



The Messenger

October 18, 2017

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



All of the United Methodist Women for their time and hard work for the Fall Rummage/Bake sale that raises money for missions and aids our local community.

Charge Conference

Our joint Charge Conference with Christ UMC and Diamondhead UMC will be in the Christian Life Center on Tuesday, October 24th, at 6:00 p.m. All Are encouraged to attend. Our Charge Conference will be lead by our District Superintendent, Rev. Jim Fisher.



United Methodist Women News and Activities

Our thanks and appreciation to all who worked to make our Fall Rummage/Bake Sale a success. Over \$5,500 was made for our mission projects. Bake Sale made over \$700. Make sure to mark your calendars for the Spring Sale on May 5th!

Circle Meetings

Polly Mincher	Nov. 14 th	9:30 am	Gladys Mc Cardle
Circle 1	Nov. 20 th	6:30 pm	Linda Sample
Executive Board Meeting	Nov. 6 th	9:30 am	Joyce St. John

Mission: Long Beach Food Pantry
Flowers: Circle 1
Program: Planning for 2018



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 28th, 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.



Come join us for our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th, at 5:00 p.m. We will have a potluck dinner in the Christian Life Center and will end with a trunk or treat for our kids and teenagers! If you would like to supply a trunk of candy, please contact Lori Cripple or the church office. We will have a contest for the Best Decorated Trunk!

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.



God Is In The House

What: Creative Ministries Program

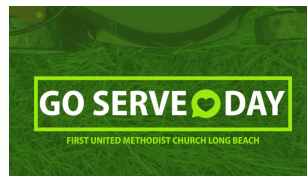
When: Sunday, November 12th

Fellowship Supper at 6 pm; Show will begin at 6:30 pm

Whether your "House" is the church, home, or heart, God is always there. His love is the dominant message. Come join us as we feature God's presence in every month of the year and each season of our hearts. Bring a dish and friend to share in the fun...this is a show for all ages!

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

OAKS group would like to invite all retirees to our October 25th pot-luck lunch and celebrate the colors of Fall and the changing of the seasons.



We will be having a Go Serve Day on Saturday, November 11th. Listed below are some of the projects we will be doing:

1. Several of our Seniors and Shut-ins have a need for some light yard work and small house work and repair
2. Working at a local school
3. Open Table Homeless ministry
4. Christmas Eve Luncheon
5. Christmas gifts for our neighbors
6. Local park clean-up

7. Hand out Popsicles at the Town Green

Please come and help serve our community. We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. to go and serve.

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, Shayla Hosey, Pat Newcomb, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, Karen Samuelson, Ricky Bullock, Dot Hilton, Butch Borzik, Dawn McGinn, Wayne Eason, Shorty Haulk, Peter Psikogios, Marilyn Fayard, Diane Johnson, & Mary Kerg.

In Memory...

A donation was given in memory of Mary Jean McGee by Carlyne McGee.

Baptism...

Savannah and Amelia Sheets were baptized on October 15th. Their parents are John and Grace Sheets.

Thank You...

Dear FUMC Family,

Words cannot express the gratefulness in our heart for the financial support, prayers, and boots on the ground here in Vidor. Our little town will be able to come back and our church continue its mission because of your help and assistance! Many thanks!

FUMC of Vidor

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 22nd

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, October 23rd

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

Tuesday, October 24th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
6:00 p.m. Charge Conference in the CLC
6:00 p.m. Backpack Packing in Moore Hall
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, October 25th

11:45 p.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS) Luncheon in the CLC
5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, October 26th

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

Saturday, October 28th

9:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals in parking lot at Main Campus

Sunday, October 29th

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. Trunk or Treat and Potluck Dinner in the CLC

Monday, October 30th

7:00 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study in Youth Hall

Tuesday, October 31st

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, November 1st

5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 2nd

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

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

Sermon Series: A Change in Perspective

This church wide series (Main Campus and The Well) is intended to help us focus on our mission as a church of making disciples for Jesus.

October 22nd - How Do Others See the Church?
John 13:31-35

October 29th - How Do Others See Me?
Colossians 3:1-17



I am so grateful to God for the staff we have here at Long Beach First UMC. As a staff, we meet together twice a month to remember our mission and to do some planning for future events. We also take time for devotion, prayer, sharing where we see God moving, and needs of our community.

This week, Lori Cripple shared a devotion based on a book by Bill Myers "The Jesus Experience." Lori shared 5 ways to fall deeper in Love with God that I want to pass on to you.

1. **Get on the other side of the cross.** The cross is not the end of our experience with God but the beginning. The cross is about God forgiving you. God is not mad at you. God delights in you. We can have a hard time moving on from our sin and mistakes and beat ourselves up. But God has forgiven you. Accept it and move on to serve God.

2. **God loves you more than you love yourself.** The scripture says 18 times that we are the bride of Christ. God looks on us the same way a groom looks at his bride on their wedding day - over the moon in love. When we have a hard time loving ourselves - remember that God always loves you.

3. **Choose whom you listen to.** The word *Satan* means "accuser." God doesn't see us in terms of what is wrong with us, but in what is missing in us. God doesn't listen to the accuser but we often do. When we hear in our minds the list of all that is wrong with us, it is the accuser speaking to us. Instead listen to the voice of God who loves you and wants to help you.

4. **Re-ignite your love.** I fell in love with Ann when I got to know who she

was by talking with her and spending time with her. We can fall in love with God all over again by talking, listening and spending time with God in prayer, praise, and by reading the Word and allowing it to seep into our souls.

5. The discipline of praise. Praise may not come naturally to us but there are ways to grow it. We can hum a song, offer a quick prayer, thank God through the day. If we are going through a rough day, we may not feel like we can praise or we may not think about it. But when we offer praise to God, we become more open to God's greater love for us which we need especially on days and in situations that try our souls.

Thanks to Lori for sharing this and I hope it can help you fall deeper in love with God who loves us so much. Grace and peace to you all,

Jon

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