



The Messenger

March 7, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Rev. Ben Barlow and his team who helped build a wheelchair ramp for a church member returning home from inpatient rehab.



Bob Rhoades for spending much of his time and energy recovering many of our chairs in the Christian Life Center that were in bad shape. Thanks for making them look like new!



Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time On Sunday, March 10th, at 2 a.m., daylight saving time begins. **Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.**



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!



In-House Service Opportunity



We are working to improve our main campus, and one of the areas getting a makeover is our office space. We are planning to paint our offices, hallway, and workroom next Saturday, March 16th, starting at 8:30 a.m. If you have some time to spare, we would love the help! Please contact the office at (228)863-9619 or Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622 if you are able to help us paint. We will provide the donuts and coffee!



Ministry in Motion

Our youth group recently took a weekend trip to Jackson for The Gathering, a youth event hosted by the United Methodist Conference. The purpose of this event was to celebrate Christ and grow in Him. We have a great group of leaders who went with our kids, and we are thankful that our church supports our youth!



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.

Open House

Gulfside Assembly invites you to an open House on March 10th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. located at 301 Herlihy in Waveland. Come see our new building, hear about our focus for ministry, and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. You can even record a "Gulfside story" in our video booth.



Meetings

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



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, 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, Giovanni Fontecchio, and Patricia Badeaux



A donation was given in memory of Polly Mincher by G. A. Dubuisson.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Peggy Powell and family at the death of her husband, Mark Powell who passed away on March 3rd.



We would like to welcome David, Jennifer, Becca, Grant & Ashley Sanderson into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 10th

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

Monday, March 11th

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

Tuesday, March 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Polly Mincher Circle Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC

Wednesday, March 13th

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

Thursday, March 14th

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

Saturday, March 16th

8:30 a.m. Church Office Paint Day

Sunday, March 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. Easter Egg Stuffing and Dinner in the CLC

Monday, March 18th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in CLC
6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the CLC

Tuesday, March 19th

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

Wednesday, March 20th

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

Thursday, March 21st

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

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

March 10th
"The Good Shepherd: Lent 1"
Luke 4:1-13

March 17th
"Led to Love Like Jesus"
Luke 10:26-37

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

March 10th
"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone
It's By Faith"
Ephesians 2:8-9

March 17th
"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone
Freedom from Guilt and Shame"



Lent. Usually in Lent we encourage people to give up things as a fast so that we can identify somewhat with Jesus' fasting and praying in the wilderness for 40 days. This year, I was inspired by a couple of people who suggested a way to observe Lent that will lead us as Christians to offer something different to the world than the bickering and partisanship that is so pervasive in these days. I believe that by living differently than the rest of the world, we can offer the world a more life-giving witness.

The first person who inspired me was my brother-in-law, who pastors Gibson Memorial United Methodist Church in Vicksburg with his words below. I challenge us to the same things.

"I challenged the people at Gibson to join me in a fast for Lent. Not food or drink or even chocolate, but something much more personal. We are going to fast from hurtful words - whether on social media, in small group meetings, and even when standing in line at Walmart. We are fasting from words that divide and injure. We are fasting from the negative that tears down. Instead, we are using words and actions that build up, support, encourage and show love. We invite you join us in this fast during Lent. May our words and our lives transform us and in some way transform the world."

Secondly, I was inspired by the practical words of Pope Francis that I found on Facebook:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be willed with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

You are invited to observe a holy Lent and by doing so, transform your life and others by the imitation of Jesus.

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.