

The Ingleside Phoenix



September - November 2018

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Weekly Events:

Sunday: Bible Study - 9:30am
Worship - 11am
Tuesday: Young Adults - 7pm
Wednesday: Crochet - 5:30pm
Choir - 6:30pm
Saturday: Bells - 12:00pm

As a Christ-centered community, empowered by God, we seek to share the light of Christ by being a reconciling, serving, witnessing, and loving people of God. By studying God's Word and through worship, we seek to prayerfully discern and follow God's will for the people of God called Ingleside United Methodist Church.

A Message from the Pastor

The Master's disciples approached Him one day and asked Him to teach them to pray. They undoubtedly had witnessed the importance of prayer in Jesus's life. He would arise before sunrise each day and go to a solitary place where He would talk to God. I believe He found, in His conversations with God, the strength and guidance He needed for the anticipated challenges He faced each day. When the demands of His ministry grew, He would always seek out His quiet place to pray and renew His strength.

The importance the Master placed upon prayer is evidenced in His Sermon on the Mount. He cautioned His listeners not to pray solely to draw attention. He said instead they should go to their rooms and shut the door and talk to God in private. This emphasis upon "sincere prayer" is borne out in His story of the Pharisee and the tax collector who went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee did not pray from the heart. He prayed instead to impress God and his audience. I surmise he fashioned his words carefully so they would have maximum effect. His words dripped, not with lament or remorse, but with self-adulation. He prayed simply to remind God how good he was, especially when compared to the tax collector.

While the Pharisee prayed his self-serving prayer, the tax collector prayed a most heartfelt prayer in a nearby nook. All eyes must have been on him when he entered the temple. He was the last person they expected to see there because of his vocation. He came to the temple that day recognizing and agonizing over his sinfulness. He sought not to impress God with his words but instead to seek mercy and forgiveness from Him. He could not even look to the heavens as he prayed, so profound was his sense of his unworthiness. He trembled as he prayed unlike the Pharisee who I surmise was very composed because he felt no need to ask God for forgiveness.

Jesus asked his listeners which one was humbled and which was exalted. It was the tax collector who was exalted because he prayed an honest, sincere prayer. The Pharisee, on the other hand, prayed only to impress. We should all embrace the opportunity to pray each day. Like the Master, each of us needs the strength, guidance, and comfort prayer affords us each day to handle the challenges life presents. I encourage people to find their quiet place where they can avoid distraction and interruption and talk to God. When I was in Crowley, I would go to the church's Gothic sanctuary before sunrise and pray. It **Continued page 2**

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became part of my daily regimen. I enjoyed my “quiet time” in my own personal Garden of Gethsemane. My talks with God provide me with all the necessary instruments to navigate life’s twists and turns.

Take time and pray. We each have a lot for which to talk to God about. Pray for those who are ill. Pray for those who are struggling spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Pray for the church and her mission in the community. Pray for the well-being and happiness for all peoples. Find joy and fulfillment in your meditations.

Find your quiet place.

Enjoy your own Garden of Gethsemane.

Rev. Lewis Morris

A Quiet Place

I have a special quiet place

Where I can be apart

From pressures of a fast-paced world

And listen to my heart.

A place where God can speak to me

And give me strength to live,

Reminding me that through all trials

I still have much to give.

By Jean Wascom



Pray for our church as ideas are shared about ways we as congregation members can reach out to others. We all are on the same page and want the same thing—to be able to welcome more people on Sunday mornings.But it can't happen on Sunday morning unless we pray for God's help to reach out on the other six days of the week. Actually reaching out is not a natural thing for most of us. Maybe we need to start off small. Can you call one person each week? Or can you talk to someone you see and share/listen to them for a few minutes? Or can you send a card/email/message/text to one person each week? Simply said, but it's hard to do. That's where as a church we can gather in a small group and share the process with each other, **you know...** talk to each other and share the time we made that call or listened or sent that correspondence. Hope you will begin the conversation about it....We, as the Discipleship Team want to try....

