



# The Messenger

January 17, 2019

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

Youth and Youth Leaders that traveled to Florida to aid in the relief efforts for those devastated by Hurricane Michael.

Our



### Ladies' Retreat

Do you ever feel like you don't enjoy anything because you're trying to do everything? You're filling your calendar, draining your bank account, and multi-tasking your way through life. You're efficient... but exhausted. You just need a little bit of breathing room.

During the retreat, there will be time to share, time to ask questions, time to listen, and time to pray. We'll be in the company of friends, old and new. You can spend the night at the retreat location or drive back home for the night, if that's more comfortable for you. We're ordering from Newk's for supper Friday night. We'll have a continental style breakfast on Saturday, then work together to make lunch.

Sound good? We hope you will accept this invitation. We truly want you to join us! Fill out a sign up sheet and return it to Lori Cripple or Emily Barlow by Wednesday, January 23rd. If you can't come to the retreat but would like to order a devotional book, you can sign up for one by the 23rd as well!



**New Church Directory**

We will be producing a new church directory this year. Rather than have a formal one done through a studio, we are collecting personal photos of our families to make a family album! Please submit them with your contact information through email to [lcripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com) or on a disc through the church office. If you are submitting a portrait done by a studio, please include a release from them. If you do not have a picture to submit, we will have someone available on a Sunday in February to take it. Stay tuned for the date!



### **Camp Wesley Pines**

Our church dates have been set for summer trips to Camp Wesley Pines. Parents will need to volunteer to drive kids up and back on those days, but the church van has been reserved if you would like to use it to carpool. There is a 15% discount if registration is completed before February 28th. The church will paid half of the camp fee. Registration is done online through the camp website. You can pay the camp or pay the church, but please let the church office know when you have registered so we know to pay the other half!

Kids entering 1st-3rd grade: June 17th-19th (\$140)

Kids entering 4th-6th grade: June 3rd-7th (\$300)

Kids entering 7th-9th grade: June 24th-28th (\$300)



### **Souper Bowl Luncheon**

Please join us on Sunday, February 3rd, for our annual fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Please bring a crock pot of soup or a cake to share. This year the proceeds will go to fund the new chairs in the Christian Life Center. Go Team!

### **Conversations Around General Conference**

The United Methodist Church has been preparing for a special session of General Conference to be held in St. Louis, MO. on February 23-26, 2019 which will focus on the future direction of the United Methodist Church regarding human sexuality. Note - the United Methodist Church is governed by a body of persons consisting of lay persons and clergy persons who are elected every 4 years that sets official policy and speaks for the denomination. This body is called the General Conference. To help our church know what is taking place, we want to invite you to a meeting on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. We want to make sure that you are fully informed about the process of General Conference and what issue is going to be considered. There is already much information available at the Mississippi Conference Website at <https://www.mississippi-umc.org/summaryvideo&faqs>. There you will find a video and documents to view. In addition, there will be an opportunity with our state-wide representatives to General Conference coming this Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson.



Nursery

### **Nursery Worker Needed**

We are currently looking to fill the position of a paid nursery worker for our Well service. Please contact the church office at 228-863-9619 if you know someone who is interested.

## Acolytes Needed

If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte at the 8:30 or 11:00 service, please contact Lori Cripple at 228-324-3622 or call the church office.



We are looking for some volunteers for our children's ministry at both campuses. We have opportunities to serve with our children in our Children's Church and in Sunday School. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Lori Cripple at 228-324-3622 or call the church office.

## Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

Our January OAKS meeting will be next Wednesday, January 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. Our Mayor, George Bass, will be the speaker for the program. He will give us a report on the City. Remember to bring your favorite dish to share. Look forward to seeing you.



## Giving Tree

We will have a giving tree placed in the lobby of the Main campus and The Well to meet the needs of our children all year. This tree will hold tags with smaller needs for children and families in our school district. Please take a tag and return the item under the tree after it has been purchased.

