



The Messenger

May 2, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Fai Lamberth for coming each week and placing the offering envelopes in the sanctuary and sharpening our pencils.



UMW Spring Rummage/Bake Sale

Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center and Moore Hall
Fundraiser for Missions



VBS 2019

Get ready for VBS this summer... we will be having a blast! Vacation Bible School will be July 14th-18th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. each night. This event is free, and dinner is included each night. We are going to have a ton of fun so you won't want to miss spending the week with us. Registration forms for both kids and volunteers (adult & youth) will be available in the lobby of the sanctuary and The Well.

Mission Service at the 2019 Session of The Mississippi Annual Conference

We are hoping to pack 10,000 hygiene kits at this year's mission worship service on the evening of Thursday, June 6th. The kits packed will be used for disaster recover, community centers, foster care ministries, and other areas of need. Each church is asked to supply a minimum of 10 kits. Items for these kits should be new.

This list of items in each kit are:

- One hand towel (no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels)
 - One washcloth
 - One comb
 - One toenail/fingernail clipper
 - Bath soap (3 oz bar or larger)
 - One adult toothbrush
 - Ten adhesive bandages
 - One (1) gallon size resealable bag
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Upcoming New worship Series

The Main Campus

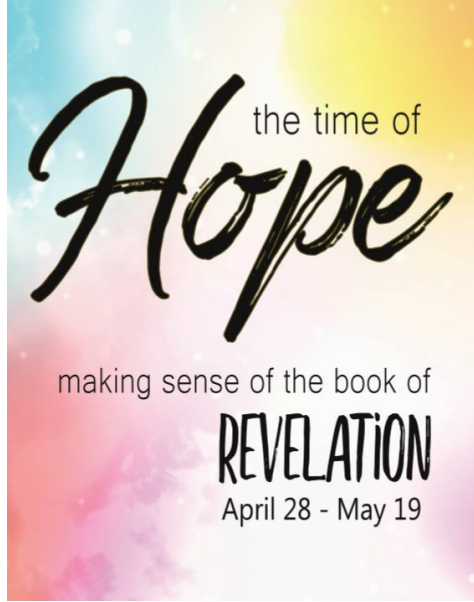
The Time of Hope

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.

May 5th - Hoping in the One We Follow
May 12th - Hoping in the Worst of Times
May 19th - Hoping in New Beginnings

The Well



April 28: Engaging the Core
May 5: Compelling Worship
May 12: Authentic Community
May 19: Sacrificial Service



Save the Date

Save the date because summer is almost here! Children's Ministry will be hosting a family beach bonfire night on Friday, May 31st. More details to come!

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, Stephanie Bass, Krystal & Melvin Walker, and Patricia Badeaux



On Sunday, April 28th, Peter Lewis Reeves, son of Jeffrey and Phyllis Reeves, grandson of David and Carol Reeves was baptized.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 5th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

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11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium USM
3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, May 6th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the Christian Life Center
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, May 7th

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

Wednesday, May 8th

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

Thursday, May 9th

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

Sunday, May 12th

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
3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Monday, May 13th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in CLC
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the CLC

Tuesday, May 14th

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

Wednesday, May 15th

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

Thursday, 16th

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

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

May 5th

"Hoping in the One We Follow"
Revelation 5:11-14

May 12th

"Hoping in the Worst of Times"
Revelation 7:9-17

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

May 5th

"Core: Compelling Worship"
Romans 12:1-21

May 12th

"Core: Authentic Community"
Acts 2:42-47



Worth. The Church rummage sale is happening this coming Saturday. Our United Methodist Women raise a lot of money to give towards missions and I'm amazed at how many and what items comes in to the sale. There are many different kinds of items that are donated, but they all have one thing in common - in a sense they have lost their worth to their owners.

It happens doesn't it - we buy something and we assign it a value based on what it is and what it can do for us? When it no longer has a use, an item is boxed up or stuffed into a closet or into a garage (this makes me think of the Toy Story movies). Speaking for myself, I have to sort through things which means cleaning out the closets and donating all the stuff to the rummage sale.

But here's the thing - I walk into the rummage sale and discover some really cool things and I think - why would someone give this up? I discover some things that I would like to have or that would be useful to me, which means that I can appreciate those things and that they have worth to me. They are valuable and the saying

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This is true for things found in the rummage pile but unfortunately it can be true for people, too. Sometimes we don't see ourselves as people of worth and maybe there are times when we don't see others as worthwhile either. But here's the thing - there is an old saying that goes like this, "God don't make no junk." This is a truth that we can forget - God makes all persons as people of worth. Jesus believed that so much that he was willing to hang on a cross for you.

Sometimes people can tell you in different ways that you are no good, or that you are a failure, that you don't measure up. Sometimes we are broken into bits and pieces but the good news is that God take us and puts us back together and God sees you as a person of infinite worth. You are, in His eyes, a treasure of great value. It's the good news of the Rummage Sale - God sees you, calls you by name, and claims you for His own.

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.

