



# The Messenger

September 17, 2020

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

Our two Worship teams at the main campus and The Well who keep leading us in worshipping God.

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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>

11:00 service

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

**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**

In consultation with our COVID-19 advisory team, we have decided that it is now safe to resume, beginning the week of September 20th, 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](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)

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

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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 and Sally, we are collecting donations and supplies!**

1. You can make a donation to UMCOR online.
2. We will collect the following items on Sunday and Monday, September 20th and 21st by noon:

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

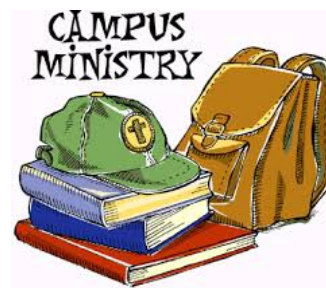
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**Sunday, Sept. 27th @ 5-7**

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 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, Ric Bullock, John French, Chuck Cruthirds, Hank Viehmann, Sharon Pierce, Charlie Gibson, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Alice Krass, Jack Bullock, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Ting, 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.

Elisee, Marie Barman, The Palm, Rena Kri, St. Holyfield, Lorne Coniro, Kathy Hogan, Cynthia Wilson, Louise Travis, and Candy Claeys, Jim & Louise Alexander, John Armstrong, Donna Joplin, 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 Kert Meyer by Betsy Bullard.

Donations were given in memory of Martha Hart by John & Jan Harliman, Larry & Beth Lewis, and Lucy Reagan.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Jill Sanders and family at the death of her father, Renkert Meyer.



Dear Church Family,

I thank God for you all! During this time you have been a tremendous blessing. The prayer service was amazing and something I will never forget. Your generous gift to help cover expenses, the countless meals, cards, texts, and calls. How blessed I am to have you as my church! With deepest gratitude and a heart full of love! Adam Wood

Special thanks to Ben Barlow for delivering sand bags to the needy!  
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## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, September 20th

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. UMYF in Youth Hall

**Monday, September 21st**

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

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

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

**Sunday, September 27th**

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 Youth Hall

**Wednesday, September 30th**

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

**Sunday, October 4th**

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 Youth Hall

**Tuesday, October 6th**

6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting

**Wednesday, October 7th**

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

**Saturday, October 10th**

11:30 a.m. Open Table Ministry

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**Sermon Titles and Scriptures**



## September 20th

Sanctuary Worship "The Neighbor Knocks at Midnight" Luke 11:5-13

The Well Worship "Get Dressed" Colossians 3:12-17

## September 27th

Sanctuary Worship "What Do We Do With our Talents" Matthew 25:14-30

The Well Worship "Family Ties" Colossians 3:18-4:1

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Unpredictable. To say that this year has been unpredictable would be an obvious statement. So much has happened this year that we did not see coming, including hurricane Sally, which was unpredictable. We were spared the worst of it, but our neighbors to the east in Alabama and Florida were not.

Though there is much we cannot predict, the good news is that we can **DEPEND** on God for much. We can depend on God's love. Romans 8:38-39 says, *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* God's love for us never changes!

Another thing on which we can depend is God's mercy. Lamentations 3:22-23 says, *"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* God's mercy is dependable!

One more thing that we can depend on is that when we feel alone in our present circumstances, the good news is that God is with us. When Jesus' birth was announced to Joseph, he did not, at first, understand what was happening when his fiancé was pregnant. He was hurt but decided to end their relationship by not making a big deal out of it. But the angel of the Lord came and said, *Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary*



*as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:20-22*

The good news is that when so much of life is unpredictable, God's love, mercy, and presence are the source of constant strength and power for us every day. May we find peace with our God who is dependable.

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.