



# The Messenger

May 16, 2019

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

Karen Dykes and all the many people who have given of their time and energy and have worked so diligently renovating our office area.

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### UMW Spring Rummage/Bake Sale

Thanks to every one who worked so hard to make the sale a success. The Bake Sale made \$864.35 while the Rummage Sale was \$4,864.52. for a grand total of \$5,728.87.

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## **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.

**There will be a volunteer dinner on Sunday, June 9th. Please be sure to sign up before the dinner.**

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### **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**

#### **Hidden Figures of the Bible May 26-June 23**

The Bible contains stories of amazing women who faithfully follow God. Some you know and others are more obscure. They are women who rise to the occasion and display virtues in their encounter with God which are virtues we yearn to have in our own lives. Join us in worship as we discover the strength, courage, and faithfulness of these Hidden Figures of the Bible.

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## Children's Ministry Bonfire

Children's Ministry is hosting a family beach bonfire night on Friday, May 31st. We will gather at the fire pit on Trautman Avenue at 6:00 p.m. Hotdogs and smores will be provided. Please bring your own chairs and any snacks you want to share!

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## Summer Youth Trip

Our youth will be taking a mission trip this summer from June 16<sup>th</sup>-June 21<sup>st</sup> to do Hurricane Michael recovery. They will stay at Laguna Christian Beach Resort. The trip is open to upcoming 7th graders through high school seniors. The cost of the trip will be \$150 per person. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby. Please see Mary Woodruff for questions or more information. Our Giving Tree also contains tags that will help support the youth trip.

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**Come and Celebrate Lois Jones' 97th Birthday**  
on Friday, May 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Doug & Joyce St. John located at 514 Mockingbird. Please shower her with cards in lieu of gifts!

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## Thank You for your generosity!

You gave \$223,490.81 in the months of January, February, March, & April.  
Our expenses were \$240,400.45



## Youth Ministry

We are helping to raise youth in our church to be people of faith who will change the world. Our youth group of 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are led by people who love them in the name of Jesus and help them discover meaningful ways to follow Jesus. We are proud of all of our high school graduates who are entering a new chapter in life to discover where God will lead them. Your giving helps to make this happen. Thank you for your generosity.

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## Older Adult Kindred Spirits (OAKS)

The O.A.K.S. will be taking a trip to ride the Betsy Ann Riverboat on May 23rd. We will depart the church at 11:45 a.m. and have lunch at The Reef, and then board the riverboat at 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Denmark at 228-760-8715.

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## Online Giving

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at [fumclb.org](http://fumclb.org) and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

[Online Giving](#)

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## 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, John Lever, Stephanie Bass, Krystal & Melvin Walker, Floss Roberts, Krystal & Melvin Ogden, and Patricia Badeaux



On Sunday, May 5th, Josephine Emma Lyon, daughter of David & Petchie Lyon, granddaughter of Dick & Linda Lyon was baptized.



We would like to welcome Steve & Cindy Hill into our family of faith at FUMCLB.



Donation were given in memory of Anna Berry by Dyann Lentz, Gwen Palmer, Bowen Eason, Mary Jean Eason, Larry and Beth Lewis, and Betsy Bullard.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Steve Hester and family at the death of his mother, Patsye Hester.

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## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, May 19th**

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

### **Monday, May 20th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the Christian Life (CLC)  
6:00 p.m. Long Beach Middle School Choir Concert in the Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 21st**

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

### **Wednesday, May 22nd**

11:45 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, May 23rd**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC  
11:45 a.m. OAKS Riverboat Cruise

### **Sunday, May 26th**

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 27th**

#### **Office Closed**

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

### **Tuesday, May 28th**

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

### **Wednesday, May 29th**

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

### **Thursday, May 30th**

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

### **Friday, May 31st**

6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Bonfire on Trautman Ave

### **Sunday, June 2nd**

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 - Fleming Auditorium USM

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

5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship

### **Monday, June 3rd**

#### **Older Elementary to Camp Wesley Pines**

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

### **Tuesday, June 4th**

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

### **Wednesday, June 5th**

#### **Annual Conference June 5th-8th**

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

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

### **Thursday, June 6th**

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

### **Friday, June 7th**

**Older Elementary Return from Camp Wesley Pines**

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## **Sunday Sermons and Scriptures**

Main Campus Sanctuary  
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

#### **May 19th**

"Hoping For All Time"

Revelation 21:1-6

#### **May 26th**

"Ruth: Uncommon Love"

Ruth 1:6-18

#### **June 2nd**

"Shiphrah and Puah: Unlikely Heros"

Exodus 1:8-21



The Well USM Fleming Auditorium  
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

**May 19th**

"Core: Sacrificial Service"  
John 13:1-17

**May 26th**

"Joseph: Jealousy Leads to Destruction"  
Genesis 37:1-28

**June 2nd**

"Joseph: You Can Be Faithful in Every Situation"  
Genesis 39:1-23



American Pickers. I love this show which is about two guys who go through people's barns, garages, and basements to buy hidden treasures to sell in their shop. There are a couple of reasons why I watch Mike and Frank drive around the country and looking for these treasures.

The first is that there is something about searching for hidden things in a kind of treasure hunt. You never know what you are going to find which leaves me in a state of expectation of "what are they going to find next?" The second reason I like watching the show is that they are constantly finding things that have been stashed away in the dark for 20 to 30 years and sometimes 60 years. They discover these things, buy them, and then put these items back in circulation. They find things that have not been used for years and they make them useful again.

They will find a motorcycle, get it running again, and get it back on the road. They will take a sign that was leaning against a wall in the back of a barn and sell it to someone who will want to look at it and enjoy it. They will find antique doors laying rotting in a garage and sell it to someone who will install them in their house. They take things that were not being used and bring them to life again.

I find it a spiritual experience and I can apply that to the things that I hold onto that are not being used, but that someone else would use and enjoy them. The question comes to me that if I am holding onto stuff that I am not using - things I do not need - then why do I hold onto them anyway? A more troubling question becomes - who else can use these things and am I robbing someone else of being blessed by these things?

We know that Jesus teaches us that life is not about the abundance of possessions (Luke 12:13-34) so if we follow what he teaches - why do we hold on to



something that could really bless someone else and transform their life? Because isn't that what life with God is all about? It is not about the stuff we have, but the love we share and what we give away of ourselves that God uses to bring people to life again.

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.