



The Messenger

September 20, 2017

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



Our Pastor, Jon Kaufman, for being such a dedicated and active leader. He is present at every event to encourage ministry, fellowship and service all by setting an example!

Harvey Disaster Response



Dear Friends in Christ,

As you are aware, the damage from Hurricane Harvey is widespread and ongoing. Our response as a church to this disaster is three-fold:

1. Pray for the people in the communities impacted by the storm.
2. Give to disaster recovery. Already you have given just under \$4000 so thank you! You can give to disaster recovery beginning this Sunday in all of our worship services. If you give in worship, mark you payments for Disaster Relief. If you give online, select the "Benevolence" option. All monies donated in the "Benevolence" option will be directed to disaster relief. We are also receiving supplies for Health Kits and supplies for children.
3. We have made a connection with First United Methodist Church of Vidor, TX. Pastor John Mooney reports that 80% of the homes in Vidor were flooded including their church and parsonage. Please pray for him, his wife Sharon, and their two young children, Tony and Austin, and their community. We are planning on taking a mission team to Vidor on Wednesday, September 27 - Oct 1st. The team will depart from the church at 4 pm on the 27th and arrive home the evening of the 1st. At this time we plan to focus on debris removal from homes and home clean out. If you are interested in being part of a work team, please call the church office at 228-863-9619.

Older Adult Kindred Spirit (O.A.K.S.)

Please join us on Wednesday, September 27th, at 11:45 a.m. for a potluck lunch in the Christian Life Center. Maryann Heroes from USM will be with us with the new schedule for their Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. She has many different programs available for Seniors. See you there!

Men's Evening Bible Study Mondays at 7:00 PM

Come enjoy support and camaraderie as we delve deep into Scripture and apply it to our daily lives. You are welcome to join at any time. Place: Youth Hall FUMCLB main campus. **Facilitator: Adam Wood**

Guardrails Wednesdays at 6:00 PM beginning mid-September

"Ever wonder what it would be like to have guardrails in ... areas of your life ... where culture baits you to the edge of disaster and then chastises you when you step across the line? Your friendships. Your finances. Your marriage. Maybe your greatest regret could have been avoided if you had established guardrails. In this six-session video-based small group bible study, Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails." Place: The Myers home (Long Beach) **Facilitator: Kim Myers**

Hosting the Presence by Bill Johnson Wednesdays at 6:30 PM starting September 20th

Let the Spirit live inside you! Are you hungry for an encounter with Jesus? Do you want to make an impact on the world? Though all believers obviously have the Spirit of God within them, there is more that enables you to be so full that you overflow His Spirit into your world. Take a journey and meet many great prophets and kings from the Old Testament who were known as people of the Presence-people who, in Johnson's words, "God wanted to be with." Be encouraged toward a pursuit of the Presence of God above all else. Place: The Owen home (Long Beach) **Facilitator: Linda Chambers**

Disciple Fast Track Thursdays at 6:00 PM starting September 21st

Explore the Old Testament in this 11-week study and gain an understanding of its main themes while gaining insight into the life and times of the ancient people of Israel as they are led by God. Place: FUMCLB Main Campus **Facilitator: Glenda Hull** Workbook: \$15.00

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Thursdays at 6:30 pm starting October 5th.

This course from Dave Ramsey includes cash flow planning, dumping debt, retirement planning, insurance and more. Childcare is available through RSVP. You can register online and purchase your materials at <http://www.fpu.com/1049487> Place: FUMCLB main campus **Facilitator: Jon Kaufman** Materials fee: \$100 **Call the church office at 228-863-9619 for more information.**

Thursday Evening Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Space is limited!

Currently studying the Book of Ephesians; the Book of Daniel is next. "Each Thursday we share a meal together, take prayer requests and pray together, study our scripture, and learn to apply it to our lives. The goal is disciple believers based on a better knowledge and understanding of scripture." **Contact Heather Alfonso 228-313-3027 for more information.**



Cruisin' the Coast

We will have our annual Cruisin' the Coast party on Monday, October 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the corner of Jeff Davis and 4th St. There are sign-ups sheets for set up, clean up, and food in the lobby of the main campus and the Well!

United Methodist Women Fall Rummage/Bake Sale

Now is the time to start gathering your "unwanted treasures" for the Fall Sale which will be Saturday, **October 7th** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall.

All monies earned go to our 16 Missions we support: Gulf Coast Center for Non-violence, Moore Community House, Seamen and Trucker's Center, Long Beach Food Pantry, Backpack Ministry, Missionaries: Gongwers Literacy Program - Library, Child Abuse and Prevention Center for South Mississippi, Methodist Hour, Gulf Coast Rescue Mission, Seashore Mission Homeless Ministry, Good Samaritan and Good Neighbor Fund, Wesley Foundation-USM Gulf Coast Campus, United Methodist Men, Open Table Ministry for the Homeless.

Sunday, October 1st - UMM and volunteers will set-up tables, etc. for sale.

Donations may be delivered:

Monday, October 2nd - Thursday, October 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, October 6th - no donations will be accepted so workers can make final preparations for the Sale. Baked Sale items may be delivered to the CLC on Friday or before 8 a.m. on Saturday. It would be helpful if the baked goods could be delivered on Friday.

