



The Messenger

January 4, 2018

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



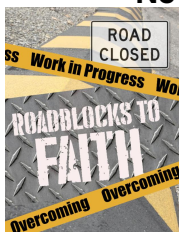
Amanda Wood for all her hard work serving our community by putting together the Christmas Eve luncheon.

2018 Annual Leadership Training for the Seashore District

Join us on Sunday, January 7th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC located at 5007 Lawson Ave in Gulfport for our annual leadership training workshops. Workshops to be offered are:

PPRC/Clergy Excellence - Rev. Dr. Larry Hilliard
Finance - Mr. David Stotts
Lay Leader - Mrs. Vera Thomas
Trustees - Mr. Ed Jones
Safe Sanctuaries - Rev. Vickie White
Edinting Membership roles - Rev. Dayna Goff

New Sermon Series starting January 7th Main Campus



Jesus invites us on a journey to begin, to grow, and to mature in faith. But along the way we will encounter roadblocks to overcome. Join us in worship as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples in the gospels of Mark and John as they encounter and overcome Roadblocks to Faith.

January 7 - Overcoming the Roadblock of Sin
January 14 - Overcoming the Roadblock of Judging Others
January 21 - Overcoming the Roadblock of Judging Ourselves
January 28 - Overcoming the Roadblock of Evil
February 4 - Overcoming the Roadblock of Loneliness
February 11 - Strategies for Overcoming Roadblocks of Faith



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

There will be a Vacation Bible School planning meeting on Sunday, January 28th, at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in heading up one of the areas of VBS for this summer (crafts, food, decoration, science, Bible story, music, games, etc.), please plan to join us! If you are interested in helping but can't make the meeting, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.

Volunteering for our Children

It is a new year with new possibilities! If you have ever thought of working with our children's church or Well Jr. classes, now would be a great time to check out this opportunity. I would love to have a conversation with you about volunteering with our kids! Contact me at (228)324-3622 or lcripple@hotmail.com.

MIB Spud Luncheon

Our Methodist In Betweens (5th and 6th graders) will be hosting a Baked Potato Lunch as a fundraiser for Backpack Buddies on Sunday, January 14th, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Fixins' for the potatoes as well as drinks and desserts will be available for a donation in the amount of your choice. You will have the option to dine in or carry out. Be sure to include this as your lunch plan and support two great groups!



Confirmation 2018

It's time to begin confirmation for our 8th graders. Confirmation is a time for youth to decide to follow Jesus as one of His Disciples. It is to "make firm" the faith proclaimed over them in their baptisms as infants or it is to prepare youth for baptism and entrance in the body of Christ, the church. Confirmation is designed

for students in 8th grade or older students who wish to profess faith in Christ. There will be an information meeting for our confirmation students and parents on January 21 during the Sunday School hour in the Youth Hall. To begin confirmation, there will be a confirmation retreat on January 26-28th at Seashore Assembly in Biloxi where they will stay overnight Friday and Saturday nights. The cost will be \$50 per student which includes a t-shirt, lodging and meals. Financial assistance is available to those who have need. Please call the church office at 228-863-9619 for more information.

UMW Activities



Circle Meetings: Circle 1 Jan 15th 6:30 pm Soup and Dessert
Joyce St. John's home at 514 Mockingbird Dr.

Polly Mincher Jan. 9th 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Penny Denmark

Program: 2018 Yearbook
Mission: Long Beach Food Pantry
Flowers: Circle 1

All women of the church are invited to attend circle meetings. For more information call Joyce St. John at 865-0051.

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, 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, Dawn Rhoades, Martha Hart, Morgan Haley, Norma Napier, & Mary Kerg.

In Memory...

Donations were given in memory of Linda Sample by Alice Krass and June Odom.

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I class.



We would like to welcome Raymond and Holly Beets and their son, Roman, into our church family of faith here at FUMCLB.

Birth Announcement

Dale and Tinnin Wolfe gave birth on January 3, 2018, to a son named Henry Oliver, weighing 7 lbs and 2 oz.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 7th

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. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, January 8th

6:30 p.m. Exchange Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 9th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
9:30 a.m. Polly Mincher Circle with Penny Denmark hosting
7:00 p.m. Well Band practice

Wednesday, January 10th

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

Friday, January 12th

Long Beach High School Cheer Team Blood Drive in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

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Monday, January 15th

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the CLC
6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 meeting at Joyce St. John's 514 Mockingbird Dr.
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the Good News classroom

Tuesday, January 16th

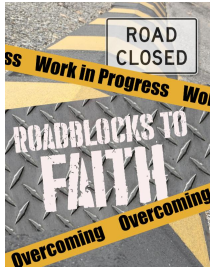
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Well Band practice

Thursday, January 18th

12:30 p.m. Garden Club Meeting in the CLC

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher



January 7th

Series: Overcoming Roadblocks to Faith "Overcoming the Roadblock of Sin"
Mark 1:4-11

January 14th

Series: Overcoming Roadblocks to Faith "Overcoming the Roadblock of Judging Others"
John 1:43-51

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

January 7th

Series: Along The Way
Acts 2:42-47

December 14th

Series: Along The Way
2 Timothy 3:16-17



Excited! I am excited for the beginning of 2018 and to see what God will give to us as a church. This past year, we experienced the blessings of life changing ministry that we have shared. From the ways that we give ourselves, our heart, and soul, and our resources to feed the hungry including Back Pack Buddies, support of the Long Beach Food Pantry, feeding the homeless through the Open Table Ministry and finally to give ourselves away on Christmas Eve to feed hundreds of our Gulf Coast Neighbors.

Together, we gave to help those recovering from Hurricanes and we have helped to transform lives in our community by helping people find jobs, housing, and a new beginning in life. We have given to ministry and the work for God's Kingdom in excess of \$80,000 through giving to our conference Mission Shares, disaster relief, and mission donations through our United Methodist Women, and Children and Youth Ministries.

Together, we have given the work of our hearts, hands, and resources so that we could be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and beyond. I say all of this because it is part of our mission to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World. And do you know what - in 2017, 57 people decided to live out their discipleship by becoming part of the family of faith at Long Beach FUMC. Twenty-seven of those 57 persons decided to follow Jesus for the first time. In addition,

we celebrated 16 baptisms as we welcomed new persons into the family of faith.

I am excited to serve among such people in Long Beach who love God and love their neighbors. You are a special people because you are watching for the movement of the Holy Spirit and you are responding! That's why I am so excited to begin this new year and see it unfold. I believe God has good things in store for us as we seek to grow our mission of Making Disciples for Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace, Jon

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