



# The Messenger

January 23, 2020

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

Jenny Gates for helping to organizing and plan our upcoming Community Groups.

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## Souper Bowl Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, February 2nd, for our annual fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Please bring a crock pot of soup or a cake to share. This year the proceeds will go to support Youth Ministry.

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## New Ministry Opportunity

Our church council recently decided to begin a process toward a new ministry focused on caring for persons and family members who are living with Dementia and Alzheimer's in their lives. If you sense God calling you to this kind of ministry, then you can respond and find out more information by calling the church office at 228-863-9619.

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### **It's time to think about our summer trip to Camp Wesley Pines!**

Both our older elementary group (students entering 4th-6th grade) and our junior high group (students entering 7th-9th grade) will travel to Wesley Pines on the same week of June 15th-19th. Registration is now open online through the Wesley Pines website, <https://wesleypines.weebly.com>, with a discount for those who register before Feb. 29th. If your child is interested in attending Wesley Pines, please contact Lori Cripple to find out the details!



(If there are any younger elementary kids who will be entering 1st-3rd grade who are interested in going to Camp Wesley Pines, the dates are June 1st-3rd or June 22nd-24th.)

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## **Community Groups**

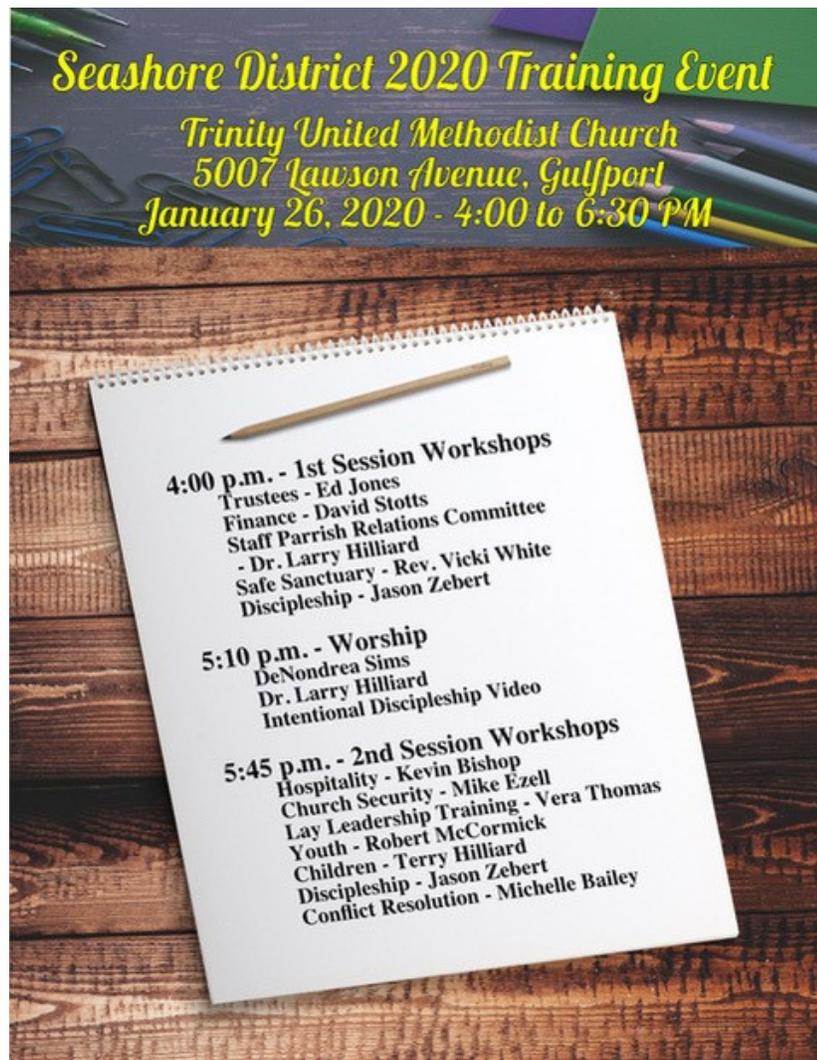
Our next season of Community Groups will start up the week of 2/9. If you would like to facilitate a group or host a group, please sign up in the lobby. For more information, email or call Jenny Gates at [jgates@ml.com](mailto:jgates@ml.com) or 228 297 7766..

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### **Save the Date**

On February 28th from 6:00-9:00 p.m., we are having a Married People's Retreat Night for husbands and wives or those soon to be! Whether you've been married 40 years or about to walk down the aisle, this night is for you! We'll play some fun games, eat some good food, and learn some helpful ways to grow our marriage. Mark your calendars and look for more information coming soon.



