

Westlake UMC **Ramspiration**

Bring Jelly or Jam for the Food Pantry, drop it in the Sanctuary or by the water cooler.

Book Club, Thurs. 4/23, Kristin Hanah's Magic Hour, Sulphur Library at 4pm

Church Fellowship Luncheon 4/26 after service. Meat will be provided, please think about what side or desert you would like to bring. This week we will have a sign up in the bulletin.

Church Council Meeting , Monday, 4/27 at 4pm

Food Truck Delivery Tuesday, 5/12

Cake and Punch Graduation Reception Sunday, 5/17, directly after service.

SPRC Meeting Monday, 5/18, 4pm

Youth District Lock-In Friday, 5/22, 6pm- 6am at First UMC LC

Prayer Request

CAROL ANDRE	THOMMY FLETCHER	ROBERT MARSHAL
KIM ARDOIN	ALVIS FONTENOT	JOHNNY MILLER
SHARON BARNHILL	KEITH FORTNER	SANDY & RICHARD MORGAN
KRISTIN BASS	LEILAH FRANKLIN	J.C. PICARD
VERNON BEAN	DEBORAH GATHREAUX	JULIE PICARD
MARLENE BENOIT	DALE & GARY GENTRY	LISSA PRUITT
NANCY BOUGEOIS	JENILYNN GIBSON	ARIANY ROBINSON
RENEE BOUZIGARD	WILDA GINTZ	HUNTER ROBINSON
MARION BOWMAN	CHARLIE GORMAN	JOANNA ROBINSON
CANDICE BRUMFIELD	MAY GRAY	MARY ROBINSON
KAT COMEAUX	KAY GUTH	LUTHER SCOTT
PATTI CHARLES	LEILAH HAYDEN	DONALD SCHATZ
JOE CIRONI	CATHY HICKS	STACEY TRAHAN
RHONDA DARTEZ	SHIRLEY HOBEN	JOSH TURNAGE
BRANDON DINGER	SUE HOLMES	MARY VAN WINKLE
RITA & CHERYL	BUBBA JOHNSON	MIKE & MARK WALKER
TIFFANY DINGER	KAYSON JOHNSON	BARRY & PAULETTE ZERANGUE
ROB ELLENDER	KYNDALL G. JOHNSTON	

Family of Nelva Cranford, and Barbara Vail

Prayers for All affected by the Israel/Iran War, our first responders, the hearts and minds of our elected officials, our military, our inadequately housed, our pastor and her family, and our friends at High Hope Care Center.

Travel Mercies for the Robinsons and Family

Short term Prayer Request stay up for 3 weeks. Long term Prayer Request stay up for 4 months.
If your request was taken off, please fill out a new card. Thank you, have a blessed day.

WORDS OF MEDITATION

“Stephen models trust in Jesus and forgiveness, even as he is being martyred. Like Stephen, God’s people might die for their faith. However, Luke challenges the reader to trust the risen Christ and to bear witness to the truth of his resurrection and exaltation, even if it means death.”

- Margaret Aymer



PRACTICE

Set aside a few moments each day to reflect on the “stones” in your life—the challenges, criticisms, or hurts you are carrying. Begin with a simple prayer, asking God to help you see Christ present even in these difficult places. As you sit in silence, name each struggle, then gently reframe it by imagining how God might be working through it. Practice offering forgiveness, either aloud or in your heart, for anyone connected to those moments, following Stephen’s example. Close by entrusting yourself to God, trusting that even these stones can become part of the foundation that strengthens your faith.

REFLECTION**Acts 7:55-60**

Stephen's final moments in Acts 7:55–60 reveal a faith that sees beyond suffering into the very presence of God. While others raised stones to destroy him, Stephen saw Christ, trusting that his life was held securely in God's hands. Instead of responding with anger or fear, he offered forgiveness, echoing Jesus and embodying the gospel he proclaimed. The stones meant for harm became, in a deeper sense, the doorway into eternal life. This challenges us to consider how we view the "stones" in our own lives—whether as obstacles or as places where Christ might be revealed. Stephen reminds us that even in hardship, God's glory is present and at work.

DISCUSSION

1. How does Stephen's vision of Christ change the way he experiences suffering in that moment?
2. Why do you think Stephen chose to pray for forgiveness rather than for his own rescue?
3. What does it mean in your own life to "see Christ in the stones"? Can you think of a time when this was difficult?
4. How can we practice responding with grace and forgiveness when we feel attacked or misunderstood?
5. What does this passage teach us about where God is present—in both comfort and hardship?

***Jelly Drive! Market
Basket has Jelly and Jam
on sale TODAY (tuesday)
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***Thank
you***



*Book Club meets Thursday,
April 23rd, 4pm, at the
Sulphur Library.*

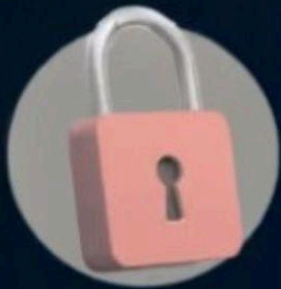


FELLOWSHIP

Lunch

Sunday, April 26th, after service.





District Youth Lock-in

Locked into Jesus

He is the key!

Friday May 22nd | 6PM - 6AM

First
United Methodist
Church

Lake Charles





Cursillo is a three-day experience that looks at Christianity as a lifestyle from a New Testament perspective. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them, their families, congregations, and the world in which they live. Cursillo is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church.

Upcoming Weekends: July 30-August 2, 2026; October 15-18, 2026

Get with Rev. Lauren, or Jackie Roach for more info, or email Laumcregistrar@gmail.com to register.

**WATCH US ON FACEBOOK,
10 AM LIVE, OR CATCH UP
ANYTIME!**



**CLICK THE LINK BELOW FOR
THE MOST RECENT SERVICE.**

Enjoy Rev. Lauren's Sermon, Here's the link!

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