



# The Messenger

March 8, 2018

## Upcoming Events



### Daylight Savings Time Begins

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

### Shine On...



Robert Simpson, Merle Burman, and Doug St. John for faithfully coming to the church every Monday to count and deposit monies from the previous Sunday.

### Open Church-Wide Meeting - Sunday March 18 at 3 PM

For the past 8 months a small team consisting of persons from both campuses have been envisioning a plan to help us as Long Beach First United Methodist Church to move forward into the future. Through many meetings, much study, and prayer the team envisioned a plan to help Long Beach FUMC focus intently on our mission of making new disciples and helping all of us to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

**Therefore, you are invited to a gathering time on Sunday March 18 at 3:00 pm in the Christian Life Center at the Main Campus so that as disciples of Jesus you will know where we are headed as a church.** We are all part of this church, the body of Christ at Long Beach FUMC and you are part of what God is doing in our community to help people to encounter Jesus, to experience the love of Jesus in a community of faith, and to foster transformation in our lives.

## Easter Eggs

Thank you so much for your generous response to our request for Easter eggs. If you would still like to donate to our community Easter egg hunt, we are in need of candy to fill the eggs. We will be accepting donations through Sunday, March 18th.



### "Senior" Prom sponsored by Children's Ministry

Our children will be hosting a "senior" prom on Friday, March 16th, from 6:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Children's Ministry is inviting our adult church friends to come to a prom in their honor. This event is designed to allow our kids and older adults some time to interact with each other. Dressing fancy is not at all necessary but could be fun!

Kids will have the opportunity to help serve and entertain but also have some fun by joining in the dancing! If you have a child who would like to participate by serving at the prom, please contact Lori Cripple at (228) 324-3622.

## Countdown to the 2018 Sampling Supper on Saturday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at Long Beach FUMC!

There'll be Delicious Food! Entertainment! Prizes! A Silent Auction!  
This is a very important fundraiser for the Wesley Foundation campus ministry at USM in Long Beach and MGCCC-JD in Gulfport. Proceeds are vital to maintain a United Methodist presence on these two college campuses.

How You Can Help:

1. Buy a ticket for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students of all ages. Age 4 & younger are free.
2. If you know you won't be able to attend, cash donations are always appreciated.

If you would like to purchase a ticket, call Janis Slade at 209-5268 or e-mail [janisslade@aol.com](mailto:janisslade@aol.com).

The Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry on the USM Campus in Long Beach needs a treasurer. It is a part time volunteer position. If interested please contact Janis Slade at 209-5268 or [janisslade@aol.com](mailto:janisslade@aol.com).

## United Methodist Women Activities



### Circle Meetings:

Polly Mincher Circle March 13th 9:30 a.m. Trudy Newland/Peggy Rowell  
Circle 1 March 19th 6:30 p.m. Donna Joplin

**Program:** Call to Prayer

**Mission:** Call to Prayer Offering

**Flower:** Circle 1

**Mission Study:**

March 21st at 9:00 a.m. - Noon in the CLC

Living in a Covenant Community

Leader: Glenda Hull

Please notify Joyce St. John if you plan to attend.

Covenants are found in the Bible from the moment God created man and woman until the last page of Revelation. This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance your understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. Living as a Covenant Community will engage you with our covenant God, will help you grow in your love for God, for each other, and for your neighbors near and far.

### **Spring Fling Luncheon**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the CLC

Speaker: Caro

I Burnett

For more information about UMW or any of these activities, please contact Joyce St. John at 865-0051.

## **Summer Mission Trip Opportunity**

This summer in partnership with First United Methodist



Church Vidor, TX, our youth ministry will be hosting a week long mission camp in Vidor, TX. This community was devastated last summer due to Hurricane Harvey.

There will be many

ways to serve. We will need youth and adult volunteers to help with meals, worship, work sites, and camp logistics.

There will be an informational meeting for students,

parents, and any adults willing to serve. The camp will take place June 25 - 30. The camp is open to students entering 7<sup>th</sup> - exiting 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost of the camp for each camper will be \$175. This will cover all meals and t-shirt. Please save these important dates and consider serving with us.

