

The Ingleside Phoenix



October - December 2019

Ingleside UMC

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Weekly Events:

Sunday: Bible Study - 9:30am

Worship - 11am

Tuesday: UMM - 6:30am

Wednesday: Crochet - 5:00pm

Bells - 5:45

Choir - 6:30pm

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

Plato said we can forgive a child who is afraid of the dark but life's real tragedy is when men are afraid of the light. We have all experienced fear in our lives. John Lennon said there are two motivating forces in life. One is fear which causes us to back away from life. The other is love which allows us to open ourselves up to everything life has to offer with passion, excitement, and acceptance. Fear can indeed be crippling. It affects our health, blurs our ability to reason effectively, and can be disruptive to life in general.

We learn a lot about fear in the Bible beginning with the Israelites of the Exodus. They feared God would not protect them when they were being pursued by the Egyptian army. They likewise feared not having adequate food and water when they traveled through the wilderness. And they lived in the constant fear that God would abandon them in their hour of need. The Master's disciples too were not immune from the sting of fear. When He announced arrest and death awaited Him in Jerusalem they were suddenly consumed with fear. They did not want to go to Jerusalem. Their enemies awaited them there. They wished they could remain in Galilee where Jesus's ministry was well received.

We see how fear affected Peter. He boasted to the Master he would never desert his friend, even in the face of death. Jesus knew better. He revealed to his boisterous disciple that he would succumb to fear which he did the night the Master was arrested and brought to the home of the high priest. There in the garden someone recognized Peter as being a follower of Jesus and when this was brought to his attention, Peter vehemently denied knowing his friend. Three times he denied the Master within a short time. What happened to Peter? His courage alone made him stand out among the other disciples. He feared his life was in danger. Elijah and David too fled and hid from their enemies. No one is immune from fear especially in threatening situations.

Fear breeds doubt. We find that in many situations in life. We see it within the life of the church too. I was reading a column by Michael Gerson the other day in which he talked about how fewer young people identify themselves with organized religion. We fear the church faces a dire future. Congregations are becoming older. The church worries that unless a new generation fills the void with the passing of the older generation sanctuaries will become but shadows of their former selves. This fear is stifling. The solution lies in our overcoming the **Continued page 2**

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fear of “what might be” to our marshaling our resources and talents to make the church relevant once again. If the church is not relevant nor will the gospel be relevant to those who identify themselves as “no religion.” It is a daunting task but one which can be accomplished if we do not capitulate to the fear of failing. We are celebrating at Ingleside UMC “rebirth.” This is a cooperative effort. I always see reluctance among many to invite others to church. Studies show the success to revitalizing churches lies in people inviting others to join them in worship. We should thus rejoice and not be afraid at the opportunities before us to reach out to the world to bring others into the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

Rev. Lewis Morris

All Saints’ Day

Ingleside will have a special observance on Sunday, November 3 for All Saints’ Sunday. Rev. Lewis has asked that we collect pictures of members & friends of our Ingleside community who have gone to glory during the last two years. So far we have the following names that will be lifted up on November 3rd: Mabel Alello, Millie Morrison, Gene Stout, Agnes Titkemeyer, Beverly Tully, Blanche Segura, L. N. Cox, Maunita Wilkinson, Curt Shrewsbury, Chris Finney’s mom & dad, cancer patient of Lewis’s, and Joe Moreland. Please let us know of any others.



The Seamen’s Church Institute’s Christmas on the River Card Making Project 2019

The Seamen’s Church Institute provides pastoral care to our United States Merchant Mariners working on boats and ships on our Rivers and in the Gulf of Mexico. We deliver gift boxes to their boats to help them cope with being away from home on Christmas Day.

Packed by church and civic organizations, the boxes contain knitted hats and scarves, Christmas cards made by children of all ages, and a few other items.

We need your help in making enough hand-made cards for thousands of our mariners. So far 3 schools, FLAIM, BRCVPA, and Park Forest Middle School are making cards. If you know others that might want to help let us know. Guidelines for Hand-Made Christmas Cards are as follows:

- *Construction Paper, Card Stock, Plain Paper etc.
- *Folded in Half- no envelopes necessary
- *Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Painted, or Any Medium
- *Christmas Symbols: Crosses, Trees, Santa, Ornaments, Snow Flakes, Reindeer, Christmas Lights etc.
- *Maritime Symbols: Boats, Water, Anchors, Barges, Ships, Bridges, Knots etc.
- *Messages Welcome but NOT necessary
- *Sign Cards with First Names Only (Important that they are signed.)
- *Authenticity NOT Perfection is the Goal.

If you have any questions, call Chaplain Tom Rhoades at 504.982.0072. To learn more about SCI go to www.seamenschurch.org or <https://www.facebook.com/group/riversandgulf>

By November 10th cards should be delivered to Ingleside UMC, 4264 Capital Heights Ave. 70806.

