



The Messenger

November 2, 2017

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



Bill and Shirley Gay for all of their time and hard work power washing the parking lot and cleaning the windows of the church.

Daylight savings time ends this weekend. **Don't forget to set your clocks back!**

Veterans Day Parade and Concert

Please join us on Sunday, November 5th, at 1:00 p.m. as we gather as a community to show our thanks to our nation's military veterans. Bring your lawn chair to Jeff Davis Avenue and enjoy a parade of military and service organizations followed by a concert of patriotic music at the Town Green. Free refreshments will be served. There will also be free face painting and a booth where you can write a "Thank You" card for our veterans and active military through Operation Gratitude!



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!



Go Serve Day

We will be having a Go Serve Day on Saturday, November 11th.

Here are some of the projects we will be doing: several of our Seniors and Shut-ins have a need for some light yard work and small house work and repair, working at a local school, Open Table Homeless ministry, Christmas Eve Luncheon, Christmas gifts for our neighbors, local park clean-up, and handing out Popsicles at the Town Green. Please come and help serve our community. There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby. We will be meeting from 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. to go and serve.

Children's Choir

Our children's choir will meet for four Sundays to prepare for Christmas opportunities. Our children's choir is for kids ages 3 years old-6th grade who have an interest and a willingness to sing. Choir will meet on the following Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room: Nov 5th, Nov 12th, Nov 19th, Dec 3rd. Dinners will be provided.



Sanctuary Hanging of the Greens

On Sunday, November 19th, you are invited to participate in decorating the sanctuary at the main campus for our upcoming Advent season following the 11:00 a.m. services.

Community Thanksgiving Service

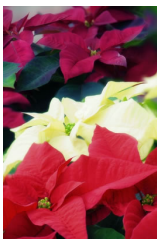
Our annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Long Beach.



Angel Tree Gifts

We are happy for the opportunity to support some of our Long Beach school children again by providing Christmas presents for families who need just a little extra support this Christmas season.

Angel Tree tags will be available in the lobby of the sanctuary and the lobby of the Well on Sunday, November 12th, and Sunday, November 19th. Please consider taking the name of a child to share Christmas with this year.



Poinsettia

Once again the church office is sponsoring the placing of Poinsettias in the sanctuary for the Advent Season. If you would like to participate, pick up an order form in the lobby and return to the church office by November 27, 2017, or place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$10.00 for each plant. You may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Service.

Save the Date

Join us on Saturday, December 2nd, for a Sail-a-bration (boat parade) at the Town Green.

Join us for the United Methodist Women (UMW) Tea on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

We will be having a chili cook off on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

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

The OAKS have voted to change the next meeting to November 15th due to Thanksgiving holidays. Our program will be given by Amanda Wood who will invite you to help and participate in our Christmas Ever Dinner. Please join us for potluck

at 11:45 a.m. in the CLC. If you are not a regular member, please join us.

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, Ann Armstrong, Flora Holifield, & Mary Kerg.

In Memory...

A donation was given in memory of Connie Cole by Alice Krass.

Baptism...

Palmer Grace Mackay was baptized on October 22nd. Her parents are Craig and Katie Mackay.

Welcome...

We would like to welcome Edwin & Linda Chambers into our family of faith here at FUMC of Long Beach.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 5th

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

1:00 p.m. Veterans Day Parade

3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall

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

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir

Monday, November 6th

9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting at Joyce St. John's

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

Tuesday, November 7th

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

6:00 p.m. Backpack Packing in Moore Hall

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, November 8th

5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, November 11th

9:00 a.m. Serve Day in the CLC

4:00 p.m. Long Beach High School Concert in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 12th

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

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper in the CLC

6:30 p.m. Creative Ministries Program "God Is In the House"

Monday, November 13th

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the Good News Classroom

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

Tuesday, November 14th

9:30 a.m. Polly Mincher Circle Meeting at Gladys McCardle's

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, November 15th

11:45 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (O.A.K.S.) Luncheon in the CLC

5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Auditorium

Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

The Well USM Fleming

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.

November 5th - Who Do Others See When They See Me?
2 Corinthians 5:11-21

November 12th - Who does Jesus See?
Luke 8:40-56



Growing Up. I'm coming to terms with a fact of life - the fact that my kids are growing up. We have one out of the house who has finished college, another who is in her senior year in high school, and our third is a sophomore in high school. I am grieving the fact that Ann and I are going to be "empty nesters" in 2 ½ years.

This week was Halloween and I miss the fact that they don't dress up any more to go trick or treating. There is a part of me that grieves over this fact that they are no longer little ones that we read stories to and tuck in at night. There is a part of me that is saddened by this inevitable growth into adulthood.

Yet, isn't parenting all about helping them to grow - to equip them, train them, encourage them to grow into being mature men and women of faith in God and maturity of character? It's our job to do our best to help them to grow and be independent, so it's also heart-filling to see them grow into responsibility and maturity.

I really enjoyed seeing that through the eyes of our middle child, Lauren, who got excited this week about helping children. Her high school plans a trunk-r-treat for all the elementary school kids in Ocean Springs. She got so excited to plan, dress up and set up with her friends a trunk to bless the kids who would be visiting their school campus for trunk-r-treat. I see in her the transformation from one who loved to dress up and go out trick or treating for candy into one who gets excited in giving to others. Now she still likes getting candy, but she was excited to give.

I think about growing in faith and how we are all growing up in Christ - being molded by God's grace - becoming mature followers of Jesus. As we grow, we become more aware of how we can help others come to know Jesus and grow. We still need the loving hand of God in

our lives but also begin to focus more on how we might bless others to help them grow too.

I see evidence of that growth in you and your desire to bless others by your serving and giving. I give thanks for you and for how I see God working through you as lives are transformed, the lonely who are befriended, and those who are weary who are encouraged. I see it and I give thanks for your love of God and neighbor. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Yours in Christ,

Jon

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