



The Messenger

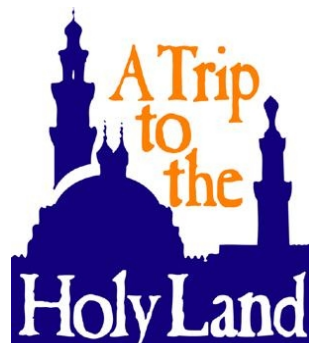
February 6, 2020

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Everyone who donated soups, sides, and desserts to make Souper Bowl Sunday a success. We raised \$1600.00 for the Youth Ministry of the church.



There has been interest in another trip to the Holy Land in February or March 2021. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the church office at 228-863-9619.

Respite Ministry

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.

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.)



Ash Wednesday service will be held in the sanctuary at the main campus on February 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.



Married People's Retreat Night

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!) in the Christian Life Center at the main campus. 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. This is a free event, and childcare will be provided on site. Registration forms are in the lobby at the main campus and at the Well. If you have questions, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622 or lcripple@hotmail.com.



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 - Youth Sunday

February 16 - Seeing Your Chance to Grow

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 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, Jim Miller, Judy Kovac, 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 Betsy Bullard.

A donation was given in memory of Boe Collins by Pete & Bennie McGee.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Jimmy Sample and family at the death of his sister, Doris Ann Watson.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 9th

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, February 10th

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

Tuesday, February 11th

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

10:00 a.m. AARP Tax Service in Moore Hall

Wednesday, February 12th

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 13th

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

4:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Library

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

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, February 17th

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

6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th

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

10:00 a.m. AARP tax Service in Moore Hall

Wednesday, February 19th

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 20th

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

1:30 p.m. Long Beach Garden Club Meeting in the CLC

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

February 9th
Youth Sunday
Galatians 5:22-23

February 16th
"Seeing Your Chance to Grow"
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

February 9th
"Love is: Selfless"
James 3:13-18, Philippians 2:1-11

February 16th
"Love is: Sacrificial"
Matthew 19:16-30



Recently, I received a letter from a family in Lynn Haven, FL who suffered damage to their home from Hurricane Michael in 2018. Our church, along with several others from Ocean Springs and Gulfport stopped to help Emily and Bill Hutt remove debris from their home. Here are their words:

***What a joy it was to see both Wesley UMC and Long Beach f^t UMC show up at our house with the hands and feet of Jesus working to help remove debris from our property, our neighbor's, my daughter's and others in our community. Thank you so very much from the bottom of our hearts and for the extra surprise of donating a gift card. What a blessing you women are! [Our United Methodist Women's ministry donated a number of \$100 gift cards to be given away by our team]. It brought tears to my eyes as I read your card and received the gift. I was reminded of Paul's letter to the Philippians opening with thanking God every time he remembers them. We will remember and thank God for the love that was shown to us through the body of Christ in our time of need. Enclosed is a couple of photos to share with you. To God be the glory and honor! God bless you all! In Christ's love,
Emily and Bill Hutt***

There was an accompanying note from Emily and Bill that this letter was written Oct. 10, 2018, but was lost among many papers and documents as they struggled to recover and now just recently discovered and mailed. I'm glad that they sent it now, because it's a timely reminder of what God can do through people who are committed to loving God, each other, and our neighbors.

Yours 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.