On Saturday & Sunday, November 16th & 17th @ 4:00-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall the Christmas Boxes will be decorated and packed for distribution the next week. If you would like to be involved with this ministry please contact Tom Rhoades, River Chaplain 504.982.0072 or the church office 344-9100

Ingleside Happenings!

Wesley Meal—Wednesday, Oct. 16th

Ingleside has been feeding the LSU Wesley Foundation, “A Community of Students Living the Way of Jesus” for the last several years. It started out as a ministry of the young adults group. Matt Callac and Robbie Schleicher have usually been the ones to go to LSU and cook a chili meal for the 30-40 students who eat there each Wednesday. They will again be going on Wednesday, October 16th between 5:30 & 6:00pm. You can assist by going with them, giving a donation or supplying dessert, salad, drinks, or prayer for the students who attend.



Fellowship Meal/Devotional

Every other month or so the Round Circle and Methodist Men invite all to join them for a fellowship meal and devotional/study in the Fellowship Hall. The last gathering for 2019 will be Monday, October 21st @ 5:30pm. There will be a baby sitter and we will end by 7:00pm. Deb Fuller will be presenting for the ladies and Robbie will be leading the guys. Hope you will come and support them as you enjoy a great meal.

Garage Sale

Muscle needed on Sunday, October 13th to bring things down stairs for the ladies to sort and arrange starting the following Monday, October 14th. Any person free during the week is needed between 10:00am & 3:00pm to help setup items for the sale. If you would like to help later in the evening, after 3:00 just let Ev know and arrangements can be made. Then

it's all hands on deck for Friday and Saturday, October 18th & 19th from 8:00am till 1:00pm. If you need a furniture pickup please let us know as soon as possible. Call us at 344-9100 or email inglesideumcbr@gmail.com and thanks in advance for all your help. Spread the word!!!

Lunch Bunch

Please put these dates on your calendar: Thursday, October 31st @ 12:30pm at Bum Steers on Perkins where the Crispy Catch used to be. Then on Monday, December 2nd @ 12:30pm 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.

Trick-or-Treat Night

We will be combining with the neighborhood in handing out candy/treats-can be trinkets- to kids trick-or-treating on Capital Heights Ave. Join in the fun of passing out treats, come in costume or decorate a car, table, or chair—or just come as you are. We will be setting up in the small parking lot and along Capital Heights Ave. The block will be closed off to traffic between 6:00-8:00pm Thursday, October 31st. We are expecting about 1000 kids so we need lots of treats and people to give out the treats after the groups go through “Beewitched” park in Penni & Dave’s yard. If anyone has a clever theme for us to dress/decorate as give us a shout so we can start planning now. There will be a basket in the narthex for any treats you bring.

Pancake Breakfast

Our pancake breakfast is usually in October from 8:00am-1:00pm on a Saturday morning. We might do it in January so give the Discipleship Team some feedback about possibilities.

Movie “Coco”

Fun night at the movies will be Saturday, November 2nd starting at 6:00pm. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us in the park for popcorn, candy, and water and the showing of the coming of age, PG movie “Coco”. If raining we will be inside; chairs provided.

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Finance Report

Greetings from the Finance Committee

I'm pleased (and relieved) to report that our finances are currently in better shape than they have been for quite some time. Thank you all for your generosity and support of our monetary needs over these past few months. We are seeing continued benefit from the change to less-than-full-time pastoral support (although Lewis is clearly providing full time service to Ingleside, **THANK YOU, Lewis!**) and we are also accruing gains from the rental of the parsonage. Our overall satisfactory condition is even more of a positive when considering several unusual maintenance items that we have had to pay for in recent months. We are still a little bit behind in our apportionment payments, though, so please continue to stay as up-to-date as possible with your giving going forward.

Also, it is my pleasure to report that in the very near future we will be receiving a generous bequest from the estate of Blanche Segura. Blanche was such a blessing to Ingleside for many, many years and she loved her church family. This gift will be yet another blessing from Blanche. Some of this money will be used for additional maintenance that we have been deferring, but need to get done. I think this is a good time for me to point out that if you have not yet done so, I would ask that you please prayerfully consider including Ingleside in your will / estate planning. This is a wonderful way to express your thanks for our church family and what they have meant to you over the years. **Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated!**

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.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

The choir started rehearsing for our annual Christmas cantata this week, and we are so excited about this year's music. If you are interested in singing, you are welcome to join us! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the choir room!

We will be singing Joel Raney's "Have You Heard," a new cantata with a mixture of traditional hymn tunes and Celtic melodies like "Loch Lomond" and "Danny Boy." The cantata will be Tuesday, December 17 at 7PM, and there will be a reception afterward.

