



The Messenger

September 20, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On... All the volunteers who have helped reach out to college students at the USM campus for the Wesley Foundation and those who brought baked goods to give away.



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.

We also need Community Groups or Sunday school classes that would like to sponsor a lunch on Thursdays at USM at 11:30 a.m. (includes setting up tables and serving).

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.



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@cablone.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.

Cruisin' the Coast

We will have our annual Cruisin' the Coast party on Monday, October 1st, at 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the corner of Jeff Davis and 4th St. There are sign-ups sheets for set up, clean up, and food in the lobby of the main campus and the Well!



Starting Point - A First Step Into Long Beach FUMC

An open, introductory gathering of 45 minutes will be held on Sunday, October 14th at 12:30 pm in the Christian Life Center at the main campus. A lunch will be served. If you are someone who has recently connected with the church or are thinking of joining as a member, you want to start following Jesus, or just want to know more about our church, then Starting Point is a next step opportunity for you.

Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)



Please join us for a luncheon on Wednesday, September 26th at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Our speaker will be Kathy Drummonds with Transitions, Inc. She facilitates a small family type temporary home to assist women coming out of drug or alcohol

Disaster Relief for Hurricane Florence

In the near future, we will be organizing teams to go and serve where needed. We are now in the process of connecting with churches in the affected areas to determine how we can serve their needs. If you can serve in the next few months on a disaster response team, then sign up at our worship locations starting this Sunday.

Currently, we will be collecting money to send to United Methodist Committee on Relief, aka UMCOR, that is already on the ground and operating out of churches acting as disaster relief centers. These offerings will go 100% to recovery efforts - to materials and supplies. If you want to give, you can mark this special offering for disaster response.



Join us on Sunday, October 28th for Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot of our main campus. If you would like to hand out candy, please register your vehicles beginning September 30th, either on our Facebook pages or find the paper sign-up sheets in the lobby of the main campus and the Well. We ask that vehicles arrive by 4:30 pm for set up. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm and the kids will begin Trunk-or-Treating at 6:00 pm. We have lots of fun games & activities planned for this FREE event. Please bring your friends and your favorite Halloween dessert to share. This event will be a food drive for the Long Beach Food Pantry, & we're asking that everyone bring a food item. The pantry is typically in need of basic kitchen staples, such as salt, pepper, sugar, flour, spices, evaporated milk, canned soups, cake mixes, muffin mixes, etc. We hope to see you there!

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, Cathy Yates, Mary Kerg, Marie Ward, Wanda Stevens, Lou Scardino, Rick Bullock, Jerry Hayward, Joyce McCauley, Mark Powell, Tommy Gillen, Blakely Hammons, John French, Larry Burk, Cindy Burk, Wanda Lee Corley, Peggy Rowell, and Steve Miller



Donations were given in memory of Betty D'Aquila by Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, Pat Oakes, and Lil Jobe.



The family of Tommie Taylor wishes to thank our church family for your cards, flowers, food, love and sympathy during this sorrowful time. We will forever be grateful to our blessed Savior for her and all our FUMCLB brothers and sisters. Thank You God.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 23rd

- 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 in Moore Hall (MH)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, September 24th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the CLC

Tuesday, September 25th

- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, September 26th

- 11:30 a.m. OAKS Luncheon in the CLC
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library
- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, September 27th

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

Sunday, September 30th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
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Monday, October 1st

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Rummage/Bake Sale Set up in the CLC
- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

Tuesday, October 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Rummage/Bake Sale Set up in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, October 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Rummage/Bake Sale Set up in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, October 4th

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Rummage/Bake Sale Set up in the CLC
- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library

Friday, October 5th

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Rummage/Bake Sale Set up in the CLC

Saturday, October 6th

- 8:00 a.m. UMW Rummage/Bake Sale in the CLC

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

September 23rd
"Inside Out: You Serve"
Mark 9:30-37

September 30th
"Inside Out: Surrender"
Mark 9:38-50

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

September 23rd

"Invitation: Israel's Life in the Land: The Potential and Pitfalls of Living as God's Missional People"

September 30th

"Invitation: The Prophets: Servants of Faithfulness and Proclaimers of God's Future"



Next Steps. Our journey of faith always includes the next step that God invites us to take with Him. For people like Abraham and Sarah, and for Peter, James, and John, they followed the calling of God to begin their journey, but there was always another step they were asked to take. The same is true for we who are followers of Jesus. No matter how long ago, whether it has been decades, a few years, or weeks, we all began a journey and all along the way we learn that the Journey is taken in a series of next steps, one step, one day at a time.

In the near future, we are going to be offering some next steps for your journey of faith. The first is Starting Point which is an opportunity to become more familiar with the values we hold dear; the mission of the church, where we are headed as a church, the distinctiveness of the United Methodist Church and ways to connect in learning and serving groups. An open, introductory gathering of 45 minutes will be held on Sunday, October 14th at 12:30 pm in the Christian Life Center at the main campus. A lunch will be served. If you are someone who has recently connected with the church or are thinking of joining as a member, you want to start following Jesus, or just want to know more about our church, then starting Point is a next step opportunity for you.

Another next step opportunity is in response to Hurricane Florence. Some of you are already asking what our next step will be as a church. Let me just say that it warms my heart to know you are ready to respond in love to these persons who are hurting. In the near term, we will be collecting money to send to United Methodist Committee on Relief, aka UMCOR, that is already on the ground and operating out of churches acting as disaster relief centers. These offerings will go 100% to recovery efforts - to materials and supplies. If you want to give you can mark this special offering for disaster response.

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God is always inviting us to take another step in trusting Him more. I ask that you seek out your next step as you continue to discover how God is asking you to follow Him one day, one step at a time.

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.