## Seashore District 2020 Training Event

Trinity United Methodist Church  
5007 Lawson Avenue, Gulfport  
January 26, 2020 - 4:00 to 6:30 PM

4:00 p.m. - 1st Session Workshops  
Trustees - Ed Jones  
Finance - David Stotts  
Staff Parrish Relations Committee  
- Dr. Larry Hilliard  
Safe Sanctuary - Rev. Vicki White  
Discipleship - Jason Zebert

5:10 p.m. - Worship  
DeNondrea Sims  
Dr. Larry Hilliard  
Intentional Discipleship Video

5:45 p.m. - 2nd Session Workshops  
Hospitality - Kevin Bishop  
Church Security - Mike Ezell  
Lay Leadership Training - Vera Thomas  
Youth - Robert McCormick  
Children - Terry Hilliard  
Discipleship - Jason Zebert  
Conflict Resolution - Michelle Bailey



### Worship at the Main Campus

Sometimes we lose sight of what is important - but renewed connection to God brings a clearer sense of life and purpose. In 2020, we invite you to REFOCUS in order to see LIFE more clearly as we begin a journey together in worship of SEEING 20/20.

January 26 - Seeing Jesus Christ as your Friend

February 2 - Seeing the Foolishness of God

February 9 - Seeing Faith in Action

February 16 - Seeing Your Chance to Grow

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 Havens, Wanda Lee Corley, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Lois Jones, Ron Durham, Connie Durham, Janis Slade, Pat Newcomb, Shayla Hosey, Shorty Haulk, Dawn Rhoades, Jo Holyfield, Cathy Yates, Marie Ward, Wanda Stevens, Ricky Bullock, John French, Chuck Cruthirds, Patricia Badeaux, Hank Viehmann, Sharon Pierce, Dave Blazick, Charlie Gibson, Sherry Alley, Peggy Rowell, Andrew Beets, Alice Krass, Jack Bullock, Conrad Johnson, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Spencer Humphrey, Betty O'Brien, Vernona Murphy, Pam Upton, Jennifer Caldwell, Isabella Bullock, Bobby Taylor, and Charlie & Ann Munter

\*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.



A donation was given in memory of Carol Hill by Gloria McCaleb.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Judy Bland and family at the death of her mother, Carol Hill.



We are happy to have Dr. Debra Atkinson playing the piano for Jane Cockrell while on vacation.

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# Weekly Calendar

## **Sunday, January 26th**

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Meeting in Heritage Hal
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium
- 3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

## **Monday, January 27th**

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

## **Tuesday, January 28th**

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

## **Wednesday, January 29th**

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

## **Thursday, January 30th**

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

## **Sunday, February 2nd**

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 11:00 a.m. Souper Bowl Luncheon in the CLC
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium
- 3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF Souper Bowl Party at the Barlow's

## **Monday, February 3rd**

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

## **Tuesday, February 4th**

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

## **Wednesday, February 5th**

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

**Thursday, February 6th**

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

**Saturday, February 8th**

11:30 a.m. Open Table Ministry

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## **Sunday Sermons and Scriptures**

Main Campus Sanctuary  
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

**January 26th**

"Seeing Jesus Christ as Your Friend"  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**February 2nd**

"Seeing the Foolish Wisdom of God"  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium  
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

**January 26th**

"20/20 Vision: Serve Like Jesus"  
Proverbs 11:25

**February 2nd**

Youth Sunday  
Galatians 5:16-26

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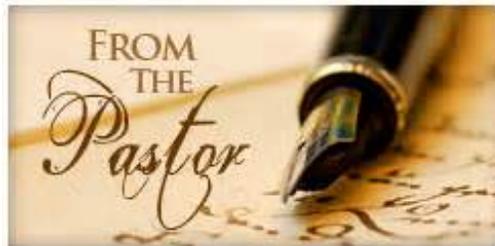


Table - It's one of my favorite pieces of furniture. It is a favorite because food is a favorite and that's where food can be found. Another reason it's a favorite is because of the family memories we make around the table as we gather for meals. We share food, share time together, sing together, as well as sharing the stories of the day. It is also at the table where we know we belong, and that we include others.

It is also at the table where we can make new friends. Years ago, when my mother

moved to Mobile from Indiana, my brother in law and I took the train up to Chicago. It was an overnight trip, so we reserved a sleeping compartment. We rode the rails that night (I didn't sleep too well) and in the morning awakened for a new day with breakfast in the dining car. We sat down to order breakfast and soon after we took our seats, a couple were seated across from us. I was a little surprised, but it made sense with a limited number of tables. We don't ordinarily eat with strangers but here's the thing - during our meal together we began to share our stories. We told our story of mother moving and we were there to drive her moving truck and they told their story of being on vacation and going to Chicago to see the sites and the Oprah Show.

This was a brief encounter, but that experience once again revealed to me the power of the table in sharing a meal and making new friends. Jesus was notorious for sharing his table with anyone who was willing to show up. Pharisees, scribes, religious professionals, and sinners were all welcome at his table and it was at his table that they all belonged. He welcomed the older ones and he welcomed the children too. Every time we have the Lord's Supper, we always extend the invitation to the table to any who will come. This offers up a tangible sign to all of us that, at His table, we belong.

Here at our church, we open the table on Christmas eve for anyone who needs a place to belong. At Open Table Ministry, our goal is to help others know that they matter and that they are welcome at God's table. Miracles and lives can be changed at the table.

I want to invite you to create opportunities at your table to extend the welcome of Jesus. Who knows what life can be blessed by being welcome to the table?

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.