For more information about singing with us, or about helping with the cost of instrumentalists for the cantata, contact Beth Wallace, elizabethmitchellwallace@gmail.com.

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/Ruth Glatt, who would love to get you started in this wonderful reading program.

Bells of Ingleside

We have bell choir practice at 5:30pm every Wednesday following the school calendar. Your music can be marked color coded so you know which bell to play by hand is "pink" or "yellow". We are nice people to be with!!! If you are just 'kinda' interested come see us practice! I promise I will not push you to join but would love ya there! Questions? Ruth Glatt Bell Choir Director 225-936-8884. Leave me a message and I will call you back!



Ingleside Ministries!

Holy Smoke Sunday School Class

Holy Smoke Sunday School Class has just completed a unit on “Who is God?” Through old testament and new testament lessons we discovered several characteristics of God. What we learned through the Creation story helps us understand our place in the world and God’s intention for us. We considered that it does not suit God’s purposes for us to exist in isolation from other humans. Part of our discovery led us to see that a primary aspect of God is mystery and we should weigh its implications for us.

We begin a new unit on October 6 entitled “In God’s Image.” Come join us one Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Holy Smoke classroom and discover with us how we can be more like Christ.

United Methodist Men of Ingleside

Summer is ending, and fall and winter are right around the corner. All summer, the Men of Ingleside have met consistently for fellowship every Tuesday morning at 6:30AM at Simple Joe’s Café. These meals serve a major purpose in the life of our church; serving one another with emotional support and fellowship. We encourage you to join us for breakfast on Tuesdays to discuss whatever is on your mind. We want to get to know you, your concerns, your prayers, and we want you to get to know us. We have devotionals, we pray together, and we serve one another with supportive words and actions. In order to touch hearts and minds for Christ in our community, we must touch one another’s hearts. President Teddy Roosevelt once said, “People don’t care what you know until they know you care.” With the rise of social media, social isolation, and domestic church attendance at an all-time low, that statement could not have been more prescient. As Methodist Men, we want to be a lamp in a dark world. We want our light to shine before others in

our church and community by being there for one another. You are welcome to join us in this endeavor. There are many events coming up in the life of our church. There is a Fellowship Meal at the church on October 21st at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving a meal to the LSU Wesley Foundation this fall, so stay tuned to the website and bulletin announcements for the date (Wed., October 16th). The neighborhood Trick-or-Treating is scheduled for 6-8pm - Thursday, October 31st and volunteers are needed to set-up treat handout stations along Capital Heights Avenue etc. The annual neighborhood Christmas tree lighting and celebration will take place at 5pm, Sunday, Dec. 8th. We want a great turnout by all the men of our church, their families and friends. If you are interested in starting up a Bible Study or book study, please contact me so we can spread the word! “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16

God Bless,
Robbie Schleicher
Men of Ingleside

You can reach me at: rschleic@gmail.com
225-337-6321.

Sock It To Me!

Just a few more Sundays to donate socks for the homeless of Baton Rouge. Ingleside, let’s get together for the cause. Thanks to everyone for donating. Oh, and last year during December all the kid size socks were given to the families that were adopted for the God’s Gifts ministry so we need a lot of kids sizes as well as the adult sizes! Thanks so much, Mary Gay

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Crochet Ministry

Here's an update on what we have been and will be doing.

In April we sent another box of 34 scarves to Handmade With Love-Operation Gratitude. These scarves will be included in packages which will be sent to our military and their families. A big thank you to Alice, Ev, Sharon and Paroug Barouhi (Vani's mom) for their work on this project.

We are now working on a new project for The Seamen's Church. Chaplain Tom Rhoades asked if we could make hats and scarves for the men and women who work on boats around the country. These items will be included with others in Christmas gift boxes to be distributed to maritime workers.

We are always in need of more people to join us. If you crochet, or want to learn, we meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 in the Capital Heights classroom. You can call me for information. My number is 225-588-8678
Hope to see you and, God Bless.
Phyllis

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.*

UMW is our women's group who are concerned with women's issues, youth, and children. Our unit exists of two circles. One (Cordelia Sommers/Friendship Circle) meets during the day, 1st Mondays at 10:15am in Capital Heights classroom. The other (Round Circle) at night, 3rd Mondays at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall once a month. For more information contact me at [936-8884](tel:936-8884), Beth Wallace at 757-589-4938 or Sharon Rowe at 936-5210.

A little more info about United Methodist Women. We have some meetings around the state which one or more of us needs to attend. As Vice President of the unit I am representing our unit in Alice's absence.

Next up is Louisiana Conference UMW in West Monroe soon-I am nervous about it because I am not the walkup and introduce myself person. Say a quick prayer 10/11 & 10/12. I will give everyone a report when I get back!

Thanks, Ruth.

