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A Note From Rev. Allison

THANK
YOU



This is a season of transition at Moss Bluff United Methodist Church, we have felt a shift and when we look around things look different. Many of these changes have left us grieving and raw and yet we are a people who proclaim resurrection, and we are stepping into new possibilities daily. As we continue to navigate the newness that is before us I want you to know that I am proud of you and I am deeply grateful for you.

Brandon, Celeste, and I are so deeply grateful for the way you all embraced our family.

We are especially thankful for the ways you all have cared for Celeste and shown her the love of Jesus. You have helped plant seeds of faith that will be with her for a lifetime.

Thank you for every opportunity you have given me to accompany you in the sacred moments of your lives. I give thanks for all the shared meals, the baptisms, the laughter over coffee, the giving and receiving of the body and blood of Christ, the visits in your home and the hospital, the holy moments at the graveside, and the gift of each worship gathering. My friends, you have made me a better pastor and have deeply enriched my life.

And while our time together has been marked by challenge and change it has also been a season of fruitfulness at MBUMC. A time in which you have proven that when you tap into the Spirit, show up, and invest in community, God can and will do amazing things in and through you. And I know that God is preparing to move in new and mighty ways in this next season of your life together. My encouragement to you is this: keep showing up, keep investing in one another and your community, be bold in relationship, dream big, stay open to possibility, remember that God has given you all a mission and all you need to accomplish it. Even though we will part ways at the end of June you all will remain in my heart and my prayers and I trust that in the future grace will weave our lives together in beautiful ways.

With deep love,
Rev. Allison



Worship in June

In June we will continue in our worship series "Finding God in the Flames." In this series we are moving through scripture landing on stories about fire – ones about literal flames and ones

about the flame of the spirit that within each of us.

Sunday, June 4: "Fire Out of Water" 1 Kings 18:20-40

We will also celebrate Holy Communion together.

Sunday, June 11: "The Burning Bush" Exodus 3:1-15

Church-wide Potluck to follow worship (see below for more info) .

Sunday, June 18: "Eternal Flame" Leviticus 6:8-13

This is Rev. Allison's last Sunday In the MBUMC pulpit and the entire Sikes family will lead in worship.

Sunday, June 25: Worship will be lead by a special guest.

Sunday, July 2: MBUMC's new pastor will lead worship.



Mark you calendars and plan on joining us for a **"Picnic Potluck" in our gym following worship on Sunday, June 11th.** It will be a time to share a meal with friends and celebrate community. Bring your favorite summer dish and a good appetite. Right after we eat any child or youth interested in serving as an acolyte is invited to join us for **acolyte training.** We will talk about the 'whys' of acolyting and then practice lighting the candles in the sanctuary. All are welcome. To RSVP or with questions please contact Rev. Allison, Scott Whitfield, or call the church office at 855-6241.

FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

The **JULIET ladies lunch** will meet on **Tuesday, June 12th** and **Tuesday, June 26th at 11am.** For more info and meeting place please contact Kathy Fincke at (337)274-9786.

The **ROMEOS men's lunch** meets **every Wednesday at 11am.** For more Info and meeting place please contact Louis Michiels at (337)526-9379.

The **Jo Boese Circle** will meet on **Wednesday, June 7 at 4pm.**

THRIFT SHOP

June's Thrift Shop sale will be **Friday, June 2nd** and **Saturday June 3rd.** Sale hours are from 7:30am -11:30am. All helping hands and hearts are welcome to come help out. We particularly need help during set up time (6:15am -7:30am) and tear-down time (11:00am -noon).

And remember there is a Thrift Shop work day **EVERY Thursday at 8:30am.** Donations are also accepted during this time.



BIRTHDAYS

6.3 Rebecca Bunch
6.15 Nicole Spell
6.20 Riley Dwight;
Austin LaBove
6.22 Brian Butler
6.26 Stacy Nicosia
6.27 Doug Dowden;
Dwight Hawker

ANNIVERSARIES

6.1 Annette & Matthew
Richey;
6.10 Jessie & Sandy
Casey
6.15 Nicole & Shannon
Spell
6.24 Carol & David
Dwight

HOSPITALITY CART

Every Sunday morning we have a hospitality cart in our lobby for our members and guests to enjoy as they enjoy one another's company. Next time you are at the grocery store pick up some 8oz water bottles, juice boxes or assorted snacks of your choice to keep our cart well stocked. We are also collecting cash for a donut hole fund!

CCE



"Christian Community Experience" aka CCE is a unique week of summer camp for youth who have completed the 9th - 12th grades. Hosted July 17 - 22 at Camp Caney this is a time for learning to know yourself as a child of God, spending time with new friends, studying the Bible, eating together, exploring nature, being creative, resting and more! For more info and registration visit:
<https://christiancommunityexperience.com>

Communion Ministry

A sign-up sheet is now available in our lobby for anyone wanting to be a communion server on the first Sunday of each month. We also need someone to purchase bread. Everyone is invited to participate in this ministry, it is a beautiful way to share the love of God.



Annual Conference

Clergy and lay delegates from the United Methodist churches of Louisiana will gather June 13th - June 16th in Baton Rouge to come together, connect, and chart a course forward that is grounded in faith and hope. I will be in attendance along with Louis Michiels, our MBUMC delegate to Annual Conference. We covet your prayers as we go and will be sure to report back to the congregation following the Conference.



Your Generosity

Your generosity is vitally important to the ongoing ministry and mission of our congregation. There are several ways you can invest:

1. Bring your offering to worship.
2. Mail your offering to the church office at 735 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.
3. Go online to mossbluffumc.org and click on "Give." to access our secure online giving portal.