Habitat for Humanity Methodist Build - September 29th @ 8am-1pm

There are 5 people who are planning to join the Build Day for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, September 29 from 8:00am till 1:00pm. The house is located at 1038 North 28th Street towards the river from our church. About 9 folks joined in the build last year and it was a fantastic day. Bring your hammer & gloves or use the Habitat's tools. You will be able to meet the new home owner and others who want to help the soon to be home owner have their first home. It's a great program that has the prospective owner working a certain number of hours before they are accepted into the Habitat for Humanity process of buying a home. The family actually does work on other Habitat houses so they can earn enough credits to apply for their loan to pay for their own home. During the process they are able to choose a floor plan that fits their family along with paint colors & such. It is a well thought out ministry that includes a blessing of the family and materials and workers on the first day of the build. Then there is a house dedication once the house has been completed.

You feel blessed as you work on the actual house or provide lunch for the work teams. Hope you can be a part of the two and a half month project. It can make a difference in the family's future. So besides workers who need to sign up in the narthex, there will also be a sheet to sign up for our lunch crew. Sandwiches, chips, fruit, dessert, and drinks are needed for Saturday, September 29th, so please help if you can!

Ingleside Happenings!

Games Night—Sunday, Sept. 30th

There is wonderful camaraderie, competition, snacks, supper, and even a babysitter for the kids. Do you like the Mexican Train game, scrabble, or other board games? Then don't miss out on this get-together and a place to reach out and bring a friend. Meet in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00-8:00pm & have FUN!!!

Pancake Breakfast—Saturday, Oct. 6

Annual pancake breakfast from 8:00am-1:00pm. They have the best pancakes you have ever tasted... and bacon, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Tickets will be available soon as well as a signup sheet for needed items and jobs. Griddles and griddle tenders are always needed. This is another great place to bring a friend or buy them a ticket as a gift. It's a good way to get them to come.

Blessing of the Pets

Rev. Lewis will conduct a service on Saturday October 6th in Jubilee Park for the Blessing of the Pets. It is on the same day as our Pancake Breakfast, and will start at 10:00am inside our fenced park next to the Fellowship Hall. Let him know if you can help with the service. Also spread the word to all pet owners you know.

Garage Sale

It is time to start getting all those treasures together for the big Ingleside Garage Sale days. We will be



setting up starting on Sunday, October 7th in the Fellowship Hall. As Robbie said, we will need lots of muscle to bring things down stairs that day for the ladies to sort and arrange starting the following Monday, October 8th. Any person free during the week is needed between 10:00am & 3:00pm to help setup items for the sale. Then it's all hands on deck for Friday and Saturday, October 12th & 13th from 8:00am till 1:00pm. If you need a furniture pickup please let us know as soon as possible. 344-9100 and thanks in advance for all your help. Spread the word!!



Lunch Bunch

Please put these dates on your calendar: Friday, September 28th @ 12:30pm at Simple Joe's on Government St. and November 9th at TBA. Then on December 4th there will be a combination with Friendship Circle at a restaurant to be chosen by the group. If you need a ride call 344-9100. Be sure to let Inez King (344-0016) know that you are coming so that reservations can be made.

Fall Festival & Tied & Dyed Night

Excitement is in the air for our annual Fall Festival on Sunday afternoon, October 28th from 4:00-6:00pm. There will be hot dogs, booths for decorating, and carnival games. Signup sheets will soon appear for food items, candy, booth captains. Decorations are needed for a 2nd event on Halloween night where we will have folks passing out treats in their Tied & Dyed costumes at decorated tables or cars.

Ingleside Happenings!

Finance Report

Greetings from the Finance Committee

The news is improving a bit with regard to our finances. With our change in pastors, we are realizing some savings in expenses related to Health Care Premiums, Pension Premiums, and the Monthly Utilities stipend we were previously paying to Ali. In addition, we are looking at being able to rent out the parsonage, which will provide some added income for the church. All that being said, we are still just keeping our nose above the water. Also, before we can rent out the parsonage, we will likely incur some fix-up expenses (painting for one) –this is in addition to the ‘free’ clean-up and other improvements being made by those members who have been generously giving of their time and efforts thus far during the parsonage clean up days.

So, things are gradually improving, but we need for everyone to do what you can with regard to keeping your pledge up to date. And to prayerfully consider giving a little extra whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued support of Ingleside with your prayers, your offerings and your efforts.

