



The Pipeline

First United Methodist Church

MISSION: To know God and to make God known
FROM THE PASTOR



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Instruct your children; they will give you peace of mind and bring delight into your life. When there's no vision, the people get out of control, but whoever obeys instruction is happy. Servants aren't disciplined by words; they might understand, but they don't respond. Do you see people who are quick to speak? There is more hope for fools than for them.
Proverbs 29:17-20 (CEB)

On June 9, 2019, we voted to accept the Consultation Report from our Vibrant Church Initiative weekend and we have been on a journey since that date. Today, the leaders of our VCI teams meet with our coach to review our progress. Like any journey, there are things that are right on target and others where we are working hard to keep up. However, the journey has been a great one that I am confident will end in a wonderful place for First United Church, Port Neches.

I want to give you a recap by prescription and remind you that there is a progress report on our website.

PRESCRIPTION #1: DEVELOP A CLEAR, FOCUSED AND SHARED GUIDING VISION

We are challenged to develop and present a new vision statement to Church Council by November 30, 2019. The Vision Team is in place and is working toward a vision that is in alignment with what Jesus intends for us. We have made good progress and I believe we are on target to complete this part of the prescription on time.

Once the new Vision Statement is approved it will guide all church work going forward and be fully incorporated into the life of the church. Phase two of this prescription will involve aligning all current ministries to the new vision and monitoring all we do in light of our vision.

PRESCRIPTION #2: EXPAND OUTREACH

The Outreach Team was asked to develop or expand four externally-focused events to connect with the community. This was to be completed by September 1, 2019. These events are currently planned and on the calendar. Church Council will review these at their next meeting and you will hear all about these events at that time, and of course, each event will have its own communication plan.

PRESCRIPTION #3: DEVELOP CONSISTENT, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

This prescription challenges our new Communications Team to review all forms of communication, internal and external, and develop procedures and recommendations to better connect with those inside and outside the church across the generations. The Team and others participated in a Communications Workshop last Sunday after church. The team will meet on September 19 to begin to formulate a written plan for overall communications, detailing effective ways to communicate clearly about major decisions, updates, activities and ministry needs. This plan will be completed not later than November 1, 2019.

PRESCRIPTION #4: CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY

We are working with a hospitality expert to develop a culture of "radical hospitality." The Hospitality Team has met once and will continue to work with our hospitality consultant until a plan is in place. Our next session with the consultant is this Saturday and we have plans to meet with her on October 6.

PRESCRIPTION #5: DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Work on this prescription will begin once we are further along on the other prescriptions. We have done a lot of work and there is still much to be done. I fully believe that this is good and necessary work. The journey in the life of a church is not always easy, but when the journey leads us alongside God, it will give us peace of mind and bring delight into our life.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Curtis

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

In Our Thoughts
& Prayers



CHURCH MEMBERS

Amy Boneau	Ann Prouse
Donna Clifton	Ruth & Troy Reynolds
Cookie Felps	Bonnie Snelson
Joan Girolamo	
Travis Guidry	

FAMILY MEMBERS

Bentley family	Eleanor Pearson
Candice Franklin	Mark Pittman
Merri Haley	Amy Read
Stan & Martha Hall	Ted Tudor, Jr.
Betty & Fred Hogg	
Miller family	

ASSISTED LIVING/REHAB

Paul Aguillard	Gwen Park
Kathleen Bobbitt	Betty Ragan
Mitzi Griggs	Beverly Tudor
Larry McFatter	

FRIENDS

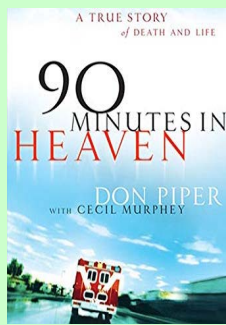
Sherry Baker	Dom Mars
Wanda Bienvenue	Jared O'Neill
Candice Binur	Tom O'Neill
Alison Clary	Virgie Salenga
Dee Culpepper	Spikes Sturdivant
Jada Gentile	Ken Suitt
Rachel Hall	Dodie Taubert
Betty Healin	Andrea Turner
Howard Holst	Carly Walker
Wanda Jinks	Pat Warner
Natalie Laws	Wesley Welborn
Tabatha LeBeouf	David Wilson
Sherry Little	
Jon Lindenberg	
Terry Lloyd	

MILITARY

John Alexander	Kevin Knippa
Ed Andrews III	Eddie Pierce
Stephanie Andrews	Jonathan Welborn
Dalton Celusta	Eric Youngblood
Tommy English	Military Families
Brian Howard	
Travis Johnson	

HOMEBOUND

Freddie Cotten



WHAT'S HEAVEN LIKE?? Come ask

Don Piper

September 17, 6:30 pm
in the sanctuary

Don Piper will be here to talk about his book and experience in heaven. A book signing will follow. There will be books for purchase or you may bring your own copy to be signed.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Esther Group

will meet **Tuesday, September 17**
at **10 am** in the **parlor**.

