



# The Messenger

September 3, 2020

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

All of those that donated items for hurricane relief in Louisiana.

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## 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 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](http://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

**We have resumed children's church, Well Jr., and the nursery. Please use the above registration links to reserve your child's spot.**

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### **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](mailto:tgkhull@me.com), New Horizons - Karen Merkle @ [jkmerkle@cableone.net](mailto:jkmerkle@cableone.net), Aldersgate - David Roots @ [davidwroots@verizon.net](mailto:davidwroots@verizon.net)

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### **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> 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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**In response to Hurricane Laura, we are collecting donations and supplies for Louisiana**

1. You can make a donation to UMCOR online.
  2. We will collect the following items on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:
    - Bottled Water
    - Canned Food
    - Other non perishable food
    - Cleaning Supplies
    - Batteries
    - Garbage Bags
    - Paper towels
    - Gatorade/Powerade
    - No clothes please**
  3. We are putting together a work team to help. If you are interested, please call the church office at 228-863-9619.
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**Please No Parking at the Parsonage**

Just wanted to send out a reminder that the parsonage across the street on Church Ave is now being rented out to a family. Our members have long utilized that yard and driveway as overflow parking for Sunday, church meetings, and for dropping off/picking up kids from youth activities. We would like for us to all keep in mind that 204 Church Ave is a family's home now. The empty lot behind the house is still available for use for temporary overflow parking, if the paved parking areas we have are not adequate.

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# September Youth Events



look for reminds for  
dinner choices on Sunday



## **Sunday, Sept. 6th**

No Youth - Labor Day

## **Wednesday, Sept. 9th @5:30**

Virtual Heart & Soul on zoom  
(watch remind for codes)

## **Sunday, Sept. 13th @ 5-7**

Starting new series:  
Faith in an Anxious World  
7:00 pm youth leadership team

## **Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 5:30**

Virtual Heart & Soul on zoom  
(watch remind for codes)

## **Sunday, Sept. 20th @ 5-7**

Youth- Faith in an  
Anxious World

## **Wednesday, Sept. 23 @5:30**

Virtual Heart & Soul on zoom

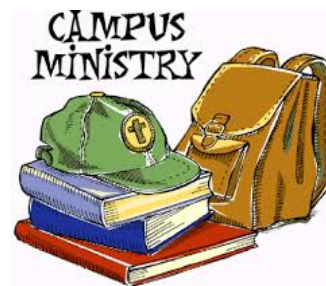
(watch remind for codes)

**Sunday, Sept. 27th @ 5-7**

Youth - Faith in an  
Anxious World

**Wednesday, Sept. 30 @ 5:30**

Virtual Heart & Soul on zoom  
(watch remind for codes)



We believe it is important to maintain connections with our youth after they head off to college. If you have a college student (or are one!), we would love to have an email address in order to send goodies and words of encouragement throughout the year. If you would like to serve on the college ministry team by keeping in touch with our college students, please let Lori Cripple know at (228)324-3622 or by email at [lcripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com).

## 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](#)

## 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, Rick Bullock, John French, Chuck Cruthirds, Hank Viehmann, Sharon Pierce, Charlie Gibson, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Alice Krass, Jack Bullock, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingler, 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, M.J. Kalif, Rena Krol, Jo Holyfield, Lorrie Schiro, Kathy Hogan,

Liz Jobe, Mene Burman, Ms Kain, Kena Krol, SS Holyfield, Lorne Schiro, Kathy Hogan, Cynthia Wilson, Louise Travis, Candy Claeys, Kert Meyer, 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](mailto:prayer@fumclb.org).



A donation was given in memory of Helen Boshears by Doug & Joyce St. John.

A donation was given in memory of John Rhoades by Doug & Joyce St. John.

A donation was given in memory of Wanda Lee Corley by Doug & Joyce St. John.

Donations were given in memory of Martha Hart by Doug & Joyce St. John and John Bla

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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, September 6th

- 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

### Monday, September 7th

Labor Day - Office Closed

### Wednesday, September 9th

- 5:00 p.m. Heart & Soul on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the CLC

### Sunday, September 13th

- 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

3:00 p.m. SWPT in the Youth Hall

**Monday, September 14th**

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

**Wednesday, September 16th**

- 5:00 p.m. Heart & Soul on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the CLC

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**Sermon Titles and Scriptures**

**September 6th**

Sanctuary Worship "Good Samaritan for Today" Luke 10:25-37

The Well Worship "Don't Be Duped!" Colossians 2:4-19

**September 13th**

Sanctuary Worship "Grace for the Workers in the Vineyard" Matthew 20:1-17

The Well Worship "Made New" Colossians 2:20-3:11

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Compassion. Webster's dictionary defines compassion as, "sympathetic consciousness of other distress together with a desire to alleviate it." I saw compassion at work last weekend as we gathered supplies to be delivered to those who live in Louisiana after Hurricane Laura. There was compassion shown by you and the two Boy Scout troops who volunteered to receive, stack, and organize the supplies as they came in on Sunday. You had compassion for those who were suffering by taking a step to alleviate their distress.

Compassion is such an important part of discipleship because we follow Jesus who himself



showed compassion for so many. It is in Matthew's gospel that we have a clear picture of Jesus and his compassion. He is out and about teaching about the kingdom and healing all sorts of illnesses when Mathew describes what he saw in Jesus: "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36

Jesus saw those who were in distress by hunger, illness, sin, and yes - racial bias - and desired to alleviate it by feeding them, healing them, forgiving them, and including them in his life. Ultimately, his greatest act of compassion was when he saw all of us, throughout time, bound by our own sin, and decided to alleviate it once and for all on the cross when he died for us. Compassion guided Jesus and we, who are guided by Jesus, are also guided by that same compassion.

The world needs the compassion of Jesus right now as seen in we who follow Him. We are experiencing pandemic, racial strife, and disasters in our world and there are a lot of people in distress. It seems that most people have strongly held viewpoints and we need to have convictions but what seems to be needed right now is strong compassion - the ability to learn about and see the distress of other people and the desire to alleviate it. Let us take time to see people around us of all races and viewpoints, take time to listen, and look for what Jesus might do through us that can transform a life, a community, and a world.

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.