



The Messenger

June 6, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Rob Myers for organizing and coaching both the women's and men's softball teams!

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. 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!



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.

Men and Women's Softball Schedule

Please come cheer us on to victory! The home games will be located the Gulfport Sportsplex. Please find the times and fields listed below:



Men Softball

6/12	Sportsplex 1	6:15	Away	Campground Baptist
6/12	Sportsplex 1	7:30	Home	G.C.F. Church of Nazarene
6/19	Golden 1	7:30	Away	G.C.F. Church of Nazarene

Women's Softball

6/11	Sportsplex 3	8:45	Away	St. James Baptist
6/12	Sportsplex 3	8:45	Home	First Baptist of Biloxi
6/18	Golden 4	8:45	Home	St. Thomas
6/19	Golden 3	8:45	Away	St. Thomas



Ice Cream Social

Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) for our annual ice cream social. Bring a quart of homemade or store bought ice cream, toppings (whipped cream, nuts, syrup, sprinkles, cherries, to name a few), or some finger

sandwiches to the CLC and join us for some fun and fellowship.

Gospel Singer of America



There will be a 3 week summer music school in Pass Christian for children and adults from June 17th - July 6th. Day students and overnight campers can learn theory, rudiments, sight reading, directing, composition, and instruments. Please call 225-281-3724 with any questions or go to www.gsofa.org.

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 funclb.org and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

[Online Giving](#)

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, Janis Slade, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Shayla Hosey, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Dawn McGinn, Wayne Eason, Shorty Haulk, Flora Holifield, Dawn Rhoades, Catherine Yates, Jo Holyfield, Tommye Taylor, Tina Botte, Dick Kinser, Martha Owen, Jeri Hayward, Martha Hart, Mary Kerg, Marie Ward, Robert Simpson, Parma Rishel, and M J Kalif



A donation was given in memory of Clyde Woodruff, Jr. by Brian and Lena Beth Chancey.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Charlie & Melody Brooks and family at the death of his sister, Peggy Brooks.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Dick Kinser and family at the death of his wife, Mary Kinser.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Jim & Becky Collins and family at the death of his mother, Betty Collins.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 10th

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. VBS Volunteer Dinner in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Monday, June 11th

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

Tuesday, June 12th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, June 13th

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 14th

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

Sunday, June 17th

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 18th

1st- 3rd Grade Leave for Camp Wesley Pines

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

7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, June 19th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, June 20th

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 21st

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

Friday, June 22nd

1st-3rd Grade Return from Camp Wesley Pines

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

June 10th
"Samuel: How Not to Follow God"
1 Samuel 8:4-20

June 17th
"Samuel: Still Learning after All These Years"
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

June 10th
"Words for Wisdom: Friendship"
Proverbs 27:17

June 17th
"Words for Wisdom: Parents & Kids"
Proverbs 22:6



Influence. Lately I have been thinking of the people who have influenced me and shaped my life. I heard a pastor say recently that we all have people in our lives who have influenced us either through hating and rejecting us or through loving and welcoming us. It's hard to think about people hating us but we do have people in our lives who have rejected us. Then, there are the people in our lives who have loved us and included us in their lives.

The people in my life who loved me have made the most impact in my life. My parents, pastors I have had, their wives, Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, colleagues in ministry and my wife, Ann, have all had a hand in shaping me for good and helping me to grow as a person who follows Jesus. I don't remember everything they have said nor do I remember all their actions but they have made me feel loved and accepted. The people who love us have a chance to influence us for our good.

I think of the way of Jesus and why he was given to us in the first place - it was out of love from the Father that he was born for us (John 3:16). He began to live and move in the world and one thing was clear about him - when he met you, you knew that he loved you. When he gathered his disciples for one last meal, he told them that he was going away and that they were going to be in charge, but one thing he left for them was a new commandment that "you love one another, even as I have loved you. This is how the world will know that you are my disciples in how you love one another." (John 13:34-35)

So, we the people of the way of Jesus are defined not by the power we have, or the theology we believe in, or the wealth we have, but we are defined by love. Jesus never sought to influence people by the use of force, violence, politics, wealth, or fear. He sought to change people's lives through the power of love. So, when we try to influence people in today's world it makes no sense to try to influence people in any way other than the Jesus way - through the power of love. Each of you have people in your life that you are trying to influence and we all would like to see a better community, nation and world. In the end, love is going to have to be the way for us as people who are called Christian. Why? Because it's the Jesus way.

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.