



# The Messenger

May 6, 2021

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First United Methodist Church  
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## Worship Schedule

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

**10:00 a.m.** Worship Under the Oaks

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

**Starting May 16th, masks will be recommended but not required for our worship services.** Please register for worship by the Friday before each Sunday's worship service by going to the links below or by calling the church office at 228-863-9619 (Before 2:00 p.m. on Friday).

For the 8:30 sanctuary service, please use this link to register:

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

For the 11:00 Well service, please use this link to register:

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

# Note from Ben

Our family loves to watch “Hometown.” It is a show documenting a Laurel, Mississippi, couple’s work of repairing and transforming homes for their clients. In the process, they have not only transformed homes but their own hometown. There seems to be a contagious effect to their rehab work. It has completely revitalized the town of Laurel.

The thought came to me that as Christ changes and transforms our hearts, it can be highly contagious! When we allow Jesus to rehab us from the inside out, our lives will have an impact in the most positive way, on those around us. I pray that we would be a church whose lives are being transformed and that we would have incredible influence on all those around us. After all, our mission as United Methodists is to “Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!”

*"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." -Romans 12:1-2*

Love in Christ, Ben

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## Upcoming Events

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**Shine On...** All of our teachers. We appreciate all that you do!



## Save The Date for VBS!

We are incredibly excited to have Vacation Bible School in person this summer! Mark your calendars because VBS will be the week of July 11th-15th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. It will be for children age 3-completed 5th grade. Look for online registration coming soon!

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### Special Called Charge Conference

We are announcing a Special Called Charge Conference for Monday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of making a final decision to enter into a loan agreement with Hancock Whitney Bank to help us pay for a replacement roof for our church buildings (except for the Christian Life Center which remained undamaged following Hurricanes Katrina and Zeta). This meeting is a necessary part of our decision making process, as the bank requires a portion of our church property as collateral.

The Charge Conference meeting will be held in the church sanctuary and chaired by our Seashore District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Larry Hilliard. All members of the church council are part of the charge conference and interested persons are invited to attend. We would be happy to answer any questions. Please call the church office at 228-863-9619.

There will also be a zoom opportunity for viewing the meeting online.

Topic: FUMC Charge Conference

Time: May 10, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85833695272>

Meeting ID: 858 3369 5272

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# Graduating Seniors

We would like to congratulate our 2021 graduating seniors. They are:

Lauren Bennett  
Andrew Bishop  
Courtney Boyd  
Belle Carter  
Christian Cruz  
Aidan Hines  
D'Alan King  
Adam Krol  
Laurel Ladner  
Reagan Phillips  
Alexis Pouriraji  
Sophia Spears  
AJ Tate  
Alyssa Tinsley

We would also like to congratulate all of our college graduates!

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## Lois Jones 99th Birthday May 24th

There will be no public celebration planned due to Covid-19. However, we want to shower her with birthday cards. Her address is:

Seashore Highlands 12170 Highland Way Apt 103 Gulfport, MS 39503

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### SEASHORE MISSION FUNDRAISER

Date: May 22, 2021

Time: 11:00 - 2:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00 per plate

Ticket will be available for pre-order

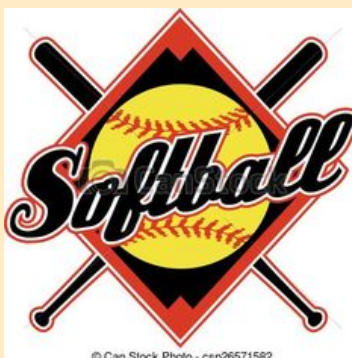
#### Menu 1

Fried Fish  
Baked Beans  
Green Peas  
Coleslaw  
Roll  
Dessert  
Drink (\$1.00)

#### Menu 2

Smoked Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Green Peas  
Potato Salad  
Roll  
Dessert  
Drink