## Lost

If you find a Fitbit, please call the church office at 863-9619 or turn into office. One of our church members lost it at the Main Campus.

## Online Giving

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at [fumclb.org](http://fumclb.org) and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

[Online Giving](#)

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## Weekly Updates and Events



PC & Dee Havens, James & Pat Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, 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, 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, Joe Trammell, Chuck Cruthirds, Bill and Kathy Wynne, Anne Ladner, Mindy & George Barker, Nona Murphy, Porter Wescovich, Dale Johnson, Hank Viehmann, Alana Rutledge, Pam Serrato, Betty O'Brien, Scarlett Davis, Emmit Davis, and Patricia Badeaux



Donations were given in memory of Diane Saul by Betsy Bullard, and Larry & Beth Lewis.

A donation was given in memory of James Hancock by Betsy Bullard.

A donation was given in memory of Bailey Ramsey by Betsy Bullard.

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## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, January 20th**

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Starting Point Class in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium
- 3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries in Moore Hall (MH)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

### **Monday, January 21st**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC
- 6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 meeting

### **Tuesday, January 22nd**

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

### **Wednesday, January 23rd**

- 11:45 a.m. OAKS Luncheon in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

### **Thursday, January 24th**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

### **Sunday, January 27th**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Starting Point Class in the CLC  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium  
3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)  
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship  
6:00 p.m. Conversations Around General Conference in CLC

**Monday, January 28th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in CLC

**Tuesday, January 29th**

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

**Wednesday, January 30th**

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

**Thursday, January 31st**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

**Friday, February 1st - Saturday, February 2nd**

6:00 p.m. Women's Retreat at Palmer Creek Campground

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## **Sunday Sermons and Scriptures**

Main Campus Sanctuary  
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

**January 20th**

"The Good Shepherd: Jesus Gives You a Mission"  
Luke 4:14-30

**January 27th**

"The Good Shepherd: The Remedy for your Pain"  
Luke 4:38-41, 5:17-26

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium  
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

**January 20th**

"Starting Over: Rethink It"  
Romans 12:2

January 27th  
"Starting Over: Release It"  
Ephesians 4:31-32

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Restore. Lately, I have been trying to do some light repairs on a "new" old car we bought for our son Ryan. It's a 2006 Nissan so it will last for a long while - we hope. Since we bought it, we've had it in the shop for new front axels and some engine work. There were also a number of light bulbs that were burned out that I have begun replacing. It was also pretty dirty inside and out so we have been cleaning the carpets and the seats as well as giving the outside a scrubbing. It also has an old, grungy smell that we are working on.

While we have been fixing this car up for our son to drive, I have been watching and talking to our next door neighbor as he has been restoring a vintage 1960's Ford Bronco. When he first bought the car, it was in horrible shape looking like it had been in a barn for years. It had rust and was missing a few parts inside and out, but I have seen him remove the body panels, get down to the frame and work to clean the rust, repaint the frame, and work on the body. In the evenings and over the weekends, he has been working to restore this great vintage vehicle. Soon, he will be installing a new engine, and putting it all back together.

For me, there is something I love about restoring things that have been neglected, worn down, or broken. We all know that things break or wear out and it takes a little extra effort to restore them back to their original condition. In the near future, I would like to restore a bench anvil/vise that I got from Ann's grandfather. It dates back to the 30's, at least, so I want to restore it back its original luster.

Not only do I love to see things such as anvils, cars and houses restored but even more, I love to see people who are restored. The one aspect of being a pastor that I especially love is to witness the times when people experience being restored out of brokenness or healing after a period of hurt. When we think about it, we all experience times when we feel broken and our lives are in pieces. But we are part of a community centered on Jesus who came into the world to renew and restore God's most precious creation - human beings. For me, the greatest part of following Jesus is to see how Jesus can restore people back into wholeness and we get to be part of that marvelous work. I give thanks for how I see you take part in this work of being part of Jesus' mission to restore creation.

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.