



The Messenger

March 5, 2020

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Kathleen Dudenbostel, Beth Lewis, Amy Haulsee, and Judy David for coordinating and preparing our table for communion.





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.



Long Beach Community Wide Cleanup

We will be participating in the Long Beach Community-wide cleanup on Saturday, March 14th from 8 a.m. until noon. We will meet at the Long Beach Town Green. We will also be hosting a hot dog lunch in the Christian Life Center following work projects. Please join us to serve our local community! Team signups will be located on both campuses or you may contact Amanda Wood 228-547-9514 for more information.



Youth Bonfire and Worship

Youth Fellowship will be held at the beach on Sunday, March 15th. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the fire pit across from Trautman Ave for dinner and worship. Contact Mary Woodruff (228-324-9235) or Mandy Long (228-697-5034) for more details.



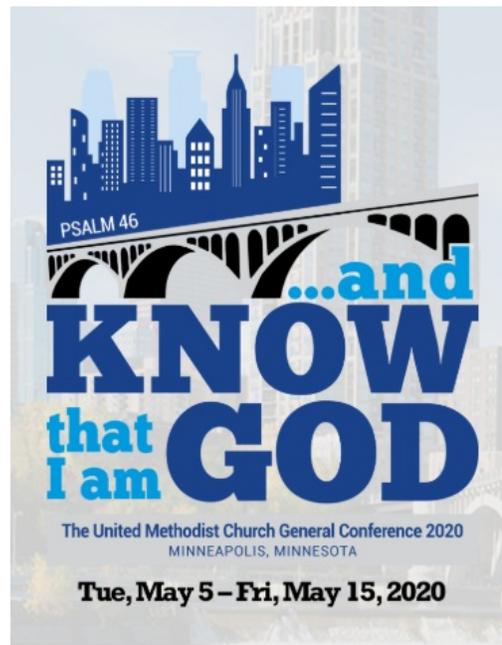
Sampling Supper

Our campus ministries are coming together for a big fundraiser on March 28th at 6 pm at Long Beach First United Methodist Church for our annual Sampling Supper. This is an event in which many persons bring a dish to share with the people present and then each person will have a chance to vote for their favorite by dropping dollars into the jar of their favorite dish and tickets are \$10.00.

There is also an auction for gift baskets, cakes, pies, and white elephant gifts.

We are asking for your help to raise funds by choosing one or more of the following ways to contribute to this event. You can:

Bring a delicious dish to share and to be sampled by all those who attend (plan that 150 people get a small sample of your dish).



General Conference Briefing

Please join us on Sunday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a meeting to brief the congregation on the upcoming General Conference in May. We ask for your prayers during this time.





Looking Ahead to Easter

On Easter Sunday, April 12th, we will begin our morning of worship with a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at the Long Beach Harbor followed by breakfast in the Christian Life Center. We will then have an 8:30 and 11:00 service at both the main campus and The Well. Our Family Easter Jam (including an egg hunt) will start at 10:00 a.m. at The Well campus (USM Fleming Auditorium).

We will meet back at the Long Beach Harbor the following Sunday, April 19th, at 11:00 a.m. to worship on the beach. We will share a fish fry lunch and spend time enjoying the day together so plan to bring your beach chairs, towels, sand toys, etc. **(There will be no services at either campus this day. We will all worship together at the Harbor location. We will be having Sunday school at the Main Campus from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.)**

We will start collecting donations of plastic Easter eggs and egg stuffers (candy, stickers, toys, etc.) this Sunday, March 8th.



Cake Auction

There will be a cake auction fundraiser on Sunday, March 15th, at both campuses. Proceeds from the auction will go towards the summer youth trip to Big Stuf. Big Stuf is a camp rooted in worship that has been life-changing for many of our students. Please mark this date on your calendar to win some delicious treats and invest in our youth!



Pancake Breakfast

On Tuesday, March 17th, the junior class of LBHS will be taking the ACT. Students' ACT scores can be crucial when it comes to scholarship money, and it can open the door to college for some students who might not otherwise be able to financially afford it. We are partnering with the high school to provide them a pancake breakfast before the test. We want to encourage these students, but also fill their bellies so they can concentrate! If you would like to cook, serve, clean up, and cheer for the juniors taking the test, please let Lori Cripple know!



Vacation Bible School

We have already begun planning this summer's Vacation Bible School, VBS Summer Games! It is not too soon to sign up as a volunteer! VBS will be the week of July 12th-16th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Our volunteer dinner will be Sunday, June 14th at 5:00 p.m.

We have a variety of ways you can volunteer for VBS. Being a group leader allows you to form relationships with the same kids throughout the week. You get to watch them grow in their faith and have fun in the process! Our stations are Discovery (leading kids in a combination of craft projects and science experiments), Bible story (sharing scripture and a message with groups of kids each night), and Music (energetically teaching songs and dance moves!). Helping with registration allows you to interact with the families that pass through our doors every night, or you could work in our volunteer registration room and interact with our adult and youth volunteers! You could also cho

ose to help prepare dinner, serve dinner, or be a member of our clean-up crew each night. If you know you want to be a part of VBS this summer, contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622 or lcripple@hotmail.com. Online volunteer registration will be coming soon!



