



The Messenger

May 3, 2018

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



Rich and Carla Haney for opening their lovely home for our volunteer appreciation dinner.



United Methodist Women Activities

The Spring Rummage/Bake Sale which will be this **Saturday, May 5th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall**. Clean-up will be at 1:00-3:00 p.m. All proceeds go to supporting 16 of our local ministries. A special thanks to all who have worked to make this Sale a success—the volunteers who set-up on Sunday, workers who have sorted and priced items all week, and those who will come out Saturday to buy our treasures and baked goods. THANK YOU!

Mission Study

On Wednesday, May 16th at 9:00 a.m. - noon in the Christian Life Center, we will

have a Mission Study titled "Missionary Conferences of UMC in the U.S." Our leader is Rev. Jon Kaufman.

Circle Meetings

Polly Mincher Circle May 8th Dine Out

Circle one May 21st 6:30 Dixie Stevens

Flowers–Circle 1 Mission: Seamen/Truckers

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



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.



Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS) Spring Outing

For

OAKS members who have signed up to join us on the Honey Island Swamp Tour on Wednesday, May 9th, please be at the Christian Life Center and ready to leave at 9:45 a.m. We will have the van and 2 other vehicles going. If you have to cancel your reservation, please refer to your orange receipt stub.

FUMC Youth Mission Trip

In 2006, MOSAIC Mission Camp was started here at First United Methodist Church with the help of another church in response to the need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. This summer, our youth would like to do the same for First UMC in Vidor, TX, in response to the need after Hurricane Harvey.



They will be traveling to Vidor in June to host MOSAIC at their campus. The camp will involve the students working in small teams at different sites in the community during the day and coming together for worship each night. The students will be eating and sleeping at FUMC Vidor during the week of camp.

This is going to be an incredible week in the lives of the youth and adults who are involved in the camp. Here are some opportunities for you to get involved, too!

1. Be part of the camp! We are looking for adults to make the trip to Vidor with the youth the week of Monday, June 25th- Saturday, June 30th. You can

volunteer as an adult chaperone, as a part of the kitchen crew, or as a work site coordinator for the week. You would stay on site at the church and get to participate in the worship as well.

2. Sponsor a youth camper from Vidor. The camp fee is \$175.00. We are excited to give the kids at FUMC Vidor this opportunity to serve their own community, and we are looking forward to working alongside them.

3. Donate! Give a monetary donation of any amount toward the operation of the camp or donate the supplies that will be needed. Supplies we are looking for are: paint rollers and roller trays, paint brushes, work gloves, safety glasses/goggles, hammers, utility knives, bug spray, and sunscreen.

4. Pray for our kids and adults who will be making this trip. Pray for the preparation of the camp space, the worksites, the worship planning, and the hearts of all of those who will be involved in or impacted by the effects of what God has in store for this week.

SENIOR SERVICES

The Sunday Fund - A Benevolence Fund for Older Adults

The Sunday Fund is a benevolence fund created to meet the financial burdens of elders who live on a MSS campus, across Mississippi. These are elders who have outlived their resources and can no longer afford the cost of housing or care. Your gift will ease these financial burdens and allow elders to live with grace and dignity. We will be taking up an offering for this fund on Sunday, May 13th. Donations can also be given securely online at www.mss.org.

"Singing Men" Concert



On Sunday, May 20th, at 6:00 p.m. we are excited to have the "Singing Men," a group of 11 men from all over the state including our own Timothy Wise who is now serving as minister of music at Central UMC in Meridian, led by Dr. Larry Smith, retired professor of voice at USM perform for us in the Sanctuary. They will sing sacred choral music and will have a program sharing some favorite hymns.

Nurture Committee Meeting

Our Nurture committee will be meeting on Sunday, May 20th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. If you feel called to care for others and would like to explore being a part of this team, please make plans to join us. Our committee is also collecting information on our active military members and their families. Please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622 if you have any active military in your family.

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.



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.

Weekly Updates and Events



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, Tommye Taylor, Louise Ray, Norma Napier, Tina Botte, Mary Kinser, Martha Owen, Anne Ladner, Jim Hamilton, Jeri Hayward, Cynthia Smith, & Martha Hart



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Dabbs & Mary Woodruff and family at the death of his father, Clyde Woodruff, Jr.



We would like to welcome Kerri Broy and J.T. & Danielle Cockrell into our family of faith here at FUMC of Long Beach.



We would like to congratulate our 2018 graduating class of seniors. They are: Sarah Jane Bishop, Summer Owen, Addie Holston, Justin Lindholm, Preston Bang, Laurel Lukes, Mac Dulaney, Mason Alfonso, Alex Krol, Eli Dykes, Scotty Spears, Charlie Wescovich, Riley Phillips, and Michael Pierce. We will honor them on Sunday, May 13th during the 8:30 a.m. worship service with a reception following the service in the Christian Life Center.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 6th

- 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, May 7th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 8th

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

Wednesday, May 9th

- 9:30 a.m. OAKS Swamp Tour
- 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, May 10th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)
- 7:00 p.m. Long Beach High School Choir Concert in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 13th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Reception in the CLC
- 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, May 14th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the Good News classroom

Tuesday, May 15th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 11:00 a.m. Nurture Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, May 16th

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Mission Study in the CLC
- 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, May 17th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Long Beach Garden Club in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Long Beach Middle School Choir Concert in the Sanctuary

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium

We have begun 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.

May 6th
"A Life of Worship"
Romans 12:1-2

May 13th
"A Life of Hospitality and Witness"
Matthew 25:34-40



Junk. There is a saying about junk - one person's junk is another person's treasure. I guess it's in the eye of the beholder. My mind has been stirred by the "treasures" coming into the Christian Life Center at the Main Campus as we are preparing for the rummage sale coming this Saturday. There are things that aren't needed any more, things that have become clutter in their homes, or things that belonged to one who has died.

There is a mixture of clothing, dishes, books, hardware, toys, sporting equipment, electronics and more. All of it has been used but it's not needed anymore. That's what happens to things no longer needed or wanted. They may not matter to us what they once did, but, they get donated and these things will be treasured by another and put to use again.

You know there are times in our lives when we might feel like junk - broken or even useless and we might wonder if we can be whole or even matter again. I think of the story once told by Ruth Bell Graham, the wife of Billy Graham, about an experience she once had.

"He had built for himself a great house on one of the Caribbean islands. It is a thing to behold. Tall rusty iron columns collected and resurrected with an ingenious homemade device. This Great House is a masterpiece of salvaged materials."

A collector and seller of scrap metal as well as antiques, he was also fascinated with broken bits and pieces of china, dug from his front yard. His friends, John and June Cash, laughingly remarked it was the first time they had heard of a yard sale where a man had sold the yard itself. Carefully, he fitted and glued the pieces together. Few ever came out whole. They remained simply a collection of one who cared.

When I expressed interest, he gave me a blue and white plate, carefully glued together . . . pieces missing. "You remind me of God." I said. By the look on his face, I knew I shocked him, and I hurriedly explained. "God pieces back broken lives lovingly.

Sometimes a piece is irretrievably lost. But still He gathers what he can and restores us."

The good news of Jesus is that he can take what is broken in us and He restores us. When we see ourselves as junk, remember that He looks at you and sees treasure.

Love in Christ, the mender of us all, 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.