



The Messenger

August 6, 2020

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Jay Lynn for organizing the Zoom Choir pieces for Sunday worship and on Lori Cripple for organizing special events for the children.

Worship Schedule/Registration

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.

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

Please register for worship by noon on Friday before each Sunday's worship service by calling the church office at 228-863-9619 or by going to the links below that can be found on our website at fumclb.org.

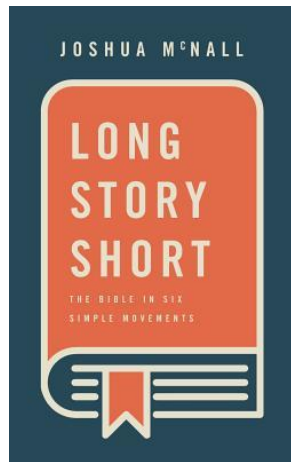
8:30 service

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-united-methodist-church-long-beach-830-am-sanctuary-service-tickets-111240118188>

11:00 service

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-well-service-at-1100-am-tickets-111240523400>

On August 16th, we will be having drive thru communion in the church parking lot from 12:15 pm until 1:00 p.m.



Church Wide Fall Discipleship Project

A *disciple* is someone who learns from and becomes like their rabbi (teacher). The singular mission of our church is to "*Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*" In our present age of pandemic, we have found this to be a difficult yet vital task. We want to be about the work of learning from Jesus so that we might live, love, and serve like Him. To that end, we will be launching a virtual discipleship program. On Thursday nights beginning August 27th, we will host a Zoom conference that will begin with an introduction from one of our pastors or staff and then there will be a time of teaching based on the book "Long Story Short: The Bible in Six Simple Movements." Following this video, everyone on the Zoom call will be transitioned into breakout chat rooms (think Community Group/Sunday

School Group) to discuss the teaching and to check in with and pray for one another.

Afterwards, we will rejoin for a brief time as a large group for parting words and a blessing. Please take time in this season of uncertainty to build your faith and encourage others. I hope you will make time for this, for its success is heavily dependent on your participation. Your presence matters! We look forward to being with you for this special time. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-discipleship-program-tickets-116115226769> or call the church office. Please let us know if you have any questions and if you are interested in being a point person for one of the groups.



Children's Ministry Service Opportunities

We will be making blessing bags and blankets for Open Table this month.

Blessing Bags- Open Table ministry serves the homeless community in downtown Gulfport once a

month. They provide food and other items, including blessing bags. These are Ziploc bags filled with hygiene supplies and other things that could make life a little easier for those who need it. Your family can put together some blessing bags and place them in a collection bin outside the lobby doors on Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m at your convenience. Open Table ministry serves on the second Saturday of every month with the next date being Saturday, August 8th. *Items that could go in a blessing bag are:*

* *Hygiene items such as: toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, soap, hand sanitizer, comb, chapstick*

* *Extra items such as: small candles, bug spray, batteries, socks, etc.*

No-Sew Fleece Blankets- Open Table ministry also hands out blankets when they are available. A fun way your family could donate a blanket is by making a no-sew fleece blanket. It would take about 2 yards of two fleece pieces. A good website with instructions is <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fleece-Tie-Blanket>. Of course, you could always donate a blanket you already have that is in good condition! Blankets can also be dropped off at the church at your convenience!

School Supplies- As our schools prepare for beginning the Fall semester - we ask that you pray for the administrators, teachers, staff, and students. Our schools and families need our support through this time.

We also are collecting school supplies -*paper towels, tissues, small bottles of hand gel, and sanitizing wipes* that can be placed in a collection bin outside the churches lobby doors on Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



UMW Rummage/Bake Sale

In keeping with the Guidelines issued for the COVID-19 pandemic by the Bishop and Governor Reeves, the UMW Executive Board voted to cancel the October Rummage/Bake Sale. Those of you that have been collecting rummage at your home may deliver it to the home of Donna Joplin at 21085 Pineville Rd before Thursday, August 20th at 1:00 p.m. (must be boxed or bagged) at which time the Rescue Mission will collect it.



Youth Activities

Youth, watch for upcoming details on resuming activities on August 23rd!
Details to follow. Can't wait to see everyone!



Group Meetings on Zoom

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 @ davidwroots@verizon.net, Jon Kaufman Smallgroup @ jklongbeach@gmail.com.

Pen Pals

There are many people in our church family who have not been able to spend time with others over the last four months. We thought it would be fun if we all were able to receive some mail these days so we are revising the tradition of being pen pals! If you or your family would like to be a pen pal to someone, please let Lori Cripple know by phone (228-324-3622) or email (lcripple@hotmail.com).



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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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, Vernona Murphy, Charlie and Ann Munter, Spencer Humphrey, Bill Denmark, Sally Poarch, Sam McCauley, Lane Tucker, Pam Upton, MJ Kalif, Lil Jobe, Adam Wood, and Rena Krol,

*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.



A donation was given in memory of Helen Boshears by Jim and Becky Collins.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Randy Hart and family at the death of his wife, Martha Hart.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 9th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Online Worship Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. The Well Worship in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 11:00 a.m. Online Worship The Well

Wednesday, August 12th

- 6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the CLC

Sunday, August 16th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Online Worship Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. The Well Worship in the CLC
- 11:00 a.m. Online Worship The Well
- 12:15 p.m. Drive Thru Communion in church parking lot

Wednesday, August 19th

6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the CLC



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

This week, we were glad to receive word from the Conference Office of the United Methodist Church that all United Methodist Churches in our state are invited to prayerfully plan for in-person worship beginning this Sunday, August 9th. Our church's Covid Advisory group met Wednesday night via zoom and decided to resume in-person worship this Sunday, August 9th. Our worship opportunities beginning this Sunday will include:

1. In-person worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30.
2. Online traditional worship at 8:30 am on Facebook and on Youtube by 10 am.
3. Well worship in person in the CLC at 11:00 am.
4. Well online worship at 11:00 am on Facebook and Youtube afterwards.

We will be following prudent guidelines that minimize risk of transmission of Covid-19 that come from our Conference office. These guidelines include.

1. Offering plates will not be passed but will be placed at the exits of the worship spaces. There will be no "greeting time" in worship but, of course, you will be free to greet one-another outdoors before or after worship. We encourage social distancing while outdoors and remember that though you may be ready to hug someone, the other person may not be ready.

2. 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.

3. Masks will be required. We will have masks available for you if you do not already have one.

4. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter. Gloves will be available for those who wish to have them.

5. *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.*

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

Because we are limited in the number of persons in worship due to social distancing, we will be asking you to make reservations for Sunday August 9th by registering on Eventbrite that you can find on our websites and social media on Facebook. You can also call the church office by noon Friday at 228-863-9619 or Lori Cripple at 324-3622 by noon Saturday.

The following Sundays, you will be able to register for worship by noon on Friday, before each Sunday's worship service by calling the church office at 228-863-9619 or online at fumclb.org or thewelllongbeach.org.

I know this period of time has been challenging and frustrating. The good news is that our God is good and walks with us day by day and I am convinced God is leading us into the future where there is hope and purpose.

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.