

Vacation Bible School

The Messenger

July 6, 2017

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of our Sunday school teachers who give of their time to help us grow in our faith.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

"Barnyard Bash" starts this Sunday! Ages 3 through completed 5th grade, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. You can register online @ www.funclb.org or in the church office. If you would like to come see what the children will be doing, please come to the opening program at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



Just July

During the month of July, we invite you to dress more comfortable at the Main Campus. Throughout the month in worship, we will be singing more hymns and having special music.

The Season's Charity Choir Concert

On Saturday, July 22nd at 7 p.m. there will be a concert in the Sanctuary at the Main Campus. The purpose is to raise funds for the Backpack Buddy Program. This Program provides food for need based children in Long Beach and is totally funded by donations. It is currently extremely low in funds and cannot continue without your help! For further information about this program, please contact Lori Cripple or the church office at 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.

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

7/11 Field 1 8:45 Home Faithview 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, Mark Powell, Mary & Dick Kinsler, Hazel Holdenmon, Lil Jobe, & Mary Kerg.

Last Weeks Givings and Attendance

Budget Offering for 7/2/2017 \$10,853.00

8:30 - 125

11:00 - 50

11:00 @ The Well - 202

Sunday School - 104

Welcome

We would like to welcome Joseph Daniel into our family of faith here at FUMC of Long Beach.

Baptism

Paxton Dale Comfort was baptized on Sunday, July 2nd. His parent is Miranda Nicole Comfort, grandparents are Tom & Adrienne Powers, and great grand parents are John & Gladys McCardle.

In Memory

A donation was given in memory of Ed Burford by Claudia Cuevas.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 9th

- 7:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Monday, July 10th

- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Tuesday, July 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Wednesday, July 12th

- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Thursday, July 13th

- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Friday, July 14th

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (VBS) Cleanup
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This Sunday 7/9/2017

Sanctuary

Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

Series: Beginnings

"Joseph the Dreamer"

Genesis 37:3-4, 18-28



Gardens. This year I have planted a garden consisting of a few tomato plants. They have done really well and I managed to stay on top of taking care of the weeding and insects. That is until the last few weeks of rain which beat down the plants. Honestly, I've also been busy in the last few weeks and haven't spent the time needed to really care for them as they need. Even though the tomato plants have been fruitful, I have a feeling they could have done better with a little more care. That is, after all, the way of things that grow - they need care and attention to reach their full potential.

Children need that care and attention too. They need help in growing in their faith in God which is why we have Vacation Bible School aka VBS. During this year's VBS almost 80 of us (me included - I get to be the preschool Bible storyteller) have come forward to tend to the growth of children in their relationship with God. We are choosing to be intentional about tending the garden of faith in their lives.

Here at Long Beach First UMC, we are intentional about children growing in their relationship with God. In everything we do in children and youth ministry here, we emphasize four dimensions of growth. They are:

1. Trust God that God loves you no matter what and that you can accept salvation and make room in life for the Holy Spirit.
2. Grow spiritually by reading the story of the Bible, worship, prayer, asking questions and seeking answers.
3. Choose wisely in life.
4. Love unconditionally - follow Jesus' example of love, forgiveness, and serving God.

In these ways, we are tending to the souls of students in the community

and church and this goes on all year long, not only at VBS. I want you to consider ways you can help tend the garden of faith in our students year round by partnering with children and youth ministries to love, mentor, and make an eternal difference in the life of children and youth. Please ask Lori Cripple or Mary Woodruff how you can start. You will experience great joy and love by taking part in the growing of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Jon

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