



The Messenger

April 18, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

The Wesley volunteers that help with the ministry each week and all those that helped with the Sampling Supper that raised over \$2600.



Easter Sunday April 21st

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service - Long Beach Harbor
Breakfast immediately following the sunrise service in the CLC

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Breakfast Bar @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Drop at the USM Fleming Auditorium

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium USM

Please bring fresh cut flowers for the doors coming into the lobby.



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!



United Methodist Women News and Activities



Spring Rummage/Bake Sale

Now is the time to start gathering your "unwanted treasures" for the Spring Sale which will be **Saturday, May 4th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall.**
Sunday, April 28th - UMM and volunteers will set-up tables

Donations may be delivered:

Monday, April 29th - Thursday, May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, May 3rd - Get ready for sale. **No donations accepted.**

Saturday, May 4th - Sale from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Clean up from 1-3 p.m.

Important Note:

1. Due to environmental regulations for disposing of TV's, we will accept only flat screen TVs and computer monitors, i.e. LED, LCD, and plasma screens.
2. NO magazines will be accepted.

For more information, please contact Joyce St. John at 865-0051 or email dstjohn788@aol.com.

The Time of Hope

Making Sense of the book of
Revelation

April 28th- May 19th

Many people find Revelation to be confusing or frightening, but because Easter changed everything, this book contains a profound message. Join us in worship beginning April 28th at the Main Campus for a four week series discovering the Hope for all time.

April 28 - Hoping in the One Who Loves You

May 5th - Hoping in the One We Follow

May 12th - Hoping in the Worst of Times

May 19th - Hoping in New Beginnings

Calling All Graduates



If you or a loved one is graduating from High School or College, please contact the church office at 863-9619 if you would like to be recognized during our Baccalaureate Service that will be held on Sunday, May 12th.



Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

Please join us on Wednesday, April 24th, at 11:45 a.m. for lunch in the Christian Life Center. The speakers this month are Robert and Flora Holifield, Jane Cockrell's parents that are retired missionaries. Bring a dish to share and all are invited.



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, Carol Hill, Caitlin Johnson Irwin, and Patricia Badeaux



A donation was given in memory of Linda Sample by Diane Johnson.

A donation was given in memory of Anne Ramsay by Lewis & Dixie Alexander.

A donation was given in memory of Austin Woodward by Bennie & Pete McGee.

Weekly Calendar

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Monday, April 22nd

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

Tuesday, April 23rd

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

Wednesday, April 24th

11:45 a.m. Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS) Luncheon CLC
5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, April 25th

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

Sunday, April 28th

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 - Main Campus Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Set-up for UMW Rummage/Bake Sale in CLC
3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, April 29th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for UMW Rummage/Bake Sale in CLC
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in CLC

Tuesday, April 30th

9:00 a.m. Set-up for UMW Rummage/Bake Sale in CLC
9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. Set-up for UMW Rummage/Bake Sale in CLC
5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

Thursday, May 2nd

9:00 a.m. Set-up for UMW Rummage/Bake Sale in CLC
9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

Friday, May 3rd

9:00 a.m. Set-up for UMW Rummage/Bake Sale in CLC

Saturday, May 4th

8:00 a.m. Spring Rummage/Bake Sale in the CLC

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

April 21st

"Led to New Life by Jesus"
Mark 16:1-8

April 28th

"Hoping in the One Who Loves Us"
Revelation 1:4-8

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

April 21st

"He Is Risen"
Luke 24:1-12

April 28th

"Core: Defining our Center
Engaging the Core"



Growth. My family is approaching a date that marks a time of transition for us - our daughter Lauren is graduating from high school in a month. It seems such a short time ago that she was a toddler just beginning in life and now she is growing into a beautiful young woman inside and out.

She has grown from a little girl who needed to be held, fed, clothes changed - who explored the world, discovering new things everyday and who asked all the why questions. She grew into an adolescent and young lady, who began to learn about life, making good choices, and found more independence. As a high school senior, she is maturing into a young woman I believe is ready to go to college and to make wise choices and to follow her heart finding her vocation and expanding her wings. Yes, it all makes me sad to experience this transition a second time but that is also tinged with joy for who she is growing into being and to remember that as her parents, its our role to help her to become all she can be.

Growing through the life stages is part of life as a human being, but it is also like what it's like as we grow as followers of Jesus. When we first encounter Jesus, we explore what He is like and what following him might mean for us. Then, we take that step of deciding to follow Jesus - beginning to journey with Him. Next, we begin to grow by discovering what following him means and we learn the stories of faith in the scripture and we grow in to talking with God through prayer. Then, we grow into maturing disciples of Jesus who strive to make choices and live a life that honors God. We also look for ways to help others along in their faith journey. Along the way, we ask ourselves "what is the next step God is calling me to take with him?"

As a church, as we are exploring discipleship and following Jesus more closely, I invite you to take time to look at where you are in following Jesus and ask God to help you see and to take the next step in your journey of faith in which he is calling. It is all part of growing into disciples of Jesus who Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus, and Serve like Jesus. Let's take these steps together.

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.