All ladies are invited.

The Esther Group is a branch of the
United Methodist Women
that meets most Tuesdays at 10 am.



United
Methodist
Women

PROMISES

will meet

Tuesday, September 17
at **6:30 pm** to hear

Don Piper in the sanctuary.
All ladies are invited.

Promises is a branch of the
United Methodist Women (UMW)
that meets on the 3rd Tuesday
of the month from September to May.

DON'T MISS OUR
2nd Annual Blessing of Pets
Sunday, September 29th
at 1:30 pm
at our cross at
the Port Neches Park.

Blessing of the Animals



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, October 1
5:30 pm
Port Neches Riverfront Park
FREE

Movie, T-Shirts, Games, Food & Drinks

We will have a booth and
hand out cotton candy.

2 opportunities to help:
-make cotton candy **Monday,**
September 30 at 5 pm
-hand out cotton candy **Tues-**
day, October 1 at 5 pm

Sign up sheets are at the
Welcome Center

Thank
you!

The Chancel Choir is enjoying new
flooring in the choir room. Many
thanks to our volunteers:
Phil Allen, Lynn Coffman, Lee Lump-
kin, Wes Weatherly, Jim Wienert, &
Zachary Lege' for preparing the floor
& Jaime Husen for planning and
organizing the project.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PRESENCE

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Sunday School 63
10 am Service 93

**STAFF PARISH
RELATIONS
COMMITTEE
(SPRC)
Meeting
Thursday,
September 12
6:30 pm - Asbury**



MILITARY BIBLE STICKS
Donations \$1055.00
This amount will be matched by
Faith Comes by Hearing Organization.
*84 Military & their families
will receive God's Word!!*

SEE YOU AT THE STATION
Wednesday, September 18
7:15 AM - Port Neches Police Department
We will meet to pray & support our
law enforcement and their families
for all their hard work and sacrifice.
** WEAR BLUE **



VCI LEADERS MEETING
Tuesday, September 10
6 pm
Choir room

VCI HOSPITALITY TEAM
Saturday, September 14
9 am
Asbury classroom

GIFTS

**Sept 2-8
Offering**

Sys. Contrib.	\$5090.00
Online	2110.00
Loose Plate	81.00
TOTAL	\$7281.00

TRUSTEES
Tuesday, September 17
6 pm in the Asbury room

**VCI COMMUNICATIONS
TEAM MEETING**
Thursday, September 19
6 pm in the Asbury room

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 1: 6:30 am Men's Breakfast-hall
9:30 am UMW Executive Mtg-parlor
10 am UMW General Mtg-parlor
10 am Loose Threads
5:30 pm Nat'l Night Out-park

Oct 6: "It's Coming"

Oct 8: 10 am UMW Esther group-
parlor
6 pm VCI Leaders Mtg-choir room

Oct 15: 10 am UMW Esther group-
parlor
10 am Loose Threads
5:30 pm Trustees
6:30 pm Finance
6:30 pm Promises-parlor

Oct 19: 9 am UMW Bazaar

Oct 20: 6 pm District
Superintendent & Leaders Mtg

Oct 22: 6:30 pm Church Council

Oct 27: 5 pm Trunk R Treat

SERVICE

September 15, 2019

Greeters
Fidelis

Children's Sermon
Pastor Curtis

Story Hour
Sarah Heiner



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

J29—Youth Ministry Wednesdays

6:15 pm J29 Youth (6th-12th grade)

4th Sundays

3-4:30 pm Big 4:5 (4th & 5th Grades)
4-6 pm J29 Sr High (9th - 12th Grades)

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

14th Sunday
After Pentecost
September 15, 2019

LECTIONARY READINGS

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14 UMH 746
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10



SUNDAY, September 15

8:50 am Praise & Worship
10 am Sunday School
11 am Traditional Worship

TUESDAY, September 17

9 am-2 pm MDO
10 am UMW Esther Group-parlor
10 am Loose Threads
5:30 pm Trustees-choir room
6:30 pm Don Piper-sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, September 18

7:15 am Pray at the Station
5:30 pm Praise Band
6 pm C.L.I.C.K.
6 pm J29 Youth
7 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, September 19

9 am-2 pm MDO
6 pm VCI Communications-Asbury

SUNDAY, September 22

8:50 am Praise & Worship
10 am Sunday School
11 am Traditional Worship
3 pm Big 4:5-hall
4:30 pm J29 Sr High-hall

To receive reminders, ministry news, weather cancellations,
& more simply text @fumcpn to the phone number 81010.