



The Messenger

June 25, 2020

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Our wonderful Jane Cockrell for helping get us through this pandemic by providing us with a beautiful hymn every day.

Guidelines and Practices for In-Person Worship

1. Registration for worship by noon Friday, before each Sunday's worship service (July 3 for the July 5 services) by calling the church office at 228-863-9619 or online at fumclb.org or thewelllongbeach.org. We are asking you to register because in this stage of social distancing we are limited to the number of seats in both worship spaces.
2. We will have a small amount of overflow space, some of which is dedicated for the purposes of a parent needing to take a child out of worship temporarily.
3. Offering plates will not be passed but will be placed at the exits to the worship spaces. There will be no "greeting time" in worship but, of course, you will be free to visit and catch up with friends outdoors before or after worship.
4. Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals who are not in the same household. Family groups will be, of course, seated together. In the sanctuary we will use every other pew and have them marked for social distancing. In the CLC chairs will be spaced according to the size of families and number of individuals present.
5. Masks will be required. We will have masks available for you if you do not already have one. We realize that wearing masks is a "hot button" issue, but we ask that we all agree to care for each other by wearing a cloth or surgical type mask while in the buildings. According to CDC guidelines cloth masks should not be worn by children aged 2 or under.

6. Hand sanitizer will be widely available. Gloves will be available for those who wish to have them.

7. Of course, we believe that each person can decide for themselves if they are ready to resume in person worship. If you are at risk, please consider continuing to watch worship online or consider attending the Sunday night outdoor service.

8. If you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have been tested and are awaiting results, please remain at home.

For a more complete set of guidelines and practices for this stage of in person worship, please see our church websites.



Worship Under the Oaks

This Sunday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m., we will offer a Sunday evening prayer worship option for those who feel comfortable being in outdoor groups. We will meet in front of Moore Hall under the oak trees. Please park in the large west parking lot or to the north of the Christian Life Center or Moore Hall. We are reserving parking spots surrounding the prayer service space for tailgating type seating (every other parking spot will be left empty)

We are going to practice social distancing between individuals/families. Masks for will be available for you to use and take with you. To reduce risk, we are asking that you bring your own bread and grape juice and chairs. Communion can be observed with the bread only, in unusual circumstances such as what we are experiencing now. We will have some sealed packets with a wafer and juice for those who may forget.

The prayer service liturgy will be available on our Facebook pages before the service.



Group Meetings

In consultation with our COVID-19 advisory team, we have decided that the week of June 21st would be the right time to afford you that opportunity to resume in-person gatherings with some safety protocols. Once you are ready to resume, the next step would be to contact the church office (228) 863-9619. We will work with you to determine a time and location on campus for you to meet.

If you would like to participate in one of these classes on Zoom, please contact the following people: Sonshiners - Glenda Hull @ tgkhull@me.com, New Horizons - Karen Merkle @ jkmerkle@cableone.net, Aldersgate - David Roots @ davidroots@verizon.net, Jon Kaufman Smallgroup @ jklongbeach@gmail.com.

We ask that you not begin meeting on campus until you have scheduled through the office. This includes our outdoor spaces.



Children's Lessons

For safety reasons, we are going to continue not having any children's Sunday School for the remainder of the summer. We will also start out our in-person services with no children's church or Well Jr. We will definitely revisit this decision as soon as we can!

For the month of July, Lori Cripple would love to bring you some Sunday School supplies as a follow up to our at-home Vacation Bible School. This would not have an online component, but you would be provided with an easy lesson and activities that you could do with your child any time of the week that works best for your family.

If you would like to have some children's material delivered or sent to your house next week, please let Lori know at lcripple@hotmail.com or (228)324-3622.



AMAZON SMILE DIRECTIONS

1. Your first step, is to select FUMCLB as your charity. Simply go to the following link and logon to your Amazon account: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/64-0334099>
2. At that point, verify that you are choosing FUMCLB as your charity. Then click the button to start shopping as usual.
3. In future shopping trips to Amazon, ALWAYS go to the link <http://smile.amazon.com> to ensure that your shopping produces donations for our church. If you shop at the regular Amazon link, you will NOT produce donations.

