



# The Messenger

July 9, 2020

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

All of our worship leaders and musicians for all of their work over the last few months and their tireless efforts going forward in the coming months.

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## Worship Schedule/Registration

**Sunday, July 12th**

**8:30 a.m.** Sanctuary Worship In-Person in the Sanctuary. This service will be live streamed on Facebook

**11:00 a.m.** The Well service In-Person in the Christian Life Center. This service will be live streamed on Facebook.

**6:30 p.m.** Worship under the Oaks in Front of Moore Hall

Both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service will be uploaded on YouTube as soon as possible.

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

Please register for worship by noon Friday, before each Sunday's worship service (July 10th for the July 12th services) by calling the church office at 228-863-9619 or clicking on the links below.

[Register for the 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service for July 12th in the Sanctuary](#)

[Register for The Well service @ 11:00 a.m. for July 12th in the Christian Life Center](#)

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. 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.*

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## **Worship Under the Oaks**

This Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com) or (228)324-3622.



### **iPhones Needed**

The church is in need of 3 used iPhones for our online streaming worship ministry. If anyone has an iPhone 7 or newer that you would like to donate, please call the church office at 228-863-9619



### **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.

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## **Youth Schedule July**

*Check Instagram and Facebook for Updates*

***Virtual Bigstuf***



## 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 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, Vernona Murphy, Charlie and Ann Munter, Spencer Humphrey, Bill Denmark, Sally Poarch, Sam McCauley, Lane Tucker, Pam Upton, MJ Kalif, Lil Jobe, 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](mailto:prayer@fumclb.org).



A donation was given in memory of Lewis and Dixie Alexander by Bennie & Pete McGee.

A donation was given in memory of Dixie Alexander by William Hall.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Carolyn Rhoades and family at the death of her mother, Helen Boshears.

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, July 12th

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Bonfire on the beach
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Under the Oaks in front of Moore Hall

### Monday, July 13th

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting on Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting on Zoom

### Tuesday, July 14th

- 6:00 p.m. Aldersgate Sunday school class in Heritage Hall

### Wednesday, July 15th

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Heart and Soul in Heritage Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Christian Life Center

### **Sunday, July 19th**

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

### **Tuesday, July 21st**

- 6:00 p.m. Aldersgate Sunday school class in Heritage Hall

### **Wednesday, July 22nd**

- 5:30 p.m. Youth Heart and Soul in Heritage Hall
  - 6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Christian Life Center
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It has never been so easy to invite someone to worship. In this Covid-19 era of the church, we had to pivot to online worship in a span of less than 12 hours warning. As time moved on, we got more proficient in planning and implementing a new form of worship and this past Sunday we were able to renew in-person worship while at the same time becoming more proficient at sharing worship online.

Which gets me back to my first statement - it has never been so easy to invite someone to worship. All you have to do on Facebook is to share our worship videos to your circle of online friends or point others to our worship sites on You Tube. If you have not done this yet - give it a try - just go to our live worship videos on Facebook and share the gospel. Who knows what God can do with that little share button?

In the 1<sup>st</sup> century world, the Apostle Paul took advantage of the latest technology that was bringing the world closer together - the vast system of the Roman system of roads. On this network of roads, Paul had free access to any part of the Roman world. Where the roads went, the Gospel followed.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century world, we are using the virtual road network of the internet and social media platforms to take the gospel with us to people in our "worlds." Our mission as a church and as disciples of Jesus remains the same - to take the gospel with us and to share it while trusting God to transform lives.

We made the pivot to online worship and we will keep going live with worship with the means available to us going forward even when we are in the post Covid-19 world. It is here to stay.

Worship is only one way we have sought to continue the ministries of the church. We are challenged by our current circumstances to do the ministries we are familiar with, but we are learning to start doing these ministries in new and innovative ways. Feeding the hungry, teaching our children, youth ministry, our ministry with seniors, small groups, and Sunday school, are still vital parts of our ministry in helping to grow disciples of Jesus Christ. However, we are learning to do these in different ways so that each ministry can accomplish its mission. I believe these changes will help us in the future to reach even more people for Jesus even after the current crises passes.

I'm glad to report that youth ministry, children's ministry, feeding ministries, small groups and Sunday schools have begun learning to do ministry in a new way. We have more work to do in other ministry areas to adapt to current conditions, but we are not quite there yet.

The good news is that with all the changes taking place, our God still reigns, and His saving grace still flows. I invite all of us to seek God's presence and wisdom and trust in His love for us as we discover new ways to serve our God in our community.

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.