



# The Messenger

May 17, 2018

## Upcoming Events

### Shine On...



All the many United Methodist Women and volunteers that worked so diligently for the UMW Spring Rummage/Bake Sale.

Our team of volunteers that run the computer at The Well every Sunday. They are Chris Hankins, Perry Schmidt, Emma Holston, and Laurel Lukes.



## United Methodist Women

### Results of Spring UMW Rummage/Bake Sale

The Rummage/Bake Sale was held on May 5th. We made \$930 on the Bake Sale. With Rummage/Bake Sale we made almost \$6600. We thank all of you for your support and hard work. The money will be Spent on the 16 missions we support. The Fall Rummage/Bake Sale will be on October 6th. Please start collecting those unwanted treasurers now.

### It's Time for VBS!

Summer is around the corner so it's almost time to GO FISH! at Vacation Bible School this summer! VBS will be July 8th-12th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. We are signing up volunteers now for this incredible week of fun! We have opportunities that include group leaders, station

volunteers, kitchen crew, greeters, etc. For questions about the different opportunities or to sign up, contact Lori at (228) 324-3622 or [lcripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com). There are also sign up sheets in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well.



If you do sign up to volunteer at Vacation Bible School, we ask that you plan to attend an informational dinner on Sunday, June 10th, at 5:00 p.m. in our Christian Life Center. Whether this will be your first year or your fifteenth year to participate, we feel it is important to come together as a group and share our plans for this very important week in the life of our church and our community. Please mark this date on your calendar now and come enjoy good food and fellowship!



### **Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)**

Our May OAKS meeting will be next Wednesday on May 23rd. We are celebrating the month with Cinco de Mayo by sharing Mexican food. Brenda Batey, former Spanish teacher, will bring our program. Remember to bring your favorite Spanish/Mexican dish. Look forward to seeing you.

### **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.

### **The Mission Conference Offering - Imagine No Malaria**

On Sunday, May 27th, we will be collecting the Mission Conference Offering. Ten dollars will provide a mosquito net that will prevent the bite of the malaria spreading mosquito. Four people are able to sleep under a single net, so each 10 dollar gift goes a long way. Place your gift in the offering plate marked for Imagine No Malaria.

### **"Singing Men" Concert**



On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

We will have a potluck dinner after the concert in the Christian Life Center. Bring your favorite dish to share and come enjoy the concert. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 863-9619.

### **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](http://fumclb.org) and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.**

[Online Giving](#)

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## **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



A donation was given in memory of Ann Armstrong by Virginia Mann.

A donation was given in memory of Clyde Woodruff, Jr. by the Aldersgate Sunday school class.

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, May 20th

- 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)
- 4:00 p.m. Nurture Committee Meeting in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Party at the Wood's Home
- 6:00 p.m. "Singing Men" Concert in the Sanctuary

### Monday, May 21st

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

### Tuesday, May 22nd

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

### Wednesday, May 23rd

- 11:30 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS) Luncheon 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 24th

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

**Sunday, May 27th**

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 28th Office Closed**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

**Tuesday, May 29th**

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

**Wednesday, May 30th**

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 31st**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

**Sunday, June 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

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

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

**Monday, June 4th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

**Tuesday, June 5th**

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

**Wednesday, June 6th**

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, June 7th**

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

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# Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary  
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium  
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

**We are finishing the 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 20th  
"A Life of Generosity"  
3 Corinthians 9:6-15

May 27th  
"A Life of Service"  
John 13:1-17

On June 3rd, they will begin a new sermon series.

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Growing - it's a fact of life. For each of us there is a beginning. There are beginnings of life when we are born. We begin school, we begin a relationship, and we begin a job or career.

Growing is a part of life. I'm seeing this as our second daughter Lauren has grown into a beautiful young woman. She has come a long way since the day of her birth. She is about to graduate from high school and her mom and I are so proud of her. She has truly grown not only in height, but in depth, in faith, in compassion, and in character. (Side note - I'm also experiencing some grief that growth is accompanied by change which for us means that she will be leaving home for a new beginning in college). Along the way we have loved her, helped her, helped to heal her wounds, offered discipline and grace, provided for her and poured ourselves into her so that she could grow to be the person she is today.

As disciples of Jesus, we too are growing as we are filled with the love, grace, and hope of Jesus Christ. We are on a journey toward growing to be more like Jesus.

*Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching... Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own*

*special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*

Growing is what happens when we are born into a relationship with Jesus. We start as an "infant" in Christ and it is God working in us that helps us, loves us, provides for us, offers grace to us, heals our wounds, offers discipline and grace to us and creates the person we can be.

With God, we never stop growing because none of us, including me, is "there" yet. I want to share a prayer that I heard recently that goes like this. "O God, I confess, I'm not who I could be. I thank you that I am not like I used to be. Help me to become the person I am meant to be."

How is God calling you to grow? How can we as a church help each other grow? Through loving each other, helping each other, offering grace to each other, we are becoming who we are meant to be.

Love in Christ, 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.