



The Messenger

April 4, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of those who have volunteered their time and energy to help paint the church office.

The hospitality committee that put together the wonderful meal after church last Sunday allowing us a special time of fellowship.



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.



Confirmation Sunday

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Following Jesus is a big and important step and five of our students are taking that step with the process of confirmation. Join us on April 14th at the 8:30 service at the Main Campus for the confirmation service for Sam Lynn, Kaylee Cripple, Kenyah LaCour, Zoey Lyon, and Olivia Hilliard. There will be a reception for them after worship in the Christian Life Center sponsored by the United Methodist Women where all are invited to greet these students and their families.



Easter Egg Drop

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Drop on Easter morning! Our Long Beach Fire Department will be dropping eggs from a firetruck at 10:30 a.m. at our USM Gulf Park location. Bring your baskets and cameras and come join the fun!



Maundy Thursday Service

On Maundy Thursday, the Adult Chancel Choir will lead us in the footsteps of Christ from the Last Supper to the cross in scripture and song performing "It Is Finished", arranged by Mary McDonald. In this service of Tenebrae and Communion, we hear again the story of the sacrificial love of God in Christ Jesus. Please join us on Thursday, April 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at the Main Campus.

Office Renovation Help Needed!

The church office renovation has made a big visual impact to a critical part of our Church's public-facing area. The project still has some lingering items that we wanted to see if we could handle them "in-house" instead of hiring an outside contractor. Several members have worked countless hours and financially supported the painting, caulking, buying furniture, moving furniture, meeting with contractors, already. Thanks to all who have helped so far!



We still need to paint 10 doors. We plan to take them off the hinges and sand down the finish and paint. We also need to prepare the walls in the Old Library/conference room for painting (patching nail holes, dents) then paint it! (please be mindful of the new carpet!!!) If we can just get help preparing the walls for paint, that would be a big help, too.

Please let us know by MONDAY APRIL 8th if you or your small group would be willing to take either of these projects on, or if we will need to outsource this in order to move toward completion of the project!

Please contact Andy Long at 228-697-0719 or email: jalong@southernco.com or contact the Church office.



United Methodist Women News and Activities

Circle Meetings

Polly Mincher April 9th 9:30 a.m. Good News Classroom Host: Claudia Cuevas
Circle 1 April 15th 6:30 p.m.
Program: Circle's Choice
Mission: Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence
Flowers: Polly Mincher Circle

Mission Study
April 17th 9-12 am CLC "Embracing Wholeness in an Earth Perspective"
Leader: Glenda Hull

This study begins with the theological and biblical foundations for our covenantal relationship with creation and moves forward into our community, our relationships and our very selves. We will explore both our personal and corporate responsibilities to those around us and address current issues, such as climate change, social responsibility and justice concerns.

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? Call Joyce St. John at 865-0051.

Service Opportunity

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help on Wednesdays for their Clean and Fresh Wednesdays. They need people from 8:20 a.m. until around 11 a.m. to help with showers, breakfast, laundry, giving out hygiene products and clothing, and recording attendance. For questions, contact Ted Hearn at 228-861-9017.



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, Dave Blazick, Don Kerkove, and Patricia Badeaux

Donations were given in memory of James Holifield by Larry & Beth Lewis, Betsy Bullard, and the Aldersgate Sunday school class.



A donation was given in memory of Kathryn Dixnix by Robert Patenotto



A donation was given in memory of Kathrynne Pinnix by Robert Patenotte.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Joe Woodward and family at the death of his son, Austin Woodward.



We would like to welcome Ryan Merrill, and her children, Riley & TJ, into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

You gave \$177,043 in the months of January, February, and March.

Our expenses were \$187,489.



Children's Ministry

We offer an excellent children's ministry that teaches kids to trust God, choose wisely, grow spiritually, and love unconditionally. Your giving helps to support the different children's ministry programs that we offer such as VBS which is coming up in July.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 7th

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

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Monday, April 8th

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

Tuesday, April 9th

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

9:30 a.m. Polly Mincher Circle Good News classroom

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, April 10th

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

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

Thursday, April 11th

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

Sunday, April 14th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship - Confirmation

9:30 a.m. Confirmation Reception in the CLC

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Main Campus Sanctuary

3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)

5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, April 15th

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

6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting

Tuesday, April 16th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, April 17th

9:00 a.m. UMW Mission Study in the CLC

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

Thursday, April 18th

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

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday Office Closed

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

April 7th

"Led to a Changed Heart by Jesus"
Luke 19:1-10

April 14th

"Led to the Cross with Jesus"
Luke 23:32-47

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

April 7th

"The Gospel - Good News for Everyone
Proclaimed"
Romans 10:14-15, 15:20

April 14th

"A New Kind of King"
John 12:12-19



Drawing. Lately my wife has become more interested in drawing. In years past, she has volunteered to make intricate sets for Vacation Bible school which has led to her spending hours creating posters, murals, and other artwork. All beautiful, to decorate her church for VBS.

For Christmas, I bought her a variety of art supplies for her to start with watercolors, and last week I picked up a couple of books for beginning drawing. She has always had an appreciation for art which I guess she got from her father who loved painting.

The thing about art that I appreciate is that the artist can visualize the scene or the portrait they want to paint and make it a reality. The sculptor can imagine the object they want to draw out of wood or stone and give it life. The potter can take a lump of earthen clay and mold it into something beautiful. They can take something that is blank, incomplete, or lumpy and make it into something beautiful.

I think of what Jesus does with us in that he meets us as we are, so to speak, a lump of clay, or an unfinished canvas. When He meets us, He meets us as we are and by his grace His love changes us and makes us into something beautiful. I'm reminded of the lyrics of a song:

Something beautiful, something good

All my confusion He understood

All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife

But he made something beautiful of my life

The good news of the Gospel is just this - Jesus is the supreme artist who welcomes us no matter who we are and includes us in a circle of friendship that knows no bounds. With Him we are offered a new life free from shame and guilt - free to live again. Jesus makes us "beautiful." This is indeed Good News for all of us. Think about what Jesus can do for you and for people around you and let us too be bearers of this good news.

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.