



The Messenger

February 21, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Terry Hull for safely driving the group going on the Holy Land trip to and from the airport in New Orleans.



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 are in the process of making our new church directory!

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 would like us to take a picture for you, **we will have people available to do so at both campuses this Sunday, February 24th.**

Easter Egg Stuffing and Dinner

We are excited to invite the community to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. In order to prepare for this, we will be

collecting Easter eggs and candy/stuffers starting now. We will have a potluck dinner on Sunday, March 17th, to eat and stuff the Easter eggs! We will begin stuffing eggs at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. You can bring your egg supplies to church any Sunday or on the evening of the 17th. Bring a fun dish to share for dinner!



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)

Community Groups

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.

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 Crippie at 228-324-3622 or call the church office.



United Methodist Women News and Activities

Meetings

Executive Board-----March 6th 9 am Joyce St John's
Polly Mincher Circle March 12th 9:30 am Trudy/Peggy Hostess
Circle 1 March 18th 6:30 pm Betsy/Katie/Marilyn L. Hostess

Flowers---Circle 1
Program---Call To Prayer

Upcoming Events

Spring Fling Luncheon --150th Birthday of United Methodist Women
April 2nd 11:30 am CLC
Speaker--Sid Wedgeworth Long Beach Food Pantry

Mission Study

April 17th 9-12 am CLC

"Embracing Wholeness in an Earth Perspective" Leader: Glenda Hull

Refreshments--Polly Mincher Circle

All women of the Church are welcome to participate in all activities. Questions? Joyce St. John 865-0051

Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)



OAKS monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, February 27th in the Christian Life Center at 11:45 a.m. OAKS (Older Adult Kindred Spirits) seniors group, meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The February speaker is Jennifer Millsap, Director of Nursing, at Seashore Highlands Retirement Community. Please come join us!



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 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, 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, Wanda Lee Corley, Joe Trammell, Chuck Cruthirds, Mindy & George Barker, Porter Wescovich, Hank Viehmann, Alana Rutledge, Pam Serrato, John Arceneaux, Sharon Pierce, Micki McDonough, Betty O'Brien, and Patricia Badeaux



A donation was given in memory of Marie Walley by Betsy Bullard.

A donation was given in memory of James Hancock by Charlie & Betty Gibson.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 24th

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 25th

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

Tuesday, February 26th

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, February 27th

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, February 28th

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

Saturday, March 2nd

8:00 a.m. Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast in the CLC

Sunday, March 3rd

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 upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)

5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 4th

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

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 5th**Office Closed**

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, March 6th

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

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

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

Thursday, March 7th

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

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

February 24th

Lori Cripple

"The Good Shepherd: When We Need Radical Love"

Luke 7:36-50

March 3rd

"Jesus Sends"

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

February 24th

"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone
Sanctifying Grace"
Romans 5:6-8

March 3rd

"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone
It's for Everyone"
Romans 10:5-13



Train yourself to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.
(1 Timothy 4:7b-8)

For some time now, I have been doing my best to exercise regularly. I do this by jogging three mornings each week. I haven't seen the results I dreamed of (think Michael Phelps meets Arnold Schwarzenegger) but I certainly feel better than I have in a long time. I realize that I must care for myself in order to best serve others - especially and primarily my family. I recognize both the necessity and benefit of this and so I persist.

In doing so, I am constantly reminded of these words from Paul to Timothy - the young whippersnapper he was mentoring. Paul's words to Timothy are as much a source of wisdom for me and you today as they were for Timothy then. It's good to care for our bodies, but the most important thing we can do is care for our spiritual well-being. The work you and I put into "training for godliness" is of eternal significance! For me, the most practical way in which we "train ourselves in godliness" is by reading and applying the Word of God. It is actually quite simple. We read the Bible and do what it says! The Scriptures enable us to learn from Jesus so that we may become like Jesus. I pray that you would care for your body, but also that you would care even more so for your soul!

Love in Christ,
Ben

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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.