



# The Messenger

May 20, 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 Jon

This past year has been full of challenges for our world and also an opportunity for remembering the important things of life – the most important for me has been the need and the power of community. I shared not long ago that the pandemic has led me to realize that having the gathered community of the church can be taken for granted. So, I am grateful that we have been able to gather again and to experience worship and small groups again. We are not totally at the end of the pandemic in our country, but we are closer to the end than we have ever been.

After all, God created human beings to experience true, authentic community where we can experience a sense of belonging, where we are loved, held accountable, and where we learn to love God and our neighbors in the truest sense. We are part of a community in the church that celebrates together, grieves together, where we share our burdens and our joys. We pray for each other and preserve the dignity of each other. It is also the community where anyone can experience being valued, loved, and welcomed. I am grateful for our community of faith where we are seeking to follow Jesus becoming more like Him in how we live, love, and serve. We should never take that for granted again and we should always value being present in the community of faith. Life is truly found when we journey through it all together.

The good news is that conditions have improved to the point that we are able to experience more community in worship and small groups. We have lifted the mask mandate in worship. Masks are now optional but recommended for those who have not yet been vaccinated. In worship, we are also excited to announce some changes in schedule and location.

Our church's Well Worship Service will move back to Fleming Auditorium on June 6th with social distancing by household units. In addition to the 8:30 am worship service, the Main Campus 11:00 am service will return on June 6th. We will continue to practice social distancing in both services.

On May 30th, we will hold our last 10:00 am outdoor service. This was intended to be a temporary opportunity to gather for worship while we were limited with our indoor activities. Several more of our adult Sunday school classes also expressed a desire to renew their in-person gatherings so we look forward to those groups resuming soon.

We will continue to live stream on Facebook and YouTube our 8:30 am Sanctuary service and the 11:00 am Well worship service from USM. I give thanks for our community and for the increasing opportunities we have to share life together as we walk with God and each other in faith.

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# Upcoming Events

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**Shine On...** The 11 volunteers who help work to clean up two houses in Long Beach from Hurricane Zeta and repair a ceiling in a home in Gulfport on Serve Day.



## 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. You can register on line at [fumclb](http://fumclb) and [thewell](http://thewell) websites.

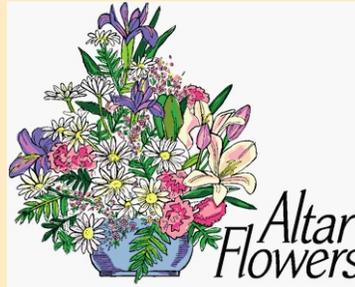


## Roof Repair Update

Be aware that roof replacement should begin starting the week of May 24th, weather permitting. Complete Exteriors is the contractor. The contractor will soon be placing dumpsters around the buildings, and there will be many workers onsite. When visiting the church, please be mindful and careful around the construction activities

and please leave the parking spaces near the building open that may facilitate the dumpster placement and removal. Also be mindful of the possibility of stray nails, etc. during and after construction.

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### **Flower Calendar**

The 2021 flower calendar can be found in the lobby. We still have several opportunities available for placing the flowers in the Sanctuary.

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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

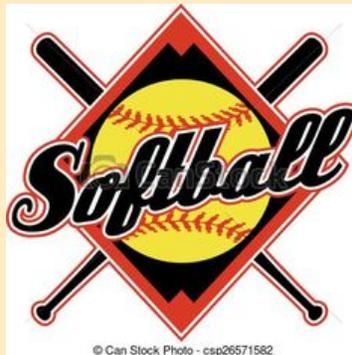
#### Menu 1

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



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### Men and Women's Softball

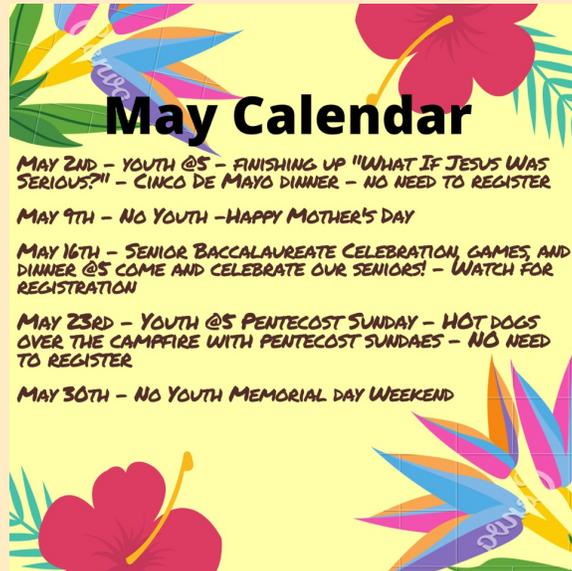
If anyone is interested in playing men or women's softball, please contact Chris Hankins at 228-243-4255 or Rob Myers at 228-596-6657.



## 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. **The last one will be held on May 30th.**

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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 23rd

Sanctuary Worship "The Holy Spirit Fills the Earth" Acts 2:1-21  
The Well Worship "Peter Preaches!" Acts 2:1-41

### May 30th

Sanctuary Worship "The Holy Spirit and You" Romans 8:12-17  
The Well Worship "The Holy Spirit and You" Romans 8:12-17



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, Charles & Lisa Oliver, David Berry, Steve Wood, 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 Rob Myers and family at the death of his sister, Holly Myers.

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# Calendar

## **Sunday, May 23rd**

- 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. Youth Pentecost Sunday

## **Monday, May 24th**

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

## **Tuesday, May 25th**

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

## **Wednesday, May 26th**

6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 27th**

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

**Friday, May 28th**

Blood Drive in the CLC

**Sunday, May 30th**

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 31st**

**Office Closed**

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

**Tuesday, June 1st**

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

**Wednesday, June 2nd**

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

**Thursday, June 3rd**

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.