Yours in Christ,
Bill Taylor
Finance Chair

Trustee’s Report

Julie Faller is always looking for people to help with the repairs and projects to keep Ingleside running smoothly. If you would like to help the Trustees out, please let her know or call the church office 344-9100.

Choir

The choir started working on music for the Christmas Cantata this week. We will be singing "Go Sing It on the Mountain" by Pepper Choplin this year. The publisher described this cantata as "Employing a highly inventive mixture of mountain melodies, folk hymns, spirituals, familiar carols, and original music that is sure to surprise and delight, “Go Sing It on the Mountain” proclaims the good news from the prophet

Isaiah's proclamation, 'Comfort, O comfort my people, to the final exuberant celebration: Joy to the World! Christ is born!'" Anybody who would like to sing with us is welcome to join! We practice on Wednesdays at 6:30. If you're interested in learning more about choir at Ingleside or if you'd like to sponsor an instrumentalist for the cantata performance in December, please contact Beth.

Reading Program

The UMW has a really great reading program. You are asked to read 5 books from 5 categories. These books give you an opportunity to know about issues around the world, people who are holding up Christianity, and studies given during the year by churches on current topics. Once a year you turn those titles in to Alice Irving, who would love to get you started in this reading program.

A book that is being read at this time by one of the ladies is Good God Lousy World & Me by Holly Burkhalter. It is the improbable journey of a human rights activist from unbelief to faith. It will spur you to explore your own questions about God’s presence – and- seeming absence in a broken world.

We have a book in the reading program about our beliefs entitled Key United Methodist Beliefs by William J. Abraham and David F. Watson. They write that right beliefs do matter. Why? Hope you will read the book to find out.

Bells of Ingleside

Hello Ingleside,

As summer comes to a close I start thinking about handbells! We have moved our rehearsal time to Saturdays at noon and started back just this Saturday, September 8th. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome and it is not as hard as it looks! Just ask us! Or give me a call if you have questions, 225-936-8884. Leave me a message and I will call you back!

Ruth Glatt



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Holy Smoke Sunday School Class

“Cramming for Finals” by Florence Littauer

“A ninety-six year old lady was a faithful attendant at my women’s club Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, “Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you’re so old and it doesn’t matter?”

Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently “I’m cramming for my finals.” Florence shares, “It’s never too late to get ready for our finals. Narrow is the way which leads to life and few there be that find it. It takes so little to be above average, but it does take a desire to learn and it does take preparation so when the great target appears we’ll be able to hit the bull’s eye.”

Are you ready for your final exam? If not, bring your Bible, your thoughts, and your desire to learn each Sunday morning at 9:30am to the Holy Smoke Class in the Capital Heights classroom. A study is always going on. Learning is always taking place. All you have to do is show up and become a part of this group. Remember we all have to cram for the finals. Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Holy Smoke Classroom is a great place to begin.

UMM

Greetings Men of Ingleside,

The summer is falling behind us and now it is already football season again. Before you know it another Thanksgiving and Christmas will have passed again. I know it has been said that time passes more quickly when you get older. I believe this is true because as we get older, we have fewer new experiences and our memories become less noteworthy, and many people tend to stop making new memories. New memories become bookmarks in our life. One way to perhaps slow the passing of time is to embrace new experiences, volunteer in ways you haven't done so in the past. Put a bookmark in your life, slow down.

Like every year, we have many activities

approaching that need the hand of every man at Ingleside. On Saturday, September 8th, we're going to paint a few rooms at the Parsonage. On Saturday, September 29th, Ingleside is participating in another Habitat for Humanity Methodist build here in Baton Rouge, and we could always use more volunteers. On Saturday, October 6th, our annual pancake breakfast takes place in the Fellowship Hall and volunteers are desperately needed. The following Friday, October 12th and Saturday, October 13th, we are having a garage sale, so we definitely need your hands to move some items downstairs. Sunday, October 28th is our annual neighborhood Fall Festival. Please come work a game booth.

