



The Messenger

April 5, 2018

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



All of the volunteers that contributed to our Easter breakfast.



United Methodist Women Activities

Spring UMW Rummage/Bake Sale

Now is the time to start gathering your "unwanted treasures" for the Spring Sale which will be **Saturday, May 5th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall.**

Sunday, April 29th UMM and Volunteers will set-up tables, etc. for Sale

Donations may be delivered:

Monday, April 30th --Thursday, May 3rd. Bring donations to CLC.

Donations will be sorted and priced from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, May 4th–Get ready for sale. No donations accepted.

Saturday, May 5th --Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clean-up 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Important Note:

1. Due to environmental regulations for disposing of TV's, we will accept only flat screen TV's and computer monitors, i.e. LED, LCD, and plasma screens.
2. No magazines will be accepted.

For more information or questions, please contact Joyce St. John at 865-0051 or email dstjohn788@aol.com.

Circle Meetings

Polly Mincher April 10th 9:30 a.m. Claudia Cuevas
Circle 1 April 16th 6:30 p.m. Beth Lewis

Calling All Handbell Ringers

Handbells will begin Wednesday, April 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Anyone interested in joining handbells, please feel free to come. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Mandy Long at 697-5034.



Vacation Bible School is Coming!

Get ready to GO FISH at Vacation Bible School this summer! VBS will be July 8th-12th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. We are already signing up volunteers for this incredible week of fun! We have opportunities that range from group leaders to kitchen volunteers. We would like to have all of our volunteers signed up by June so go ahead and mark your calendars and let Lori Cripple know how you would like to serve our kids and our community during this week. For questions about the different opportunities, contact Lori at (228)324-3622 or lcripple@hotmail.com.



Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

We love our volunteers! We love the way you serve and give of yourselves and show Jesus to those around you. We want to celebrate the ministry you've accomplished this year by showing our thanks through food! Please join us for lunch on **Sunday, April 29th, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Rich and Carla Haney, 20159 Lovers Lane** in Long Beach. Everything will be provided for you. Please come and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

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 7th - exiting 12th 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

Holy Land Trip

Our church has planned a trip to the Holy Land in Israel for February 13 - 22, 2019. We will explore Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jericho and more. It will be a powerful to walk the ground where Jesus walked. If you are interested, please call the church office for more information at 228-863-9619.



Church Softball Team Sign-up

There are sign-up sheets at both the main campus of FUMCLB and The Well for anyone interested in playing slow-pitch softball this season. We had a men's and women's team last year and hope to have them again this year. Maybe even a co-ed team. The season will start in mid May and runs through mid July. Games are played on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday nights in Gulfport. Any questions please contact Rob Myers (228)596-6657 or Jason Lindholm (228)343-2128.



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.

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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, Catherine Yates, Jo Holyfield, Tommy Taylor, Louise Ray, Norma Napier, Tina Botte, Mary Kinser, Martha Owen, Anne Ladner, Cynthia Smith, & Martha Hart.

In Memory...

A donation was given in memory of Ann Armstrong by John Woods.

A donation was given in memory of Austin Barker by Lewis and Dixie Alexander.

A donation was given in memory of Billy McGee by Bennie and Pete McGee.

In Honor...

A donation was given in honor of our 57th wedding anniversary by Robert Simpson.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 8th

- 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, April 9th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)

Tuesday, April 10th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 9:30 a.m. Polly Mincher Circle Claudia Cuevas
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, April 11th

- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, April 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library

Sunday, April 15th

- 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, April 16th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)
- 6:30 p.m. Circle One Beth Lewis

Tuesday, April 17th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, April 18th

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

6:00 p.m. Handbells in the choir room

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, April 19th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)

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

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

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

April 8th
"Knowing Jesus"
Luke 24:13-35

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

April 8th - Rev. Marc Massie
Series: Along The Way
"Do You Love Me?"
John 21:15-10

Starting April 15th, we will begin a new sermon series at the Main Campus and The Well titled "Growing Disciples". You are invited to join us as we talk about what it means to follow Jesus and grow as His disciple.

April 15th
"An Invitation to Discipleship"
Acts 2:43-47



Together. This week I have taken some time off while our kids are on spring break so that I can spend some time with them, and so that Ann and I can create a healthy place for plants to grow in the front yard of our home. We are planning it and doing the work together. We are working on this because the current plant beds were so low that rain water pools there and drowns the plants. So, we are raising the beds and creating a decorative feature to help with the drainage. We wanted to create a good environment so plants could grow and be healthy and beautiful. We are doing this together and I am enjoying doing this with her.

As we have been working the past few days, I have been reflecting on where we are going as a church as we work toward our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Like gardening, we want to be a church that is a community of people who, are together, a fertile ground where people can come to follow Jesus and to grow deeper in loving like Jesus, living like Jesus, and serving like Jesus. This is the process we believe is biblical and follows the ways that Jesus led people into a transformed life in relationship with God and one another.

Jesus called people into a life of loving God and having a relationship with God that is deep and personal. Jesus also called people into a life of loving our neighbors in a deep and personal way, whoever they may be, even if they are our enemies. Jesus promised us that when we seek this way of life, we are changed and transformed! So following Jesus is always communal - community with God and community with people. Jesus even said to his followers that whenever we gather together in His name, even 2 or 3, He will be there. Jesus invites us into a community where we are cared for, where we are loved, where we are changed and transformed, and where we help others come to follow Jesus.

I hunger for these things - for growth and change in my own life. Having gone through the stories of the cross and of Easter resurrection, I want to experience more of Jesus in my life so that I can offer more of Jesus to those around me. Because the truth is, those in my world need more of Jesus. They need more of Jesus, I need more of Jesus and our community needs more of Jesus. My prayer is that our community finds Jesus in us and that we experience more of Jesus as we move forward together.

Love in the name of Jesus, Jon

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Our Mission

Make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

To be a church that makes disciples that Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus, and Serve Like Jesus.