



The Messenger

August 20, 2020

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of the class leaders and members participating in the Zoom classes.

Worship Schedule/Registration

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

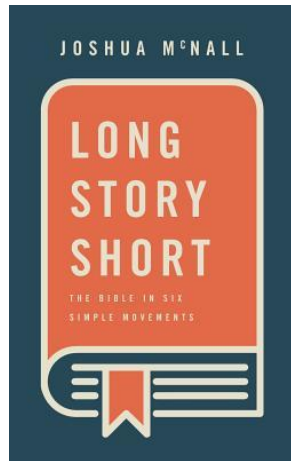
11:00 a.m. The Well service In-Person in the Christian Life Center. This service will be live streamed on Facebook.

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>



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.

COME JOIN US AND LET'S
CATCH UP!

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

THERE WILL BE CORN HOLE,
HOOKEY, NINE SQUARE, CAN
JAM, BOCCE BALL, AND ANY
OTHER GAME YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BRING.

AUGUST 23RD 5-7 PM
SUPPER WILL BE SERVED
(DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A REMIND
TO SIGN UP FOR WHAT
KIND OF SUBWAY SANDWICH
YOU WOULD LIKE!



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 @ tkhull@me.com New Horizons - Karen Merkle @



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.

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, Lil Jobe, Merle Burman, MJ Kalif, Rena Krol, Jo Holyfield, Lorrie Schiro, Kathy Hogan, Cynthia Wilson, and Adam Wood

*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 Richard & Martha Hackney.

A donation was given in memory of Lewis & Dixie Alexander by Sungie Parisey.

Donations were given in memory of Martha Hart by Nancy Ruff, Bob & Muzette Chatham, Betsy Bullard, Ron & Gay Irby, Pat Oakes, James & Margaret Ray, Glenn & Charlotte Rayburn, Wayne Roberts Family, William & Leslie Judson, and Ray, Betty, Ryan, Randy, Andrea, & Aimee Beets.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Cynthia Wilson and family at the death of her brother, Bill Wilson.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 23rd

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
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Game Night in the Youth Hall

Wednesday, August 26th

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

Sunday, August 30th

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF in the Youth Hall

Wednesday, September 2nd

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

Sermon Titles and Scriptures

August 23rd

- Sanctuary Worship "It is Well" Luke 8:22-25
- The Well Worship "Who is Jesus" Colossians 1:15-23

August 30th

- Sanctuary Worship "What a Friend" Philippians 4:6-7
- The Well Worship "Revelation to Gentiles" Colossians 1:24-2:3

In September (Sanctuary Worship), we begin a new series, "And the Moral of the Story Is..." which centers on the stories of Jesus that forms who we are as His Disciples. Together, we will explore these important stories including The Good Samaritan, The Workers in the Fields, The Neighbor who Knocks at Midnight and more. Join us in person or online in worship as we are shaped by the stories of Jesus Christ.



I'm spending a few days with my mother in Mobile while my older sister, who is her primary caregiver, is away from home for a few days. For those of you who do not know, my mother has dementia. Our family has seen the progression of this disease. She is now experiencing confusion and memory loss that is now a part of life.

I'm able to visit once a week and when I do, we share a meal together. Often, I will take her for rides in the car, and I will tell her the stories of our lives together. I remind her of the trips we took, the cars we had, the sayings that she and my dad would say, the places we lived. I remind her of the family she can't quite remember and a few times I have had to remind her that I'm not her brother but her son. She is sometimes astonished that she is 80 and I tell her that she was born in 1940 and I was born in 1965. So, I tell her, it must be true. I joke with her that I am catching up to her.

I do feel sad and I grieve about what is happening to her and to us, but most of all I am grateful for both she and my dad. My mother taught me a lot of things in life. She taught me to be honest, have integrity, keep your word, never to speak ill of another (I don't think I have ever heard her say anything bad about anyone), and to be kind and love your family and love God. I have not always been 100% on any of these things and I have a lot of room to grow, but my mother has shown me a picture of what it means to be a whole human being. She has been kind, loving, and encouraging and supportive through my life. She has held me accountable and she has expressed pride in me.

I also think about the world in which we live that is characterized by strife, where we are discouraged from trusting each other, where national leaders pit us against each other and where hate abounds and kindness stands out as somehow odd. We are being pulled apart by fear of the "other" and where we are quick to judge and condemn one another without the element of understanding.

This is where the church needs to rise up and when I say "the church", I don't mean some amorphous entity. I mean what the word "church" has always meant - a collection of sinners and saints enfolded in and bound together by the grace of Jesus Christ. The church is called in such a time as this to be a witness not of hate, condemnation, and fear, but a witness to love, compassion, kindness, hope, grace, and mercy. While the world is torn apart by lack of faith in each other, we are to be a sign of the power there is in faith in the

apart by lack of faith in each other, we are to be a sign of the power there is in faith in the one who had all power, yet died for us on a cross. We are called to die to the way of the bitterness of the world around us and live as a people of compassion giving voice to the living presence of Jesus in you. The world needs more Jesus.

I am grateful that I have seen Jesus in my mom. I'm sad but grateful. 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.