



The Messenger

October 31, 2018

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All those that helped with this year's fun filled Trunk or Treat. We had over 250 join us for supper and over 350 trunk or treating!

Time Change This Weekend

It's time to fall back! Don't forget to move your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.



Help Needed!

We are in need of Community Goups, 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.



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.

Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief Team

We are sending a work team in conjunction with First UMC of Gulfport to Panama City Beach departing around 4:30 pm on Thursday, November 1st and returning home on the evening of Sunday, November 4th. Please pray for our team members and all the people affected by Hurricane Michael.

Poinsettia



If you would like to place a poinsettia (in memory or in honor of someone) in the sanctuary for the Advent Season, complete an order form found in the bulletin, lobby, or office and return by November 30th, by placing in the offering plate or turning into the church office. The cost is \$10.00 for each plant. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

Angel Tree Ministry

We will be providing gifts for local school children again through our Angel Tree Ministry. The tags will be available starting November 18th in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well.

Veterans Day Parade



There will be a Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 11th at 2 p.m. on Jeff Davis Ave. Please come out and support our Veterans!

United Methodist Women News



Circle Meetings

Circle 1 Nov. 19th 6:30 p.m. Hostess: Carol Reeves/Lil Jobe

Polly Mincher Nov. 13th 9:30 a.m. Hostess: Gladys McCardle

Program - Planning for 2019

Flowers - Circle 1

Mission - Long Beach Food Pantry

Executive Board Meeting

Upcoming Event

Christmas Tea Dec. 2nd 2-4 p.m. Carolyn and Bob Rhoades 2 Chimney Cross

For more information about U.M.W., contact Joyce St. John at 865-0051 or 410-479-9155

Jesus...What A Friend!

Jesus "friended" you a long time ago. Have you truly accepted His invitation to "friend" him? Please join the Creative Ministries Team on Sunday, November 4th following the Fellowship Supper, for an evening of enthusiastic and exuberant praise as we celebrate the privilege of being Jesus' friend. Different musical styles, black light and live puppets offer lots of variety for a fun-filled evening. 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, 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, Anne Ladner, Nona Murphy, Porter Wescovich, Jesse McBride, Patricia Badeaux, and Steve Miller



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Mike and Annette Zeiderman at the death of Annette's mother, Priscilla Zeider.



Donations were given in memory of Mary Kinser by Nancy Ruff, Otis Reagan, Pat McLeod, Cathy McCoy, and Marguerite Hudson.

A donation was given in honor of Dick Kinser by Marguerite Hudson.

Donations were given in memory of Jere Hayward by Stephanie Bass, Jim & Becky Collins, and Bennie & Pete McGee.

A donation was given in memory of Michael Braswell by Brad & Kay Braswell.

Donations were given in memory of Tommye Taylor by Jim & Becky Collins and JD & Penny Tripp.

A donation was given in memory of Betty D'Aquilla by Doug & Joyce St. John.



Caroline Hankins, daughter of Chris and Amy Hankins was baptized on October 14, 2018.

Henri Harrison Hammack, son of Bill and Sarah Hammack was baptized on October 28, 2018.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 4th

- 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. Fellowship Supper

Monday, November 5th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, November 6th

- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, November 7th

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

Thursday, November 8th

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

Sunday, November 11th

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. Children's Choir practice in Choir room
5:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting in the CLC

Monday, November 12th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall
6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the CLC

Tuesday, November 13th

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, November 14th

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

Thursday, November 15th

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

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

November 4th
"Running the Play"
2 Timothy 4:5-8 Hebrews 12:1-4

November 11th
"Who Is Coaching You?"
Mark 9:2-13

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium

November 4th

"Unnamed People in the Bible: 4 Friends Who Lowered a Paralyzed Man Through the Roof"
Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-27

November 11th

"Unnamed People in the Bible: Two Men Crucified Beside Jesus"
Luke 23:32-43



Perspective. This week I was given a lesson on the importance of keeping a proper perspective. It was Monday afternoon that I was feeling really frustrated after misplacing a few things. It was really a small matter but I managed to make a mountain out of a molehill.

But it was later in the day that I remembered something one of you shared in a conversation a while ago about learning a life lesson about perspective. We all go through rough times in life, but the lesson is that others often have it worse. The important thing is to remember to keep life in perspective and ask if what I am going through right now is really a big deal or not?

There is a lot to that simple life truth. We can become so focused on what we are going through but when we compare our situation to those in Florida or the Carolinas, it could be that our situation is not really as bad as what we think. Or, we can become so focused on what really are the little things of life and miss the big things.

Jesus teaches us to have proper perspective when he said in Matthew 6, "And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Jesus teaches all of us to remember to keep things in perspective and I'm thankful to serve among people such as you who help me to remember it too.

Love in Christ, Jon

Information Concerning the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church in February 2019.

There is some information available about the upcoming General Conference at our conference website including a video from our bishop and some frequently asked questions. You can find these at:

<https://www.mississippi-umc.org/summaryvideo&faqs>

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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.