



The Messenger

March 21, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Karen Dykes for her vision, talent, and hard work making our office area beautiful!



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.**

The Well Worship March 31st

We love getting to hold our worship services for The Well in the Fleming Auditorium at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park campus here in Long Beach. It's a great space and USM is always more than hospitable to us. On the weekend of March 31, USM is hosting their



Founder's Day Event. That event will conflict with our Well service there on Sunday, March 31. Don't worry! We're still going to have our worship service! We are changing locations, and will meet in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church in Long Beach. The Well is a service of First United Methodist Church and this is a great opportunity for us to worship together as one. First United Methodist Church is located at 208 Pine Street in Long Beach. There's a large parking lot on the west side of the church building. We'll have signs out to help direct you to park and to find your way into the sanctuary. We're looking forward to this unique opportunity. We'll be back at USM as usual on April 7.

Pot Luck Lunch

Since we are worshipping altogether in the sanctuary, we decided it would be a great day to also share a meal together! So, immediately following worship in the sanctuary on March 31st, we will walk down the hall to the Christian Life Center for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and join us for this special day. It's going to be a great one!



USM Jazz Festival

The Wesley Foundation is sponsoring a booth at the USM Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 30th and we need volunteers to be there for an hour or two between 12 - 5 p.m. Please contact the church office if you would be available to help at 863-9619.



Egg Stuffers Needed

We are currently in need of items to stuff in our Easter eggs. We have plenty of eggs. We need candy or little toys to fill the eggs we currently have. Thanks for your generosity!



Wesley Foundation 13th Annual Sampling Supper

The 13th Annual Sampling Supper is Saturday, April 6th at 6pm with a Silent Auction 5pm - 7pm at First United Methodist Church Long Beach. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Kids 4 & under free. For tickets or to donate cash or silent auction items, call 228-209-5268. Reserve a table for 8 by Friday, April 5th. Who will win the Silver Spatula Award? Bring cash to vote for the church with the best cooks! The church that receives the most votes (money) will win! All proceeds go to Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at MGCCC-JD in Gulfport & USM Gulf Park in Long Beach.



Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

All seniors are invited to the OAKS Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, March 27th at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and a program by two of our own, Arlene and Marlene. They will provide short and light-hearted entertainment. Please join us!



United Methodist Women News and Activities

Spring Fling Luncheon --150th Birthday Celebration 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

Spring Rummage Bake Sale Saturday May 4th 8 am - 1 pm

Start gathering your "unwanted treasures" to share.

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



Giving Tree for CASA

For the remainder of the Lenten season, we will be using The Giving Tree to collect non-perishable items for CASA of Harrison County. They are seeing an increase in the number of families they serve running out of food, and we want to help them help the families be able to feed their kids! We will have bins located next to The Giving Tree for your donations. Thank you for your help with this and your continued support of CASA!

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, 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, Blakely Hammons, John French, Wanda Lee Corley, Chuck Cruthirds, Mindy & George Barker, Porter Wescovich, Hank Viehmann, Alana Rutledge, Pam Serrato, John Arceneaux, Sharon Pierce, Micki McDonough, Betty O'Brien, Giovanni Fontecchio, John Armstrong, Dave Blazick, and Patricia Badeaux



A donation was given in memory of Billy J. McGee by Bennie & Pete McGee.



A donation was given in honor of Bob Rhoades by the Sonshiner Sunday school class.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to The Long Family at the death of Mandy's father, James Holifield.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 24th

- 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 25th

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

Tuesday, March 26th

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

Wednesday, March 27th

- 11:30 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, March 28th

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

Sunday, March 31st

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 - Main Campus Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Potluck Covered Dish in the CLC
3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, April 1st

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

Tuesday, April 2nd

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
11:30 a.m. UMW Spring Fling Luncheon in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, April 3rd

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

Thursday, April 4th

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

Saturday, April 6th

5:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation Sampling Supper in the CLC

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

March 24th

"Led to Pray Like Jesus"
Luke 11:1-13

March 31st

"Led to a Generous Heart"
Luke 15:11-31

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

March 24th

"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone
Reconciliation and Redemption"
1 Timothy 2:3-6

March 31st

"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone
Calls"
Romans 12:4-21



Hate. I was deeply disturbed by last week's murder of 50 persons who were worshipping in their mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Hatred motivated this individual to this heinous, violent act against people who were just trying to live in peace. Data has shown that in recent years, acts of violence motivated by hatred for people who are "other" is on the rise around the world and here at home.

Whenever these acts of cruelty happen, most of us respond with "thoughts and prayers" for the victims, but after a while this kind of sentiment starts sounding like a cliché no matter how sincerely it is felt.

How can we, who are followers of Jesus Christ, respond in times like these especially when following Jesus means that we are on the path of becoming more like Jesus in our thoughts, words, and deeds? How can we make a difference in the place we are that faithfully reflects our Savior, Jesus Christ?

Colossians is one of the many places where Paul contrasts the people we were and the people we are becoming because of following Jesus.

8 But now you must get rid of all such things-anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3)

The calling here is clear, that we who are in Christ are to offer a witness to the world that reflects our new self in Christ and not our old self that has been "stripped off." This is one way that we can make a difference in our families and in our communities - not guided by our old selves based in fear and hatred but guided by the grace and love we experience in Christ.

Love to you all in the name of Jesus. 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.