All of these activities help in the life of our church, but even more importantly, you must keep up your own spiritual growth in Christ. I recommend joining us for Sunday School or participating in our next seasonal study, to be announced. I hope you read your Bible at home to keep your mind active, but mostly I hope you pray. I pray. I pray for myself, I pray for Ingleside, and I pray for all of you. It sometimes can be difficult to stay in touch with the activities of the church when you may have a tough time staying in touch with your own spiritual self. It takes much practice. We make excuses, like I'm not in the mood right now or I have better things to do. Ask yourselves if God is in the mood for you and your problems? The answer is always YES. Sometimes, we may even question our entire faith. Maybe, it's because you feel the church hasn't done enough to reach out to you. Well, I hate to break it to you, but you and I are the church. The building itself certainly isn't going to pick up the phone or write a letter or send an email. We all must do better being there for one another, being in the mood to reach out and invite, encourage, and comfort. The author C.S. Lewis humorously wrote that your moods against yourself, your real self are inevitable. Lewis pondered, "that is why Faith is such a necessary virtue: unless you teach your moods 'where they get off,' you can never be either a sound Christian or even a sound atheist, but just a creature dithering to and fro, with its beliefs really dependent on the weather and the state of *Continued on page 6*

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its digestion. Consequently one must train the habit of Faith." Pray for me as I continue to train my habit of faith, and I'll pray for you as well. We are all in this life together, sometimes it's painful, but most of the time it's beautiful, if only we'd just take the time to look around, perhaps make a new memory, help a friend out, volunteer our time. So, let's all slow down and look around! God always makes an opportunity for us to grow in Him, so let's take our opportunities to grow together at Ingleside... and beyond our church doors.

Robbie Schleicher
United Methodist Men

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Sock It To Me!

Socks!! Socks!! Socks!! The Sock it to Me campaign is alive and well at Ingleside Methodist Church. Remember those who are in need during their most trying time. Please bring at least one pair of socks next Sunday. Thanks so much, Mary Gay

United Methodist Women (UMW)

OUR PURPOSE: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Ingleside UMW is an active group of women seeking friendship and fellowship with other Ingleside women as mission projects and Bible studies are done. Women, you are our hope that 2019 (our 150th birthday) will include you in this mission to know God & spread the love of Christ to all the world. We have the Cordelia Sommers/Friendship Circle which will meet Tuesday, November 6 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Round Circle will meet Monday, September 17 at 5:30pm. A light meal is served at 5:30pm with the program/project beginning at 6:00pm. The men are

always welcomed to come share the meal with the ladies, then break off into a meeting if they desire.

Dates to Mark:

- *September 17 Round Circle (5:30pm)
- *October 7 all ladies – Sunday 12:15pm (World Thank & Pledge Service)
- *October 12-13 Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting @ First UMC Lafayette – Friday 1:00pm through Saturday 12:00pm
- *November 3 District Annual Mtg. @ St. John UMC – 8:30am Registration & 9:00am Program
- *November 6 Cordelia Sommers/Friendship Circle (9:30am)

LA CONF. UMW ANNUAL MEETING— “Celebrating Our Faithful Future”

Pre-Registration Forms (by 9/22) are located in the Narthex. The Gathering @ 1:00pm Friday with Banquet that night. Program concludes Saturday morning. If interested, please let Alice Irving know.

Days for Girls Mission

!!!442!!! That's the number of kits sent out so far this year by our DFG group and our friends (St Johns UMC ladies, Tammy Kazmierczak, Unitarian ladies). This means 442 young ladies are now able to attend school and work any day of the month and have reliable reusable feminine hygiene supplies to be able to do so. Our group has this year made kits twice for distribution in Kenya, a large Nigerian distribution and (new this year) Cuba. We also have supported a group of ladies starting their own sewing group in Uganda, friends of our friends and former Ingleside UMC members, Becky Woods and Diane Garbo.

