



The Messenger

June 17, 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

Anxiety. The other day, I was discussing with one of our leader's potential summer work projects to help those recover from Hurricane Zeta. I then realized that we are already into June and Hurricane season is upon us again. There is a system currently forming in the Gulf which will, at most, likely bring heavy rain and non-destructive winds this weekend.

Reasons for stress and anxiety can come at us from a lot of different directions. The weather, Covid-19, job, retirement, health, relationships – all can be sources of anxiety. So can parenting. I'm finding that as a parent, worrying about your kids don't end once they leave home. Mine are still in my thoughts and prayers throughout the day. When one of them is experiencing pain or hardship, I feel it as well. There are a lot of sources of anxiety and worry, but for disciples of Jesus we have a unique answer which is found in our faith.

Jesus talks about our worries in Matthew 6. *Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?....But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.*

Jesus says something very profound. First, he reminds us that God does provide. God provides for his creation and God provides for you. The key is that provision comes from us seeking God's ways which he is teaching about in Matthew chapters 5-7. Seek God's kingdom and you will find your needs fulfilled. Secondly, worrying about tomorrow robs us of our today. Today may have some troubles, challenges, and blessings but if we are distracted by tomorrow, we miss out on what God wants to do right now, today. So, the meaning for me, is to keep seeking God's reign in my life, and live, not for today, but in today and to keep remembering that we live in God's good creation where God will take care of you. For me, there is hope and strength and that truth helps me. I hope it can help you too.

Love in Christ, Jon

Upcoming Events



Shine On... Mr. Wayne Brown for all you do to keep our air conditioners cooling.



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. 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

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.

Special Need Adult Class Leaders Needed

We are resuming a Sunday school class for special need adults in July. We are seeking a few volunteers to help love and lead this class. Call the church office @ 863-9619 to find out more information.

New Church e-mail Address

The new e-mail address for the church is
firstumclb@gmail.com



Men and Women's Softball Schedule

Men

June 21st @ 6:15 pm

June 21st @ 7:30 pm

June 29th @ 6:15 pm

June 29th @ 7:30 pm

July 6th @ 6:15 pm

July 6th @ 7:30 pm

Women

June 22nd @ 7:30 pm

July 5th @ 7:30 pm

July 6th @ 6:15 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 20th

Main Campus Worship "Courageous Faith"

Esther 4:13-17

The Well Worship "In The Fire"

Daniel 3:1-30

June 27th

Main Campus Worship “Community Faith”

Esther 1:8-17

The Well Worship “Humility”

Daniel 4:1-37

July 4th

Main Campus Worship “Faithful to Your Identity”

Daniel 1:8-17

The Well Worship “The Writing on the Wall”

Daniel 5:1-31



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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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 express our Christian love and sympathy to Melissa Walker and family at the death of her mother, Marty McKinney.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Jim & Diane Miller and Heather & Rose Marie Miller at the death of their son/husband/father, Michael Miller.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers and acts of kindness on my 99th birthday. The birthday cards and beautiful flowers were much appreciated. I hope to celebrate my 100th birthday with you.

Love. Lois Jones

Calendar

Sunday, June 20th

- 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

Monday, June 21st

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

Tuesday, June 22nd

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

Wednesday, June 23rd

- 11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 24th

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

Sunday, June 27th

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. 4th of July Celebration Social

Monday, June 28th

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

Tuesday, June 29th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 6:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Dinner in the CLC

Wednesday, June 30th

6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Youth Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, July 1st

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

Sunday, July 4th

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

Monday, July 5th

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

Tuesday, July 6th

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

Wednesday, July 7th

6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Youth Hall

Thursday, July 8th

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.