United Methodist Women News and Activities

Circle Meetings:

Polly Mincher March 10th 9:30 a.m. Good News Class Trudy Newland Circle

One March 16th 6:30 p.m. @ The home of Betsy Bullard

Program: Call to Prayer

Flowers: Circle 1

March 4th Executive Board Meeting 9 a.m. @ The home of Joyce St. John

March 6-7th Spiritual Growth Retreat @ Camp Wesley Pines

March 17th Mission Study: Practicing Resurrection, The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

In this mission study, we will be presenting the Gospel of Mark with eyes focused on the stories of those who live on the edges of our society. We will be challenged to see through the lens of poverty and neglect of the worlds most vulnerable. We will discover how God is, and always has been calling us to live out the Word in a radical way.

Leader: Glenda Hull

Where: Christian Life Center 9:00 a.m. to Noon

All women of the Church are invited to participate in the UMW and their activities. For more information contact Joyce St. John at 865-0051.

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, Sally Wilson, Lane Tucker, Judy Kovac, and Charlie & Ann Munter

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



Donations were given in memory of Jim Miller by Bob & Muzette Chatham, Kegley Family, Wayne & Renee Mixon & Family, Ingalls Engineer Workgroup, Allen & Bobbye Lantz, Peggy Rowell, Myrna Danielson & Family, Wayne Roberts & Family, Bill & Penny Denmark, Doug & Joyce St. John, James & Rebecca Collins, David & Sue Calderelli, Larry & Beth Lewis, Fred & Kaye Rendfrey, Andrew & Barbara Fahy, & the Good News Sunday school class.

A donation was given in memory of Peggy Johnson by Thomas & Linda Johnson.

Donations were given in memory of Otis Reagan by Bob & Muzette Chatham, James and Rebecca Collins, and Larry & Beth Lewis.

A donation was given in memory of Boe Collins by Bob & Muzette Chatham.

Donations were given in memory of Carol Hill by Bill & Penny Denmark and Doug & Joyce St. John.

A donation was given in memory of Mary Kerg by Gladys Sinsel.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 8th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation class in Heritage Hall
- 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, March 9th

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

Tuesday, March 10th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 9:30 a.m. Polly Mincher Circle Meeting Good News classroom

Wednesday, March 11th

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, March 12th

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

Saturday, March 14th

8:00 a.m. Long Beach Cleanup at Town Green and Lunch

11:30 a.m. Open Table Ministry

Sunday, March 15th Cake Auction

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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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. Youth Bonfire and Worship off of Trautman Ave

Monday, March 16th

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

6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting at home of Betsy Bullard

Tuesday, March 17th

9:00 a.m. UMW Mission Study on Gospel of Mark in the CLC
(Ladies Bible Study will attend UMW Mission Study)

Wednesday, March 18th

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, March 19th

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

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

March 8th

"Love Revealed, Lives Transformed
John 3:1-17

March 15th

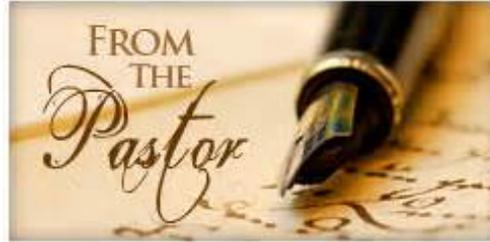
The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

March 8th

"The Lord's Prayer: Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will Be Done"

March 15th

"The Lord's Prayer: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"



Unity. That has come to mind quite a bit recently. In our nation, we continue to see the fracturing of institutions and differing groups increasingly polarized. We are getting very good at attacking those with whom we disagree. We are living in a time of increasing disunity, malice, and animosity.

*The question for followers of Jesus is **"who are we going to be in a world that is increasingly fractured by anger, bitterness and wrath?"** Of course, we were reminded by our youth group back in the beginning of February of the truth of what the church is called to look like in Galatians 5. The fruit of the Spirit, or the description of the church (which is us together) is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*So, we stand in contrast to the world of which we are a part, but a world that we do not seek to imitate. Instead, we are called to imitate Christ Jesus himself who revealed God's sacrificial love for us on the cross. The apostle Paul wrote about what Christ Jesus came to do not just for us but for all creation. It's in Ephesians 1 that we read, **"With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."***

*When Jesus ate the last supper with his disciples, one of the things he said to them was that **the world will know you are my disciples in how you love one another.** My prayer is that we seek to keep revealing the love of Christ in our community by being a living witness to the power of God who has gathered us up and seeks to gather up all creation to Himself. By loving one another even when there might be disagreements, witnesses to the unity we have in Christ. I close with the words of the*

disagreements, witnesses to the unity we have in Christ. I close with the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 133 because I like the image found there of unity.

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.*

Love to all in the name of Jesus our Lord, 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.