Youth Schedules for June and July

Check Instagram and Facebook for Updates





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, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Lois Jones, Connie Durham, Janis Slade, Pat Newcomb, Shayla Hosey, Shorty Haulk, Dawn Rhoades, Jo Holyfield, Cathy Yates, Marie Ward, Ricky Bullock, John French, Chuck Cruthirds, Hank Viehmann, Sharon Pierce, Charlie Gibson, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Alice Krass, Jack Bullock, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Ron Durham, Verona Murphy, Charlie and Ann Munter, Spencer Humphrey, Bill Denmark, Sally Poarch, Sam McCauley, Lane Tucker, Pam Upton, Merle Burman, and Martha Hart

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 863-9619 or by email to prayer@fumclb.org.



Donations were given in memory of Lewis and Dixie Alexander by Richard & Grace Gindles. Lucv Reagan. and Trudv Newland.

A donation was given in memory of Dixie Alexander by The Wayne Roberts Family.

A donation was given in memory of Jim Miller by Richard & Grace Gingles.

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Donations were given in memory of Wanda Lee Corley by Trudy Newland and Richard & Grace Gingles.

Donation were given in memory of Boe Collins by Richard & Grace Gingles and David & Carol Reeves.



Thank you to the Youth Group for the "basket of sunshine". I really enjoyed it.

Trudy Newland

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 28th

9:00 a.m. Online Worship Sanctuary Worship

10:00 a.m. Online Worship The Well

6:30 p.m. Worship Under the Oaks in front of Moore Hall

Wednesday, July 1st

5:30 p.m. Youth Heart and Soul in Heritage Hall

6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Friday, July 3rd

Office Closed

Sunday, July 5th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

8:30 a.m. Online Worship Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. The Well in the CLC

11:00 a.m. Online Worship The Well

5:00 p.m. UMYF in Heritage Hall

6:30 p.m. Worship Under the Oaks in front of Moore Hall

Monday, July 6th

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, July 11th

11:30 a.m. Open Table Ministry

Sunday Worship Online Worship

9:00 a.m. Service live on First United Methodist Church Long Beach
facebook page and Youtube
[youtube.com/channel/UCLsZywuTbpyvAucvdZOndhQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLsZywuTbpyvAucvdZOndhQ)

10:00 a.m. service live on The Well facebook page and Youtube
[youtube.com/user/TheWellLongBeach](https://www.youtube.com/user/TheWellLongBeach)

Sanctuary/CLC Worship beginning July 5th

8:30 a.m. Traditional Sanctuary Service

11:00 a.m. The Well in the Christian Life Center

6:30 p.m. service Worship Under the Oaks in front of Moore Hall



We are glad to announce that we are expanding our worship opportunities with two new in-person services beginning on Sunday July 5. We will be offering traditional worship at 8:30 am in the sanctuary and The Well service at 11:00 am in the Christian Life Center. This will now offer 5 ways for us to worship together. They are:

1. In-person worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am.
2. Online traditional worship at 8:30 am.
3. Well worship in person in the CLC at 11:00 am.
4. Well online worship at 11:00 am.
5. Sunday night prayer service in person at 6:30 pm under the oaks in front of Moore Hall.

In this new stage of our life together for in person worship, we will be using the CDC guidelines and our guidelines from our Bishop. They are found in the body of the newsletter.

In the initial phase of returning to in-person worship, we will not have Sunday school on-site. We will re-evaluate and add Sunday school when the time is right. We do have rooms on our church campus reserved for small groups and Sunday schools to meet with social distancing. Call the church office to reserve indoor and outdoor spaces. Several small groups are meeting online. See the inside of the newsletter for the groups and who to contact to get involved.

Finally, I have learned in the past few months that flexibility was important. I have, and I am sure you have too, learned to do things in a new way. We have all learned new skills and to adjust to our current reality. But one thing remains constant - God is faithful and worthy of our worship. I invite us all to take the opportunities we have to worship God and to remember to be flexible in our

practices while leaning on the everlasting arms of our God.

Love to you all 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.