



The Messenger

November 15, 2017

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



All those who came out and made a difference in the community by serving on Serve Day!

Key Cards

Please be sure to update your key cards as they will expire at the end of the year.

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.



Come Decorate For Jesus!

Our Hanging of the Greens will take place after the 11:00 service this Sunday, November 19th. Please join us in preparing our sanctuary for the Advent season.

Chrismon Service

We will have a Chrismon service to decorate our Chrismon tree on Sunday, November 26th, at 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour.



Chili Cook Off

We will have a Chili Cook-off on Sunday, December 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your taste buds and your best chili or your favorite side dish to go with it. We will vote for our favorite chili with money, and the money will go to support the youth summer trip.

Sea Santa Sail-a-Bration

The Long Beach boat parade (Sea Santa Sail-a-bration) is on Saturday, December 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The Well band and our children will be singing at the Town Green before the parade. Our church will be providing a "snow station" for kids from 6:15-7:30 p.m. If you are able to sign up for a 15 minute shift, there will be a sign up sheet in the lobby or you can let Lori Cripple know.

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.

United Methodist Women Christmas Tea

The U.M.W. Christmas Tea is on Sunday, December 3rd from 2-4 p.m. at Jim & Becky Collins home located at 555 Mockingbird Drive. We will honor our outstanding U.M.W. members. All women of the church are invited.

Missions: Money Tree for Moore Community House,
Gulf Coast Center for Non-violence—unwrapped gifts for children to give their mothers. Paper/ribbon/bows/tape/name tags/cards.

Circle Meetings for December

Polly Mincher –Dec. 13

Circle 1 –December 18

Flowers –Polly Mincher

Community Outreach Christmas Eve Luncheon

Long Beach First United Methodist Church will be hosting its 8th annual community-wide Christmas Eve luncheon. Lunch will be served from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Christian Life Center. We will provide a meal and children's activities. Last year we served almost 500 people! We are expecting that number to grow even more this year! This event is not possible without the help from the congregation. Please see the list below and pray about ways you can serve alongside this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Wood via email, aeswood@gmail.com or phone, 228-547-9514. Sign up sheets for food and volunteering will be located in the narthex, Sunday school rooms, and the Well lobby.



Items needed:

- *monetary donations
- *Side dishes
- *desserts
- *Volunteers to cook turkeys and/or hams
- *Volunteers to serve food
- *Volunteers to deliver meals to service men and women and homebound
- *Greeters during lunch
- *Individuals or families to play music, tell Christmas stories, or read devotions
- *setup and decorations Wednesday, Dec 20 5pm-7pm
- *Grocery shopping help prior to event
- *Cleanup crew Dec 24 12:30pm-1:30pm
- *Names for those in need of meal delivery
- *advertising help prior to event

Advent Schedule



Sunday, November 26th

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship
10:00 a.m. Chrismon Tree decorating in Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. The Well

Saturday, December 2nd

5:30 p.m. Sea Santa Sail-a-bration event on Town Green (Well band and children's choir sing ahead of time)

Sunday, December 3rd

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship- LBHS Madrigal singers
11:00 a.m. The Well - LBHS Trumpets
2:00 p.m. United Methodist Women's Christmas Tea at Rebecca Collins' home
6:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off in Christian Life Center

Saturday, December 9th

8:00 a.m. Santa Breakfast in Christian Life Center and Christmas on the Avenue at the Town Green

Sunday, December 10th

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship - Cantata
11:00 a.m. The Well- Children's choir
5:00 p.m. Youth party and MiB (5th and 6th grade) party

Sunday, December 17th

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship
11:00 a.m. The Well- LBHS Madrigal singers

Sunday, December 24th

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary and The Well services
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Lunch in Christian Life Center
4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service (Well band and children's choir)
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service (Chancel choir)

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, Yvonne Lutenbacher, Roy Burke, Lyla Dubuisson, Kristy Green, Penny Denmark, & Mary Kerg.

Thank You...

We would like to thank Jim Merkle, Robert Simpson, Betty Sparkman, & Andy, Mandy, and Alan Long for coming and helping us on Serve Day.
Sharon and Shorty Haulk

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 19th

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. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, November 21st

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

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 22nd, 23rd, 24th Office Closed

Saturday, November 25th

8:00 a.m. Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast in the CLC

Sunday, November 26th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Chrismon Service in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium USM
5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, November 27th

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

Tuesday, November 28th

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

6:00 p.m. Backpack Packing

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, November 29th

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, December 2nd

5:30 p.m. Sea Santa Sail-A-Bration (Boat Parade) at the Town Green

Sunday, December 3rd

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

2:00 p.m. United Methodist Women (UMW) Tea - Collin's home 555 Mockingbird Dr

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. Chili Cook Off in the CLC

Monday, December 4th

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

Tuesday, December 5th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, December 6th

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

Saturday, December 9th

7:00 a.m. Santa Breakfast in the CLC

Christmas on the Avenue at the Town Green

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

November 19th

"Stop, Turn Around, Give Thanks"

Luke 17:11-19

**November 26th**

Series: Unwrapping the Gifts of Christmas "Gift of Hope"

Lamentations 3:19-26

December 3rd

Series: Unwrapping the Gifts of Christmas "Gift of Peace"

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

November 19th

Series: Thanksgiving- It's more Than a Turkey
"We Depend on God"
Psalm 107:8-9

November 26th

Series: Thanksgiving- It's More Than a Turkey
"We Are Content with God"
Philippians 4:11-13

December 3rd

Series: Songs of Christmas
"What Child is This?"
Luke 2:1-20



Grateful. I've been thinking about gratitude a lot lately - not only because of the season we are in but because I have much for which I am grateful. I'm grateful for my wife Ann who loves me unconditionally. Lately, I have been more intent on telling her "thank you" for the small things she does in the life of our family. From washing clothes, to paying the bills, to keeping us clothed, and even painting cabinets and walls, she gives so much of herself. I'm grateful for my kids and for who they are (I just wish they weren't growing as fast as they are).

I'm also grateful to you, the congregation of Long Beach First UMC. I was telling someone this week in a phone call that I am having a blast being one of your pastors. I deeply appreciate your faithfulness to God, the love you have for one another, your genuine spirit, and your open hearts that welcome the stranger and provide for those in need. I really enjoy every moment of the day as your pastor.

I am, above all, grateful for God for helping me to find my way to Jesus. It's in Jesus that I have a deep sense of meaning and purpose in life serving Him. I'm grateful for being a child of God which I don't deserve, but have received and am receiving day-to-day.

Lately, my eyes have become more open for reasons to be grateful and God has been showing me more and more. Recently, I read of a

scientific study related to gratitude and quality of life. One group was asked to write down 5 things each **week** they were thankful for. Another group was asked to identify 5 problems a **day** and write those down. The study revealed that those who were asked to look for gratitude had better health than those who looked for problems.

I want to invite you to look for gratitude. Start a gratitude journal, count your blessings, jot down what you are thankful for. I believe what when we start looking for gratitude, we start seeing it all over the place.

Grace and Peace,
Jon

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