Days for Girls Mission

The South Baton Rouge Team for Days for Girls continue to meet, work, and sew here at Ingleside. We make feminine hygiene kits to help young women worldwide to continue their education. This year we have sent 300 kits to Nigeria, 100 kits to a Methodist school in Cambodia, 200 kits to refugee women in Syria, and are working on the 200 kits due to go to Uganda with Grace Baptist/Churchpoint in November. This makes 800 women that our small group of dedicated volunteers have lifted up with prayers, work, and assistance this year. If you would like to be a part of this vital international mission please join us any or every Tuesday @ 1:30 - 5:30pm. Sewing experience is not required as we have a multitude of non sewing jobs that are necessary for the work on each kit. Any questions? Please contact Sharon Rowe 936-5210 or Ev Auster 284-3918.



Distribution of 99 kits at a government secondary school in Karu, Abija, Nigeria September 16th 2019.

October is VIPS Proud Month

Alice, Ev, and Sharon would love to get you involved in Volunteers In Public Schools. We are trying to win prizes for our students classroom. So let them know if you might be interested in going with them to their school and seeing them work with their students. If you end up volunteering to be a Reading Friend or a Math Buddy, your investment is one hour a week. But the difference you could make is one lifetime for a student. #VIPSPROUD



Advent Study

The study will be the 4 Sunday mornings in December on the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd @ 9:30-10:30am. Study is entitled, “Because of Bethlehem, Love is Born Hope is Here” by Max Lucado. It complements our last Lenten Study. Hope you will plan to attend. Please save the dates now.

Advent Celebration—Sunday Dec. 8th

Make sure you save this date as well. Our Advent Celebration/Light the Tree/Christmas Drama with the neighborhood will be Sunday, December 8th at 5:00-7:00pm. We will start in the Fellowship Hall and then collect outside for the Tree Lighting and Pageant. We are again using glass jars and glitter and will have sandwiches and chips and something to drink as we decorate, do advent crafts, and enjoy fellowship. Around 6:00pm we will head outdoors for caroling, telling of the Christmas story, & lighting the neighborhood Christmas tree.

Mother’s Day Out

Ingleside MDO has had an exciting beginning to this year’s program. We are blessed to care for 41 children ages 6 months – 4 years. We started our fall session on August 19 learning about our new friends and catching up with old ones. On August 28 Ms. Jenny came to teach us a fun way to wash our hands making Circles and Scissors.

Each week we go to the Sanctuary for Chapel. This is being led by Ev Auster. The children have learned about creation of the world in which we live, creation of Adam and Eve, and the trouble that they got into.

The second week of September the Baton Rouge Zoo Mobile came to MDO. The children were able to see, touch and learn about a turtle, a snake, a ferret and a Madagascar Cockroach. Believe it or not they touched all of them.

The following week was “C” week. We read and learned about caterpillars. In art we made caterpillars.

The week of September 23 was “D” week. On September 24 Debbie Fuller and a friend brought their therapy dogs to visit our children. Also, on September 26 we invited all Dads to come to “Donuts with Dads”.

Working with children is a blessing. Even when they are unhappy and crying, there is joy in holding and loving them. Our teachers are so patient and kind. They also are a blessing to Ingleside Mother’s Day Out.

Come by and visit with us and with the children. Let us be a blessing to you.

Margaret Soskin,
MDO Director



Upcoming Events

October - November 2019

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| 10/7/2019 - CS/Friendship Circle @ 10:15am | 10/31/2019 - Trick-or-Treat @ 6:00-8:00pm |
| 10/8/2019 - Finance mtg. @ 6:00pm | 11/2/2019 - LELET annual mtg. @ 8:30am |
| 10/11&12/2019 - LA UMW Conf. @ FUMC in W. Monroe | 11/3/2019 - Daylight Savings Time change & All Saints' Sunday @ 11:00am |
| 10/13/2019 - Garage Sale prep @ 12:00pm | 11/10/2019 - UMW mtg. @ noon in Hall |
| 10/16/2019 - LSU Feed Wesley @ 6:00pm | 11/16 & 17/2019 - Packing Day for Seamen boxes @ 4:00-6:00pm |
| 10/18 & 19/2019 - Garage Sale Days @ 8:00am-1:00pm | 12/1, 8, 15, & 22/2019 - Advent Study @ 9:30am |
| 10/20/2019 - Charge Conference at Jefferson UMC @ 4:00pm | 12/2/2019 - Friendship/Lunch Bunch @ 12:30pm |
| 10/21/2019 - Round Circle & UMM meal/devotional @ 5:30pm | 12/8/19 - Advent Celebration @ 5:00-7:00pm |
| 10/25/2019 - Panhellenic/DfG packing Day @ 2:00-5:00pm | 12/17/19 - Christmas Cantata @ 7:00pm |
| 10/31/2019 - Lunch Bunch @ 12:30pm | "Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good... His mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 118:1 |

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