Sharon Rowe and Ev Auster have given two presentations this month, the Altrusa International Group and another altruistic club (Lagniappe), these efforts not only spread the word about Days for Girls, but also recruit new worker/friends and needed donations. We have been contacted again by the wonderful LSU Panhellenic Council about a work day on October 21st from 2-5pm. We are delighted to continue our friendship with these fine young people who also fund raise for us. Hallelujah! *Cont. on p7*

Ev and I would like to remind y'all we have plenty of non sewing jobs available for idle hands or anybody who feels the call to help with this mission. We meet Tuesdays 1:30-5pm and most always have fabrics that need prewashing, folding and/or light ironing. Come join us in this ongoing mission. Call us for additional info. Sharon 936-5210 or Ev 284-3918

Mother's Day Out

At the beginning of June some wonderful people showed up at Mother's Day Out to paint. I am **so thankful** for Jeff Bean, Evan Penry, Bob Russell, Whitney Badinger, Nora, Annabel, and Addie Badinger, Alice Irving, Vani Aintablian, Ali Young, Louise Maggio, Liz Ritter, and Cherie Bonneval for helping us update 3 of our 5 MDO rooms. The rooms look so fresh. Hopefully, we will soon have another paint day to paint the other 2 rooms and finish painting the hallway.

Our **fall session** began smoothly on Monday, August 20, 2018. We have over 30 children who attend MDO Monday-Thursday. There are still **openings in all classes**. If you know anyone with a 6 month to 4-year-old child looking for day care, please have them call 344-7400 or email us at inglesidemdo@gmail.com. MDO is from 9:30am-2:00pm, Monday –Thursday. We offer 3 days for \$240 per month and 4 days for \$280 per month.

This year we will offer a **music class after MDO** on Mondays. On Wednesdays a **Spanish class** and on Thursdays **Tumbling** will be offered. These are classes offered after MDO by individual people.

MDO is also looking for **substitute teachers**. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Margaret Soskin at 344-7400 or email inglesidemdo@gmail.com.



Blessing of the Backpacks was held at MDO on August 23, 2018. Rev. Lewis Morris blessed the backpacks of all children attending MDO this year. The children received a special tag on their backpacks to remind them that Jesus loves them and so do we at Ingleside.

On August 29, **MommaBear**, (also known as Jenny Iverstine) came to MDO to teach about hand-washing. This is a free service she provides to help children be aware of how important hand-washing is.

On September 19, MDO will host our first **Coffee and Conversation** with MDO parents. Please come visit and get to know our parents.

September 25 **Debbie Fuller** will bring her **therapy dog, Noah**, to visit the children. Last year Noah was a big hit with the children and I know he will be again.

Donuts for Dads will be on September 27 at 9:30 am. Come visit with the children and their dads and have a donut with us.

We have many things happening at MDO this year and you are invited to join us for all of them. You are also invited to bring your favorite children's book and come read to our children. We would love having you at MDO!



Margaret Soskin, MDO Director

Upcoming Events

September - November 2018

9/11/2018 - Church Council mtg @ 6:00pm

9/17/2018 - Round Circle @ 5:30pm

9/28/2018 - Lunch Bunch @ 12:30pm

9/29/2018 - Habitat Build @ 8:00am-1:00pm

9/30/2018 - Charge Conference @ 2:30pm

9/30/2018 - Games Night @ 4:00-8:00pm

10/2/2018 - Discipleship team @ 5:00pm

10/6/2018 - Pancake B'fast @ 8:00a-1:00pm

10/6/2018 - Blessing of the Pets @ 10:00am

10/7/2018 - UMW mtg. @ noon in Hall

10/12 & 13/2018 - Garage Sale Days @
8:00am-1:00pm

10/21/2018 - Panhellenic/DfG packing Day @
12:00-3:00pm

10/28/2018 - Fall Festival @ 4:00-6:00pm

10/31/2018 - Tied-Dyed Treats Only @
6:00 - 8:00pm

11/4/2018 - Daylight Savings Time change

11/4/2018 - UMM Sunday

11/6/2018 - Friendship Circle @ 9:30am

11/12/2018 - Round Circle @ 5:30pm

11/14/2018 - LSU Feed Wesley

12/1/2018 - Hanging the Greens @ 10:00am-
1:00pm

12/2/2018 - Advent Celebration @ 5:00-7:00p

12/4/18 - Friendship/Lunch Bunch @ 11:30a

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and
whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who
sent me.”
Matthew 10:40NRSV

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