



The Messenger

October 4, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of those who came last Sunday to help set up tables to prepare for the upcoming UMW Rummage/Bake Sale



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).



Fall UMW Rummage/Bake Sale

Please come shop at the Fall UMW Rummage/Bake Sale will be **Saturday, October 6th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall.**

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.

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.

New Sermon Series "Get In The Game"

We are beginning a new sermon series this week at the Main campus. God calls us to have a part in God's mission of redeeming the creation that is broken and disrupted by sin. The Holy Spirit gives us a gift and a purpose that helps us to play our part in God's mission. This series offers each of us an opportunity to experience a renewed sense purpose for our lives.



Come Join the Children's Choir

Our children's choir will begin meeting on Sunday, October 21st, at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room at the main campus. The choir is open to kids ages 3-6th grade. We will be learning music to sing during the holiday season. Practice will be from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and a snack supper will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Lori Cripple at (22)324-3622.



Backpack Buddies is expanding! We are exploring ways to better serve the students in our community. If you would like to be a part of that conversation, we will be meeting in Moore Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9th. For more information, contact Lori Cripple at (22)324-3622.

The Long Beach Police Department Invites You To Its Night Out Against Crime

When: Saturday October 20, 2018 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Long Beach Town Green FREE EVENT Free Food, Drinks, Games and Activities

Come out to meet your Long Beach Police Officers

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to: 1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness 2. Generate support and participation in preventing crime 3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations

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.

Save the Date

Sunday, November 4th, Creative Ministries Annual Program following Fellowship supper at 6 p.m.



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.

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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, Joyce McCauley, Mark Powell, Tommy Gillen, Blakely Hammons, John French, Larry Burk, Cindy Burk, Wanda Lee Corley, Peggy Rowell, Joe Trammell, Chuck Cruthirds, Bill and Kathy Wynne, Maria Johnson, Jesse McBride, and Steve Miller



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Jere Hayward, who passed away on October 1st.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 7th

- 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, October 8th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Tuesday, October 9th

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

Wednesday, October 10th

- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, October 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library
- 7:00 p.m. Long Beach High School Choir Concert in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 14th

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Starting Point Luncheon in the CLC
- 3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Monday, October 15th

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

Tuesday, October 16th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

7:00 p.m. Long Beach Middle School Choir Concert in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 17th

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

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

Thursday, October 18th

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

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

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

October 7th

"Get In The Game"

Luke 15:1-7

October 14th

"Game Plan"

Matthew 4:18-22

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

October 7th

"Invitation: Jesus, the Church, and God's Mission"

October 14th

"Invitation: Church and New Creation"



The basics. We are taught in school that the basics we need for life is food, clothing and shelter. There are others we could add to the list but these basics help make life secure. These are obvious basics in order to sustain life but as followers of Jesus we believe that there are deeper basics required for human life. The apostle Paul wrote about these basics in chapter 12 of I Corinthians. He names these basics as faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). He was writing to a church in the Greek city of Corinth that had been reduced to bickering over who was more important in the church. They were divided into different camps - some said they followed Paul, others said they followed Apollos (he was a 1st century dynamic preacher), and others said they followed Jesus. They were arguing over who was right and who was wrong and they had lost their ability to be a viable witness to the world of the grace and love of Jesus. So their church had been divided into different parties and they had lost their unity and their ability to move forward together.

Does this sound familiar? To me it sounds much like our country right now with our nation being divided into different camps, each one claiming to be right and the other wrong. We lack the kind of unity that I believe we all yearn for but is hard to come by in current times.

This is why the solution of the apostle Paul is more meaningful now more than ever. His message to the church in their striving for more power over the other groups was to strive instead for love (then Paul goes on to define love in 1 Corinthians 13). It was going to have to be love - love that is kind and patient, not arrogant, or rude or does not insist to have your own way. Sacrificial love for one another - that saw value in the other - was going to be the way to advance their mission in the world which was to witness to the sacrificial love of God in Jesus Christ.

It occurs to me that now, more than ever, the world needs a witness to the power of love that can break down dividing walls of hostility. I see a need for the church, including ours, to be a witness of another way of relating to one another that is not about our side winning and the other side losing but about raising up the love of Jesus who died for all of us. The world needs that witness and it needs to come from us and it starts with each of us choosing to define our lives not by what party we belong to or whether we are red or blue but by the one who loved us, saved us and died for us all. After all, Jesus said the world will know that you are my disciples in how you love one another. This has got to be the basics of life - now and always.

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.