Point of Contact: Rev. Marianne Smith  
(228) 493-2081



### Men and Women's Softball

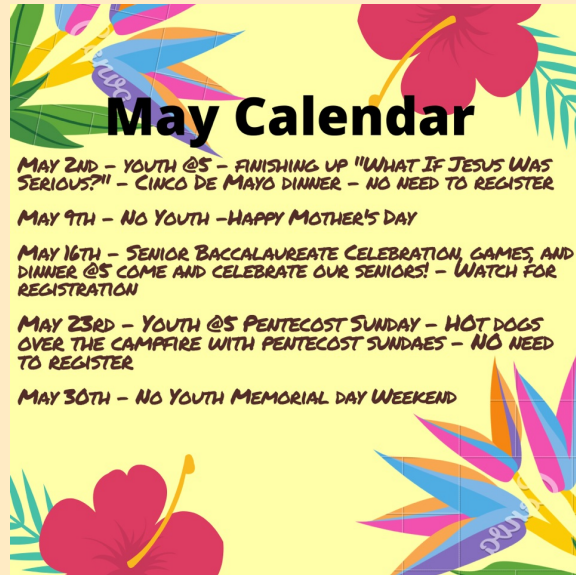
If anyone is interested in playing men or women's softball, please contact  
Chris Hankins at 228-243-4255 or Rob Myers at 228-596-6657.



## Worship DVDs Available

If you are unable to worship with us online because of internet problems and would like to have a DVD of the service delivered to you to view, please contact us at the church office at 863-9619.

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## Worship Under the Oaks Sunday at 10:00 am

On Sundays, we are having an outdoor service under the Oak trees in front of Moore Hall on our church campus This is across the street from the park. This worship service is being added for those of us who are ready for connecting with God and with others in an outdoor setting, but are not ready to worship inside. It is designed to be a simple, 30 minute service with music, scripture, prayer, and a message. This will be an on-going worship service during this Covid-19 season. Please bring a chair, but we will have some for those who forget.

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## Amazon Smile

**Follow instructions below and give to your church.**

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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## Sermon Titles and Scriptures

### May 9th

Sanctuary Worship "How Do We Know We Love God?" 1 John 5:1-6  
The Well Worship "Forgiveness" Matthew 18:21-35

### May 16th

Sanctuary Worship "Jesus Is Ascending. Now What?" Acts 1:1-11  
The Well Worship "Peter's Fall and Restoration" Luke 22:54-62 & John 21:15-

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PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie & John Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Lois Jones, Connie Durham, Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Jo Holyfield, Cathy Yates, Marie Ward, John French, Chuck Cruthirds, Hank Viehmann, Charlie Gibson, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Jack Bullock, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Vernona Murphy, Ann Munter, Spencer Humphrey, Bill Denmark, Pam Upton, Lil Jobe, Lorrie Schiro, Kathy Hogan, Louise Travis, Candy Claeys, Jim & Louise Alexander, Virginia Barnes, Dawn McGinn, Cindy Gates, John Bull, Jake DeHut, Betty Gibson, Lee Carver, Farra Wicks, Joyce St. John, William Hall, Harry Brax, Terry Welch, Pete Seyfarth, Jimmy Sample, and Johnny Kersnac

\*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).



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Susanna Crapps and family at the death of her husband, Walter Crapps.

We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Wayne and Irene Brown and family at the death of Wayne's mother, Lillian Brown.

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# Calendar

## **Sunday, May 9th**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Under the Oaks

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship in the CLC & Online

## **Monday, May 10th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

7:00 p.m. Charge Conference in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting



**Tuesday, May 11th**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in Moore Hall

**Wednesday, May 12th**

6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

**Thursday, May 13th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

**Sunday, May 16th**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship Under the Oaks

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship in the CLC & Online

5:00 p.m. Senior Baccalaureate Celebration

**Monday, May 17th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

**Tuesday, May 18th**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in Moore Hall

**Wednesday, May 19th**

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

**Thursday, May 20th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

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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.