Saturday, October 7th - Sale from 8 am - 1 pm.

Note: 1. Due to environmental regulations for disposing of TV's, we will accept only flat screens TV's and computer monitors, i.e. LED, LCD, or plasma screens.

2. No magazines will be accepted.

3. Questions? Call Joyce St. John at 865-0051 or 410-279-9155. E-mail dstjohn788@aol.com

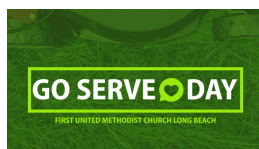


Blessing of the Animals

We believe that our animals are an important part of our lives. We will have a special Blessing of the Animals for them on Saturday, October 14th, at 9:00 a.m. We will be located in the west end of the Christian Life Center parking lot. Please have dogs on a leash and other animals in a crate.

Veterans Day Parade and Concert

We will honor all military veterans on Sunday, November 5th with a parade and a concert. If you have not received an invitation to this event in the past or know of a veteran you like to invite, contact Susan Taylor at the.taylor.family@hotmail.com or 332-1083.



We are planning to have a Go Serve Day on Saturday, November 11th. If you would be interested in leading one of the projects that day, please contact the church office (228-863-9619) by October 14th. Some of the project ideas currently are: visiting the children's shelter/the Armed Services Home/nursing home/hospital, participating in our Open Table ministry, prepping things for our Christmas Eve Lunch, helping one of our local schools, cleaning up our parks, and handing out popsicles at the town green. If you have an idea for a project you would like to lead, we would love to add that, too!

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, Jackie Branch, Jan Flynn, Sandra Gibson, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Cory Miller, John Harrison Doucet, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Susan Molesworth, Jeremy Smith, Janis Slade, Rev. Love Loftis, Patrick Kirkland, Carl & Doris Flethrich, Rev. Ron & Connie Durham, Carol Hill, Caitlyn Johnson, Shayla Hosey, Pat Newcomb, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, Karen Samuelson, Ricky Bullock, Dot Hilton, Butch Borzik, Dawn McGinn, Wayne Eason, Peter Psikogios, & Mary Kerg.

In Sympathy...

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to David Bradley at the death of his mother, Nan Phillips Bradley, and grandfather, William Ray Phillips.

In Memory...

A donation was given in memory of John Crouch by Matt & Jane Waugh.

Donations were given in memory of Linda Boone by Marilyn Scholz, Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, and Paul and Sarah Schroeder.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 24th

- 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)

Monday, September 25th

- 6:30 p.m. Exchange Club Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study in Youth Hall

Tuesday, September 26th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, September 27th

- 11:30 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS) in the CLC
- 4:00 p.m. Mission Trip to Vidor, Texas
- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 28th

- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library

Sunday, October 1st

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. UMM and volunteers will set-up tables
- 3:30 p.m. Puppets upstairs in Moore Hall

Monday, October 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up in the CLC
- 4:00 p.m. Cruisin' the Coast Party at the corner of Jeff Davis and 4th St.

Tuesday, October 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up in the CLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, October 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 5th

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up in the CLC
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library
- 6:30 p.m. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University in Good News Sunday school class

Friday, October 6th

- 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up in the CLC

Saturday, October 7th

- 8:00 - 1:00 p.m. Rummage/Bake Sale in the CLC and MH

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures**Main Campus Sanctuary**

Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

Sermon Series: Moses

Sept 24th - The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Oct 1st - Lessons from the Wilderness
Exodus 17:1-7

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

Sermon Series: David

Sept 24th - David and Bathsheba

2 Samuel 5:6-11:27

Psalm 19

Oct 1st - David and Nathan

2 Samuel 12:1-19:43

Psalm 32



Relax. I saw it as part of a bumper sticker one night this week while driving home along Hwy. 90. The entire message on the bumper sticker was "Relax...God is in charge." I love that!

I noticed the message for two reasons. The first was that it was on a car right in front of me on the road. But the second reason that I noticed and remembered it was because I need to be reminded of that truth on a frequent basis. I had just come out of two meetings, one was about planning for a Go Serve Day in November, and the second was discerning leaders for the church for 2018. Needless to say, both meetings need a lot of thought, work, and effort on our part to see that it is done and both are very important on the life of the church now and in the future.

As I was driving home though, I was thinking ahead to the future and where God is leading us, leading me, and I was feeling the weight of my responsibilities. It was then that I saw the message, "Relax...God is in charge." To me, it was a message from God on the bumper of a car that reminded me to first, relax. Sometimes we just need to relax. Secondly, the greater truth is that God is in charge.

One of the truths about life with God is that it is too easy to think that I can

be/should be/need to be in charge of everything. But this is a dangerous trap in that it puts God and God's plan out in the margins of life. One of the challenges of being a disciple of Jesus is that we can slip into a mindset that centers on "my" plans and we can lose sight of God's plans. I'm glad to have seen that reminder on the bumper of that car. What would happen if we could all remember that God is in control? So relax.

Love in Christ,

Jon

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