



The Messenger

September 6, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

The backpack buddy program that provide meals over the weekend for those children in need.



Our church has been invited to assume leadership of the United Methodist Campus ministry also known as the Wesley Foundation at USM Gulf Park. This is a ministry that I'm excited about that will help us serve our community and offer Jesus to students, faculty, and staff at USM. I believe we can make a difference in the lives of college students! Here is what is needed - people who feel a calling to reach out to the USM community. If you feel God speaking to you to be a volunteer in this ministry with students at USM, then please call the church office at 228-863-9619 to find out more.

The USM Wesley Foundation will be handing out informational flyers and sweet treats on September 10th and 11th to the students. **We are in need of individually wrapped brownies and cookies on Sunday, September 9th.**

Finance Meeting and Church Council Meeting Rescheduled

The Finance Meeting (6:00 p.m.) and the Church Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.) previously scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018 has been rescheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018 at the respective

times of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 863-9619.



United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings

Circle 1 September 17th at 6:30 p.m. Becky Collins
Polly Mincher September 11th at 9:30 a.m. Katherine Randall
Program: World Thanks
Flowers: Circle 1
Mission: World Thanks Offering

Fall UMW Rummage/Bake Sale

Now is the time to start gathering your "unwanted treasures" for the Fall Sale which will be Saturday, October 6th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall. Donations may be delivered:

Monday, October 1st - Thursday, October 4th. Bring donations to CLC. Donations will be sorted and priced from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, October 5th - No donations accepted. Workers will be making final preparations for the Sale.

Bake Sale Items may be delivered to the CLC on Friday or before 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Saturday, October 6th- Sale from 8 a.m. to 1 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, contact Joyce St. John at 865-0051 or email dstjohn788@aol.com.

Your Stories Needed for our Advent Devotional Guide

Christmas is the story of God coming to us through Jesus. This Advent Season, we are planning to publish a devotional guide that is focused on telling the story of God that is written in our lives. If you would like to share your story of how it intersects with God's story, then please let us know by sending a message to fumclb@cableone.net.

We will send you a guide on writing and sharing your story of you and God that includes significant relationships and moments in your life.

Welcome New Staff Members

We would like to welcome Amy Rishel as our new Nursery Coordinator and Chandler Turbville as a nursery worker. We are glad to have you on staff!

Spaghetti Fundraiser

The Long Beach Boy Scout Troop 205 will be having a spaghetti fundraiser on Sunday, September 9th, from 11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Plates are \$8 and can be enjoyed in the CLC or taken home.

2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 flower calendar is now located in the lobby. Anyone is welcome to sign up to

place the flowers on the altar on Sunday.

Welcoming Ministry

We are a church who believes in creating an environment of welcome and hospitality. We are seeking volunteers to serve as greeters to serve for 20 minutes on a Sunday before our worship services. If you would like to serve in this capacity, then please contact Lori Cripple at (228) 324-3622.

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.

[Online Giving](#)

Weekly Updates and Events



PC & Dee Havens, James & Pat Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Diane Saul, Randal Guthrie, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Lois Jones, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Janis Slade, Pat Newcomb, Shayla Hosey, Dawn McGinn, Shorty Haulk, Wayne Eason, Martha Hart, Jo Holyfield, Tina Botte, Dick Kinser, Martha Owen, Cathy Yates, Mary Kerg, Marie Ward, Bob Chatham, Wanda Stevens, Lou Scardino, Rick Bullock, Jerry Hayward, Joyce McCauley, Glenda Hull, Tommy Gillen, Blakely Hammons, and Steve Miller



Donations were given in memory of Mary Kinser by Bob & Muzette Chatham, Mrs. Richard L. Fox, and NDB Properties.

A donation was given in memory of Mrs. Jack Schwartz by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

A donation was given in memory of Betty Collins by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

A donation was given in memory of Chet Yates by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

A donation was given in memory of Barbara Barlow by Joan Holyfield, & Bob & Muzette Chatham.

A donation was given in memory of Ann Armstrong by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

Donations were given in memory of Betty D'Aquilla by H. & Edna Heidelberg, Betsy Bullard, Joan Holyfield, Carolyn D'Aquilla, Marla Eason, Hank Viehmann, Beth & Larry Lewis, Shawn & Paula Dueitt, Pitz, Williams, LaRosa & Co., & the Aldersgate Sunday school class.

Donations were given in memory of Tommye Taylor by Betsy Bullard, Beth & Larry Lewis, & the Aldersgate Sunday school class.



We would like to welcome June Wiggins into our family of faith here at FUMC.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Charlotte, Barbara, Debbie, Lynn, and family at the death of their sister, Tommye Taylor.

We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Rose, Holly, Daphne, and family at the death of their mother, Betty D'Aquilla.



The extended family of Betty D'Aquilla would like to thank all of the church members for the cards, food dishes, time, donations, and support given to the family during this very difficult time.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 9th

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Boy Scout Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser in Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries in Moore Hall (MH)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, September 10th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)
- 6:30 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 9:30 a.m. Polly Mincher Circle Meeting Katherine Randall

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, September 12th

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, September 13th

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

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

Sunday, September 16th

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, September 17th

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

6:30 p.m. Circle 1 Meeting Becky Collins

Tuesday, September 18th

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, September 19th

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, September 20th

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

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

September 9th
"Inside Out: The Untouchables"
Mark 7:24-37

September 16th
"Inside Out: Do You Know Jesus?"
Mark 8:27-38

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

September 9th

"Invitation: Exodus, Liberation, and the Mission of God"

September 16th

"Invitation: God's Holy Vision for His Missional People"



Stories. One of my fondest memories of our children's early years was about reading them bedtime stories. Every night our ritual was to read a story about all kinds of characters including trains, ducks, steam shovels, boats, and animals. But stories are not just found in the pages of a book - there are stories written on the pages of our lives. We all have a story and we believe everyone's story is important. We all have a story of our life - our histories, the highs and the lows - and we have that story of how God's story of human redemption and restoration came to be part of our story.

In my case, God has always been part of my story. My earliest memories include being part of a church community. My family moved to Mississippi from Sarasota, FL precisely because my father had a call to ministry to serve a small Mennonite church in Meridian. It was there that I grew, finished high school, and then left for my studies at USM.

It was at USM that I experienced growth with God and when I finally decided that I needed to find a church home in Hattiesburg. It just so happened that as I was looking for a church community that my friend Chris invited me to play for his church's softball team - which I did because I loved to play. Because of that invitation to join a team, I decided that if I was going to play for them that I need to worship with them.

It was there at Court Street United Methodist Church that I made a friend, who would eventually invite me to the Wesley Foundation (the United Methodist campus ministry) at USM. It was there at the Wesley Foundation that I met the campus minister, who would eventually suggest that God was calling me into ministry.

My story includes a love of sports, an awareness of my human weaknesses, and a deep hunger for more of God. In all of my experiences, I discovered that God had a desire for more of me. I'm thankful that God has given me so much - relationships and a purpose that I would not have without God's story including me.

This is part of my story and I know you have one too. Looking down the road to Advent, we have a goal to publish a devotional guide that will includes the story about how our stories intersect with God's story. Pray about sharing your story. I'm sure it's a story worth telling.

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.