



The Messenger

October 18, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of the many wonderful volunteers that give of their time, talents, and love to lead our Youth: Mary Woodruff, Amanda Wood, Rob Myers, Susan Taylor, Scott Rishel, Chris Hankins, Jennifer McKenzie, Dale Wolfe, and Lakisha LaCour.

Charge Conference

Our annual charge conference will be held at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Gulfport at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 21st. The church is located at 14255 Rippy Road in Gulfport. Charge conference is our annual meeting with the district superintendent for the purpose of celebrating the ministry that God is doing among us. This year, it will also be a time to connect with neighboring United Methodist Churches and hear what God has been doing in our area for the kingdom. All are invited to take part in this celebration of ministry.



Help Needed!

We are in need of Community Groups, Sunday school classes, or individuals that would like to sponsor a lunch on Thursdays at USM at 11:30 a.m. (includes setting up tables and serving). We are serving approximately 20 people each week. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 863-9619.

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.

Fall UMW Rummage/Bake Sale



Our thanks and appreciation to all who worked to make our Fall Rummage/Bake Sale a success. We made over \$877 on the Bake Sale and with the Rummage Sale we made a total of \$6782. The money will be spent on the 16 missions we support. Make sure to mark your calendars for the Spring Sale on May 4th!

The Gathering Tour for Youth

Join us this Sunday night, October 21st, for The Gathering Fall Tour at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport. Youth will meet in the Youth Hall to depart FUMC at 5:00 p.m. We will return around 8:00 p.m. Dinner is served at the event. Admission is free! For more information or to sign up, please contact Mary Woodruff at (228) 324-9235.



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 (228) 324-3622.



We are expanding our efforts to serve the kids in our local community! We currently pack bags of food to send home with children over the weekends. We are now going to stock supplies for: dinner during the week, clothes (including new socks and underwear), hygiene supplies, washing detergent, and gift cards to Dominos/Pizza Hut/Papa John's. These will be distributed to the schools as families need them. We will also be helping families with funds to grocery shop and do their laundry. We are excited to be partnered with our Open Table Ministry in these efforts. If you would like to donate any of these items, you can bring them to Lori Cripple on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week. You can place financial donations marked for Backpack Buddies in the offering plate.



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!

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

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, 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, Patricia Badeaux, and Steve Miller



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Lou Scardino, who passed away on October 9th.



Donations were given in memory of Betty D'Aquilla by Patricia Badeaux & John Blake.

A donation was given in honor of Mike Lamberth.

Donations were given in memory of Jere Hayward by Trudy Newland, Julia Arceneaux, and Lewis & Dixie Alexander.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 21st

- 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. Gathering Fall Tour for Youth at Trinity UMC in Gulfport
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir practice in Choir room
- 6:00 p.m. Charge Conference at Mt Pleasant UMC Gulfport

Monday, October 22nd

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

Tuesday, October 23rd

- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, October 24th

- 11:30 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS) Luncheon in CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, October 25th

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

Sunday, October 28th

- 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)
- 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Dinner in CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in parking lot at Main Campus

Monday, October 29th

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

Tuesday, October 30th

- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, October 31st

Thursday, November 1st

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

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

October 21st

"There Is No I in Team"

Acts 2:43-47 Romans 12:9-21

October 28th

"Play Your Position"

1 Corinthians 12:4-12, 26-27

Ephesians 4:11

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

October 21st

"Unnamed People in the Bible: The Bleeding Woman"

Matthew 9:18-26

October 28th

"Unnamed People in the Bible: The Widow Who Gave All She Had"

Luke 21:1-4



I'm sure by now you are aware of the damage due to Hurricane Michael on the Florida coast. We are in the process of responding to the victims of Hurricane Michael and are making plans for how we can love our neighbors that were in the path of the storm.

First, we are planning to send work teams in conjunction with First UMC of Gulfport to Panama City Beach departing around 4:30 on Thursday, November 1st and returning home on the evening of Sunday, November 4th. Housing will be at Woodlawn UMC in Panama City Beach, but team members should be ready to provide their own needs including food, sleeping bag/cot/mattress, and their own toiletries. Team members

should also be able to help with debris removal and distributing supplies. Bring chainsaws, work gloves, rakes, etc. If anyone can bring a bobcat or a 4-wheeler or small tractor, those would also be helpful. Please sign up at worship or call the church office at 228-863-9619.

Secondly, you can give financially through a special offering to UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief. We will be receiving special offerings in the coming weeks in worship.

Thirdly, we will be receiving donations as part of the response by the city of Long Beach. You can bring these items below to worship or you can drop them off at the fire station. Please note that the city has a deadline of October 22nd to drop off these items. These items include Gift cards - (Wal-Mart, Visa, Home Depot, Lowes), Tire repair kits, Fix-a-Flat, Bottle Water, Gatorade, Pedialyte, Flavor packs for water, Lighter & Matches, Batteries & Flashlights, Phone and car chargers for iPhone and Android, Power strips, Hair Clippers, Baby wipes / Diapers / Toiletries, Bug Spray, Cleaning Supplies, Advil / Aleve / Tylenol.

Thank you for your prayers for these communities and for loving like Jesus as we reach out in love to serve and to share with our neighbors in Florida,

Love in Christ, Jon Kaufman

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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.