



The Messenger

February 7, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Wayne Brown for his ongoing volunteer service in maintaining our heating and air conditioning systems.



We would like to welcome Nathan, Lee, Karoline, & Ella Carver into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.

We would like to welcome Ron & Michele Milliet into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.

We would like to welcome Marcq & Kristye Harris into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.



Men's & Women's Softball

-Anyone interested in playing on either of our slow pitch softball teams this year, please contact Rob Myers (228)596-6657 or sign-up on the list at both the main campus and at The 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 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)

2019 Community Groups

We believe the most fertile ground to grow as a Disciple of Jesus is in the presence of other people on the same journey. We encourage you to participate in a Community Group where you, along with others, can encounter the Truth of God together. During this intentional time together you will break bread, share life experiences, study the Scripture, pray for and encourage one another.

The meetings are just starting and it is not to late to join.

Here is a list of the community group opportunities:

Rich & Carla Haney, Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Long Beach

Jenny Gates, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Main Campus

Ron & Michele Milliet, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Northwest Long Beach

Jon Kaufman, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Main Campus Good News classroom

Jim & Becky Logan, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. South west Long Beach

Please contact the church at 863-9619 if you have any questions. Look forward to seeing you there!

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. There is 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. The Bishop will be at Gulfport FUMC on Monday, March 11th at 6 p.m. to share information from the Conference.

Please be in prayer for this process. The church sanctuary will be open on Monday and Tuesday, February 25th and 26th, from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for prayer.



Nursery

Nursery Position Opportunities

We currently need to hire a Nursery Coordinator and a Nursery Worker for The Well. If you are interested

in either of these positions, please contact Lori Cripple at 228-324-3622 or call the church office.

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.



United Methodist Women Activities for February

Circle Meetings

Polly Mincher	February 12th	9:30	Iantha Hines--hostess
Circle 1	February 18th	6:30 pm	Hostess--Beth Lewis/Fai Lamberth
Mission	Seashore Mission		Flowers Polly Mincher

Mission Study February 13th 9-12 CLC "What About our Money" Leader--Donna Joplin Refreshments--Circle One

All women of the church are invited to attend these activities. For more information contact Joyce St. John at 865-0051.

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.

Online Giving

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at funclb.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, 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 James Hancock by Bob & Muzette Chatham, and Linda Anderson.

A donation was given in memory of Dick Kinser by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

Thank You

We would like to thank all those who furnished delicious meals for us while I was taking daily infusions at the hospital. They were all so very much appreciated. May God richly bless you!
Love, Mary & Gary Kerg

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 10th

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries in Moore Hall (MH)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 11th

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

Tuesday, February 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 9:30 a.m. UMW Polly Mincher Circle - lantha Hines' home
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, February 13th

- 9:00 a.m. UMW Mission Study in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room
Holy Land Trip group departs

Thursday, February 14th

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

Sunday, February 17th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, February 18th

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

6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting

Tuesday, February 19th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, February 20th

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

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

Thursday, February 21st

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

Friday, February 22nd

Holy Land Trip group returns

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

February 10th

"The Good Shepherd: When You Need to be Challenged"
Luke 6:6-11

February 17th

Rev. Larry Hilliard

"The Good Shepherd: When We Need to Love Radically"

Luke 6:27-42

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

February 10th

"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone Prevenient Grace"

Romans 5:6-8

February 17th

"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone Justifying Grace"

Romans 3:20-31



Tail lights. In all my driving, I'm used to seeing tail lights by the score. The other day when I was commuting, there was some fog and light rain - conditions that are not so good for driving. There was a good bit of traffic. There were cars right in front and right behind.

I remember thinking how smart it was that cars come equipped with tail lights and brake lights that help us to communicate with each other. There are tail lights that say, "Hey, I'm up here," and there are brake lights that say, "I'm stopping and so should you." There are even flashers that say, "I'm worried about something and I want you to be worried too." These lights help us to know what's coming in the front and they help us talk to those behind that we are there and we are slowing or stopping. These lights are so important because they help keep us safe and people around us safe. If they go out, we create a dangerous road. We have a responsibility to make sure that they work.

The life of a disciple is kind of like having tail lights. There are those who we follow, who we learn from, and those whom we model our lives. These people light the way before us. When we pay attention to them, they help keep us on the road when the light gets dim and the fog sets in. Of course, the one we follow is Jesus who will never abandon you or lead you down the wrong path. He will lead us into truth and life.

Of course, the truth is also that when we see Jesus in others, it makes Jesus more real somehow and we understand more fully who he is. Those people light the way before us. It's also true that we become that light for someone else and we help them to see Jesus because of who we are in Christ. That means that we have to become aware that there are others who are looking at us and that we are before them lighting the way for them.

We are traveling together with each of us guiding one another being "tail lights" and "brake lights" for each other as we journey on the road of discipleship. Let's make sure we keep our lights working for each other.

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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.