March 21, 2018- Informational Meeting in Heritage Hall @5:30pm

May 27 - 30, 2018- Planning Trip to Vidor FUMC

June 21- 25- Camp Set up and Prep Vidor FUMC

June 25-30- Week of Camp @ Vidor FUMC

### **Online Giving**

**Just a reminder, you can go to our website at [fumclb.org](http://fumclb.org) and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.**

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## **Weekly Updates and Events**

### **Prayer Concerns...**

PC & Dee Havens, Pat & James Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy

Reynolds, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Susan Molesworth, Janis Slade, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Shayla Hosey, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Dawn McGinn, Wayne Eason, Shorty & Sharon Haulk, Flora Holifield, Dawn Rhoades, Chet Yates, Jo Holyfield, Lyla Dubuisson, Tommy Taylor, Vernona Murphy, Louise Ray, & Martha Hart.

### **In Memory...**

Donations were given in memory of Ann Armstrong by Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, UMW Circle1, and Janis Slade.

A donation was given in memory of Linda Sample by Janis Slade.

Donations were given in memory of Dot Hilton by Janis Slade and the Tuesday Lunch Bunch.

A donation was given in memory of Polly Mincher by Janis Slade.

A donation was given in memory of Scott Braswell by Doug & Joyce St. John.

A donation was given in memory of Jackie Branch by Doug & Joyce St. John.



We would like to welcome into our church family of faith here at First UMC, Larry & Dusty Ahlgren.

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## **Weekly Calendar**

### **Sunday, March 11th**

- 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, March 12th**

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class (CLC)
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (CLC)
- 6:30 p.m. Exchange Club Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Good News class)

**Tuesday, March 13th**

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

**Wednesday, March 14th**

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

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 15th**

9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class (CLC)

12:30 p.m. Garden Club Meeting (CLC)

5:00 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

**Friday, March 16th**

6:00 p.m. Senior Prom (CLC)

**Sunday, March 18th**

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. Church Council on Discipleship (CLC)

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

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

**Monday, March 19th**

9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class (CLC)

**Tuesday, March 20th**

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

**Wednesday, March 21st**

9:00 a.m. UMW Mission Study (CLC)

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

5:30 p.m. Informational Meeting for Youth Summer Mission Trip

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 22nd**

9:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class (CLC)

5:00 p.m. Bible Study (Library)

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# Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary  
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

March 11th  
Series: The Last Day  
"Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate"  
Mark 15:1-15

March 18th  
Series: The Last Day  
"Torture and Humiliation of a King"  
Mark 15:15b-23

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium  
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

March 11th  
Series: Along The Way  
"The Last Supper"  
John 13:1-38

March 18th  
Series: Along The Way  
"Farewell Discourse"  
John 15:1-16



Faith. Having a living and growing relationship with God centers on learning to trust God with the big and little things in life. I'm thankful for all the people in my life who helped lead me to trust in God. My parents, who loved me and taught me by their actions what it meant to trust God. My United Methodist pastors that taught me and loved me and shared the gospel with me and watered and nourished my faith.

But it was in the Wesley Foundation, the United Methodist Campus ministry at USM where my faith came alive. It was there I experienced deep relationships in a community of love, grace, accountability, and calling. It was there that God first spoke to me through leaders and friends about entering ministry. It was at the Wesley Foundation, while at college and away from home, I found a spiritual home and a place to belong.

My whole life changed because of the home of faith I found at a Wesley Foundation and

I'm so thankful that my oldest daughter Erin found the same experience at the Wesley Foundation in Starkville. This year I have another high school senior, Lauren who will also be part of the Wesley Foundation at MSU.

Wesley Foundations are found at all four year colleges and universities and in most 2 year colleges in Mississippi. All of them have the same mission which is to help students grow in faith in God and to find a community in which they can experience love, grace, accountability and calling.

That's why I hope you will support the ministry of the Wesley Foundation on Saturday [April 1st](#) when Long Beach First UMC hosts the annual Sampling Supper at 6 pm in our Christian Life Center. Come and eat and also come to support this important community on our two local community colleges. Bring your dollars, your checkbooks, and your appetites! You will be helping students continue to find a spiritual home away from home.

Grace and Peace, Jon

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