd

REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES IN PRAYER:

Alberto Family, Booker Family,
Hataway Family, Martin Family,
Medlin Family, Rebecca Rankin,
Ruby Family Sanchez Family,
Jack Sealy, Fred Simon,
Stouffer Family, True Family,
Woodland Family.



serve Together

First Methodist Service Day
at Some Other Place
November 16th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

To our beloved church family:

For over fifty years for one of us and almost fifty for the other, we have been a part of this church family. Together, we have worshiped, prayed, studied, and served. We have cried together and rejoiced together. You have helped us raise our children and supported us in many ways over many years. You have loved us and challenged us. These life-enriching relationships have brought God's grace to us again and again across these years. Our hearts are sad as we put space between us in order to move nearer family as our health and stamina decline, but you will forever be in our hearts. As we go, we are comforted with the realization that the same God who blessed us with such rich relationships in Beaumont will continue that process in Nacogdoches. We are so thankful to each of you and will miss you. Please keep in touch, and let us know if you are in the Nacogdoches area and have time for a chat. We love you! - James and Anna Lee

3RD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

All the bad weather in Southeast Texas on October 31st did not get in the way of a great time at the 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat with our friends and neighbors at Charlton Pollard Elementary School. In fact, every act of kindness that we were able to give here served as a reminder of God's love to each person that was able to attend. Thank you to everyone who contributed in making this year's Trunk or Treat another safe and joyful event!





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SUNDAY WORSHIP | 11:00 A.M.

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