



The Messenger

June 22, 2017

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of the Greeters at both the Main campus and The Well for their warmth and hospitality.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 9th-13th. Here are ways you can participate!

1. Be a group leader during VBS week.
2. Help decorate for VBS. We will have a "crafting night" on Friday, June 23rd, to make some of our decorations. You can help decorate the week before during any of these times: Mon (7/3) from 5:00-7:00, Wed (7/5) from 5:00-7:00, Fri (7/7) from 10:00-3:00, and Sat (7/8) from 9:30 until we're finished.
3. Donate food for dinners. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobbies for things like cookies, chips, animal crackers, etc.

Volunteer sign-up forms are available in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well.

Registration forms for kids are also available in the lobbies or online at www.funclb.org.



Do You Have a Big Question of Life or Faith?

In August, our worship service at the Main campus will focus on the big questions of life and faith. We want to hear what your questions are. Please email any questions to Jon Kaufman or drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

Ice Cream Social



Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) for our annual ice cream social. Bring a quart of homemade or store bought ice cream, toppings (whipped cream, nuts, syrup, sprinkles, cherries, to name a few), or some finger sandwiches to the CLC and join us for some fun and fellowship.

Study on Revelation Led by Jon Kaufman

The book of Revelation has a message of encouragement and hope for people in troubling times. In this 6 week small group class, we will study Revelation from the perspective of those Christians who first read it using the resource of "Revelation for Today," by Dr. James Efrid professor of New Testament of Duke University. Classes will meet on Thursdays at 6 pm, beginning June 29th, in the Youth Hall at the Main Campus. Books are \$13 each and can be picked up at worship at The Well and Main Campus starting June 18th. To register, call the church office at 228-863-9619.

Job Opportunity as a United Methodist Campus Minister in Long Beach

The Wesley Foundation United Methodist Campus Ministry located on the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast Campus in Long Beach has a job opening for a Campus Minister/Director for the 2017-2018 school year which begins July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2018.

The Campus Minister/Director may be a member of a local United Methodist Church or a United Methodist pastor. An applicant must be knowledgeable about our United Methodist doctrine. He or she must also have attained a Bachelor's Degree. This is a part time paid position. For more information contact Janis Slade, janisslade@aol.com or (228) 209-5268.

Thank You

Thank you so much for thinking of me on my 89th birthday. I miss my Long Beach friends so much. Sweet memories for sure! The card really made my day.
Love, Mary Ann Sessions

Men and Women's Softball Schedule



Please come cheer us on to victory! The home games will be located the Goldin Sports Complex, 12136 Prudie Circle in Gulfport. Please find the times and fields listed below for the coming week:

Men Softball

6/26 Field 4 6:15 Home Campground Baptist
6/26 Field 4 7:30 Home G.C.F. Church of Nazarene
6/27 Field 4 7:30 Away Trinity

Women's Softball

6/26 Field 4 8:45 Away St. James Baptist
6/27 Field 3 8:45 Home Bible Baptist



Summer Mission Project

The school supply lists (for the Long Beach School District) are now available in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well. We are collecting school supplies as our church wide summer mission project.

Online Giving

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at fumclb.org and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

[Online Giving](#)

Weekly Updates and Events

Prayer Concerns...

PC & Dee Havens, Pat & James Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Shorty Haulk, Joseph Poupart, Jackie Branch, Jan Flynn, Sandra

Gibson, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Cory Miller,
John Harrison Doucet, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Alibe Hinton, Susan Molesworth,
Jason LaFrance, Jeremy Smith, John French, Janis Slade, Rev. Love Loftis, Patrick
Kirkland, Carl & Doris Flethrich, Rev. Ron & Connie Durham, Carol Hill, Caitlyn
Johnson, Shayla Hosey, Darrell Clark, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Bonnie Long, Jeri
Allen, Andy Crouch, Mark Powell, & Mary Kerg.

Last Weeks Givings and Attendance

Budget Offering for 6/18/2017 \$7,823.67

8:30 - 117

11:00 - 77

11:00 @ The Well - 272

Sunday School - 135

Welcome

We would like to welcome Christy and Ally Smith into our church family of faith here at First United Methodist of Long Beach.

In Memory

A donation was given in memory of Smiley Calendar by the Aldersgate Sunday school class.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 25th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium USM

3:30 p.m. Puppets upstairs in Moore Hall

5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) in Heritage Hall

Monday, June 26th

6:30 p.m. Exchange Club Meeting

Tuesday, June 27th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Wednesday, June 28th

11:30 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (O.A.K.S.) in the CLC

5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice (HH)

Thursday, June 29th

6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Revelation in Youth Hall

This Sunday 6/25/2017

Sanctuary

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

Series: Beginnings

"God Guides Us"

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-46

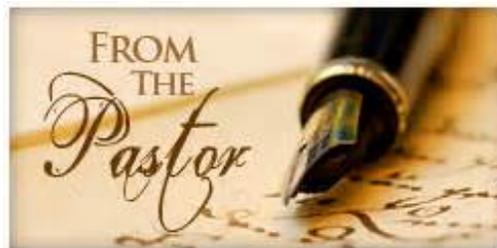
The Well

Rev. Jon Kaufman

Series: Fruit of the Spirit

"Peace"

Galatians 5:16-26



Junk - that's what they encounter when they pick through people's "collections." I'm talking about the two guys from the TV show "American Pickers" who go through old barns, storage sheds, houses, and junk yards seeking out items they can sell. What I love about this show is when they meet a person, a "collector", who has kept something that to many might look like junk to be thrown away, but they are able to see beyond the rust and the imperfections, the wear and tear and see in it, something that has value.

I really like this show for that particular reason, when they are able to see something as valuable despite the fact that it looks to others like junk. This is so much like Jesus who himself entered the world and didn't seem to be valuable himself to many others. Jesus invited people to follow him - many of whom didn't really amount to much and looked like so much "junk" to others. But Jesus saw beyond their imperfections, their "rust," and their wear and tear to see their value to God.

Jesus walked the earth collecting these people - the sinner, the outcast, the poor, the sick, the least, the last and the lost. He gathered them in

and he chose to see beyond the "junk" in their lives to see the treasure within. Jesus believed this so much that he was willing to go to a cross to redeem us all from the junk pile. Jesus thought they were worth it.

Jesus still thinks like that. He looks at us and sees beyond our imperfections, our shame, our scars, and our brokenness and He "picks" us and we too have become part of His "collection." I'm glad to be part of the collection of Christ - that He looks beyond my imperfections and He sees value in me even when it's hard to see it myself. But I have faith in Him and His vision for my life. Jesus still walks with earth but now He is embodied in us, the church, and now we join Him in seeing value in others. We end up being "pickers" for Jesus and it's worth doing.

Yours in Christ,

Jon

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