



The Messenger

June 3, 2021

First United Methodist Church
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Worship Schedule

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship In-Person in the Sanctuary. This service will be live streamed on Facebook and You Tube.

11:00 a.m. The Well Service In-Person at USM Fleming Auditorium. This service will be live streamed on Facebook and You Tube.

Masks are 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

You have to account for the wind. My favorite sport that I take a Sunday afternoon nap to is Golf. Some people can sleep during Nascar races – they do go around and around and around – you get the picture. I can't nap during football because there is too much happening. But golf – I can really enjoy the soft-spoken announcers, the slower pace of play which creates a low level of activity that allows me to enjoy a nap.

I really do enjoy golf as a sport I play but also like to watch. One thing about Golf is that the ball is subject to the wind. Therefore, players spend a lot of time talking with their caddies about how fast the wind is blowing and which direction the wind is blowing because the speed of the wind and its direction influence the direction and the distance of the golf ball in flight. So, they really have to do their best to know the wind because once the ball is in flight, it rides the wind, and the wind is going to take it where the wind will blow.

In a similar way, we have to do our best to pay attention to the direction of the Holy wind of God - the Holy Spirit. According to Jesus, the Holy Spirit, like the wind, will go where He wants to go and do what is right for the Holy Spirit. Our job, as Jesus followers is to pay attention to the movement of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will challenge us, prompt us, and will invite us to move along with Him so that God's will is done on earth as it is done in heaven.

The Holy Spirit is also the giver of life. Scripture is very clear that the Holy Spirit is like God's breath that breathes life into our souls. The Holy Spirit moves for the purpose of giving life to, we, who can be dead in our own sin, our own brokenness, pain, and regret. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of an unsearchable love, is always seeking to offer us new ways to live, whole, redeemed lives. The Holy Spirit seeks to move us closer to God and to be more complete Sons and Daughters of God. It changes life for the better. And so, I invite you to account for the wind – the Holy Wind of God who even now is seeking to breathe life into you and me, day by day. Be sure and account for the wind.

Love in Christ, Jon

Upcoming Events



Shine On.. VBS Leaders and volunteers that have signed up and those that will!



Vacation Bible School

Our Summer Games VBS will be the week of July 11th-15th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. We are excited to be able to welcome the community back on our campus for this event. It is going to be a great week, and there are several ways you can be a part of it!

1. Register your child to come to Vacation Bible School.
2. Sign up to be a group leader for the week.
3. Invite a family to come to VBS.
4. Join us on Thursday, June 17th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center to work on our decorations. It will be a fun night to spend together as we prepare for VBS.
5. Start praying now for the week of VBS. Pray for our volunteers, the children who will attend, and for the impact our church will have on the kids who spend this week with us and for the families that bring them.

If you have questions about anything regarding Vacation Bible School, call Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622 or email at lcripple@hotmail.com.



Fourth of July Celebration Social

Sunday, June 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Last year has been difficult for everyone. Many of us have been separated from our church family and friends, so we are planning a time to reconnect, have fun, and celebrate the Fourth of July with good food and fun for all ages.

Menu: Pulled pork, hotdogs, sides, desserts

Activities: Sno-cone truck, outdoor games for kids (including a water slide), launch water balloons at your Pastors, patriotic music, Fourth of July trivia with prizes

More details to follow in the next newsletter!



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.

Your Church Needs You!

We are in need of people willing to serve at both the Main Campus and the Well.

Worship Greeters
Music opportunities (Choir, Well Band)
Technology and Social Media
Worship Leaders
Communion Servers
Ushers
Children's Church and Well, Jr.
Help decorating Narthex and The Well set-up
Vacation Bible School

Please call or email the church office to commit to serve.

Confirmation Worship Service Sunday, June 13th @ 5:00 p.m.

We are celebrating confirmation and the students who are choosing to follow Jesus as a disciple at a special worship service in the Sanctuary. You can register to attend at the following

link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/confirmation-service-tickets-157888824725>

There will also be a meal in honor of our confirmands right after worship so please let us know if you plan to attend the meal. We will also live stream this special service on our church's Facebook and Youtube channels.



Men and Women's Softball Schedule

Men

June 7th @ 6:15 pm

June 8th @ 7:30 pm

June 14th @ 6:15 pm

June 15th @ 7:30 pm

Women

June 7th @ 6:15 pm

June 8th @ 6:15 pm

June 15th @ 7:30 pm

All games will be played at the Gulfport Sportsplex.

June Calendar

- June 6th - Youth Fun Night (watch Remind for details)
- June 13th - Confirmation Service @5 in the sanctuary. Come celebrate our confirmands
- June 20 - No Youth - Happy Father's Day
- June 27th- Church Wide Fellowship Dinner (check the newsletter for details)



Upcoming Sermons

June 6th

Main Campus Worship "Ready-Set-Go: Faithful beginnings" Mark 2:13-22
The Well Worship "Resident Aliens" Jeremiah 29:1-23

June 13th

Main Campus Worship "Ready-Set-Go: When Faith Gets Stirred" 1 Samuel 3:1-10
The Well Worship "Determined Obedience" Daniel 1:1-21, 2:1-49

New Series at the Main Campus

Ready-Set-Go

What does living a life of faith look like? Join us as we explore living a life of faith.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful."

2 Timothy 4:7

The Amazon Smile logo features the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath. Below the logo is the tagline "You shop. Amazon gives." in black text.

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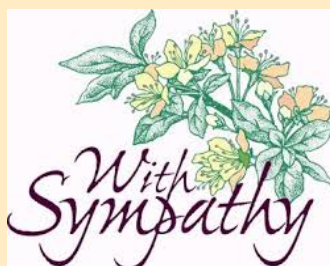
Follow instructions below and give to your church.

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.



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, Omogene Hoffman, Jimmy Sample, Terry Rowell, and Gladys McCardle

*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.



We would like to extend our Christian love and sympathy to Norman and



The Good News Sunday school class will begin meeting in-person on Sunday, June 6th at 9:45 a.m.

Calendar

Sunday, June 6th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM Fleming Auditorium & Online
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fun Night

Monday, June 7th

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

Tuesday, June 8th

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

Wednesday, June 9th

- 6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 10th

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

Sunday, June 13th

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM Fleming Auditorium & Online
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 14th

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

Tuesday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC

Wednesday, June 16th

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 17th

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.