



The Messenger

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*Merry Christmas
From All of the Staff*



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Upcoming Events

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning worship will continue to live stream every Sunday until further notice.

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service

11:00 a.m. The Well Service

Watch both on Facebook and YouTube

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“Have You Ever Felt Blue at Christmas?”

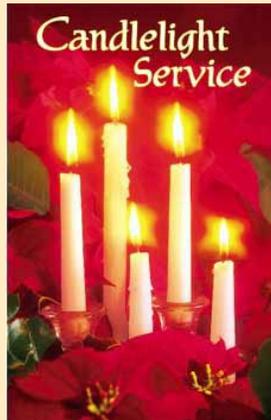
On Sunday, December 20th at 5 pm we will have a virtual Blue Christmas Service on both Facebook pages. We recognize that for many people, grief is accentuated during the Christmas season. This year will be an especially difficult year for many of us. Some are experiencing grief after losing a loved one. Others are experiencing grief after job loss, a broken marriage, or other personal life events. Many of us carry burdens everyday. Add to all of this a global pandemic and it seems there is an extra heaviness this year. Our Blue Christmas service will acknowledge these griefs through worship, scripture, and song, and we will look to the Hope that comes at Christmas.



Christmas Eve Luncheon

This year we will host our annual Christmas Eve Lunch on Friday, December 24th from 11am -1pm, to-go style. We will be following all CDC guidelines. This means that our volunteer pool will be limited due to capacity limitations around food prep areas. We will have one team prepping, cooking, and packing boxes and one team, outside, giving to-go boxes to individuals and families as they drive thru the line. All volunteers must wear face masks and food service gloves, if in kitchen area. If you would like to volunteer the day of, please contact Amanda Wood at 228-547-9514. For those who cannot make the event, but would like to help in some way, we have several needs: food (turkeys, hams, rolls, stuffing/dressing, vegetable side dishes, desserts), masks (making some to give away), and hand sanitizer (small bottles to give away).

**You may donate the ingredients to make the dishes or prepare the dishes. Hams may be donated un-cooked as they take less time to bake. Turkeys may as well, but if you are able, please bake your turkey ahead of time. All food ingredients & prepared dishes may be dropped off outside of the CLC under the awning (parking lot side) December 22 & 23 from 5PM-7PM. Please have your name, with reheating instructions listed somewhere on the dish. Someone will be waiting outside to receive your donation. We will NOT have food drop-offs on Christmas Eve morning.



Outdoor Christmas Eve Service Carols, Communion, and Candlelight

Join us for an outdoor Christmas Eve service on Thursday, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m. The service will feature our favorite Christmas carols, holy communion and a candlelight service. We will gather in the parking lot of the Christian Life Center so parking will be on the north, east, and south sides of the property. Please bring your own chairs and communion elements for the service. (We will have a supply of both if you do not have something to bring.)

This service will be livestreamed on both of our Facebook pages. In the event of rain, a brief Christmas message will be broadcast through our social media sites.



Advent Special Mission Offering

As we think about the incarnation of Jesus, who came to be with us, we are taking an opportunity in Advent to support a ministry that is with some of the most vulnerable, the homeless community. Specifically, we are choosing to support Seashore Mission of Biloxi, and their ministry in serving the homeless population of the Gulf Coast.

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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.

Update Your Key Cards

Please make sure to come by the church office to update your key card. Don't forget to call when you arrive. (228) 863-9619



PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie & John 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, 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, Lane Tucker, Pam Upton, Lil Jobe, Merle Burman, Rena Krol, Jo Holyfield, Lorrie Schiro, Kathy Hogan, Cynthia Wilson, Louise Travis, and Candy Claeys, Jim & Louise Alexander, John Armstrong, Virginia Barnes, Dawn McGinn, Cindy Gates, John Bull, Betty Gibson, 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 Alice Krass by Betsy Bullard.

Donations were given in memory of Lois Kaufman by Jim & Becky Collins and the Aldersgate Sunday school class.

Donations were given in memory of James "Bubba" Murray by Jim & Becky Collins and Betsy Bullard.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to the Watts & Davis family at the death of their mother, Alice Krass.



Thank you for your prayers and cards after the death of my mother, Lois Kaufman. Your prayers have given me strength through those trying days.

Thank you for your support, 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.