

Pastor's Pen



December is one month where I have no problem coming up with something going on to talk about. In fact, it's more about narrowing down what to highlight. I'm looking forward to Robyn Rennick and her storytelling, Breakfast

with Santa, and Christmas Caroling as a church family. However, nothing can compare to the glory of worshipping together on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

I hope that you will attend, bring your family, and invite a friend to our Christmas Eve worship service at 5:00pm on December 24. Always a meaningful service, this year's music will be led by the Bo Spring Band and we will participate in carols, communion, and candlelight. Together we will celebrate the Mystery of God putting on flesh and dwelling among us.

After eating your Christmas breakfast and opening presents the next morning on December 25, we will gather again to celebrate Jesus- the greatest gift ever given. Join us at 10:00am for this traditional service of Word and Table.

I am looking forward to being with you through this holy season. The first Advent and Christmas at a new church is always exciting and a little nerve wracking. I cannot thank this wonderful congregation enough for the welcome you have extended to me and my family. Come let us adore him together!



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Things

Children's Ministry

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 3 9-11. Join us in your Christmas PJs or a special Christmas outfit to have your picture made with Santa and enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast prepared by our wonderful United Methodist Men.

Christmas Parade Saturday, December 10 6 PM.

Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 14 5:30 PM. In lieu of Kid's Life and Little Lambs we will join with our church family at the Great Hall then venture out to sing Christmas carol to some of our homebound members.

Youth Ministry

December 14 Christmas party at STAC House - Bring food to share

December 21 - January 4 No youth

Wednesday Nights 5:30 - 7:30pm STAC HOUSE

Church Service 10:00am The Great Hall

Sunday School 11:00am The Monument House

Music Ministry

Worship Services 10:00 a.m. ~ Great Hall
Join us for Sunday morning worship services during the season of Advent. Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

December 4th, 11th, 18th, & Christmas Day!

Christmas Tales in Port St. Joe ~ Robyn A. Rennick brings Christmas Stories to Life!
Wednesday, December 7th from 6- 7 pm. Stories and Songs for the Whole Family! Great Hall

Christmas Concert: It's Christmas!

Join us on Friday, December 9th at 6pm in the Great Hall for a Christmas Concert presented by the Bay Area Choral Society.

Longest Night Service ~ Join us on Wednesday, December 21st at 5 p.m. as we gather to worship, and remember the saints who have gone on before us. Let us worship together in love as we celebrate this Christmas Season and those so very dear in our hearts~Great Hall

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Bo Spring Band December 24th 5pm ~ Great Hall

MERRY CHRISTMAS! O Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant! December 25th, we gather in the Great Hall for a Traditional Service of Caroling and Worship.

More Things

Young Singers, Grades 2nd - 6th, Wednesday Rehearsals. Ministry Center 3:30-4:30pm.

Bell Choir, Thursday rehearsals, Great Hall, 4:30-5:30pm.

Chancel Choir/ Vocal Arts Ensemble, Great Hall, Thursday Rehearsals, 5:30pm.

Sunday School for All Ages!

*Adult 8:45am 104 Walkabout Ct Leader: Mike St. John
*Adult 9am Monument House Leader: Mike Whitfield
*Senior Adult 11am Great Hall (Pidgeon-Rish Class)
*Youth 11am Monument House Leader: Lynn Marshall
*Children 11am Monument House Leader: Laura Barkalow
*Adult 5:00pm Monument House (Marie Jones Class)
Leader: Mazie Stone

Wednesday Night Activities Dinner 5:30pm Great Hall. Pastor's Bible Study 6:00pm Great Hall. Youth 5:30pm STAC House. Little Lambs/ Kid's Life 5:30pm MLC Building. Young Singers 3:30pm Ministry Center. Nursey available in the Great Hall during Wednesday activities.

Prayer Requests Email info@psjumc.org or contact the church office.

We have nursery for infants – K4. Nursery is located behind the Great Hall, next to the kitchen.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am at the Monument House. Beginners are welcome to join. For more information, contact Kay Kline beachbabecsb@gmail.com or 502-314-4444.

Altar Flowers-If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign up on the flower calendar by contacting the church office – at least two weeks prior to your flower presentation.

Teams Bread, Butter, Eggs, Milk Bring your goodies to our December 4 service. These items are being collected for Two Fish Food Market.

Book Buddies Do you love books? Do you want to share your love of books with others? Book Buddies from First United Methodist Church reads to children each week in the 1st and 3rd Grades at Port St Joe Elementary School. Book Buddies and Gulf District Schools want to see the program expand to the 2nd and 4th grades as well as to the Bridges Program. Contact Amy St. John 360-280-1167.

Important News

Hanging of the Green Service Join us Sunday, November 27 at 5pm as we prepare our hearts and our Great Hall for the Advent Season. Reception following the service.

Advent Pastries If you would like to donate baked goodies on a Sunday morning during Advent, we would love it! Please place your treats on our Fellowship Corner table 30 minutes prior to service.

Guest Speaker Please welcome Ramsey Lawrence Wednesday, November 30 at 6pm in the Great Hall. She will be sharing with us the great work of the Methodist Children's Home (Embrace Florida Kids).

Advent Small Group 4 Week Study: "Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience" Mondays 10am November 28 – December 19 with Rev. Dave Location: Monument House 1007 Monument Avenue; or Tuesdays 6pm November 29 – December 20 with Rev. Chelsey Location: 101 Mimosa Avenue (home of Helen Carlsten).

Christmas Storyteller Wednesday, December 7 6pm in the Great Hall, renowned storyteller, Robyn Rennick, gets us in the Christmas Spirit.

Christmas Caroling Join us at the Great Hall Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30pm. We will venture out to sing Christmas carols to some of our neighbors & homebound members. (No dinner)

The Longest Night Service of Worship The holidays are difficult for those going through loss. Join us on Wednesday, December 21 at 5pm in the Great Hall as we acknowledge our loss and the need for healing.

Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24 5pm in the Great Hall with the Bo Spring Band.

Christmas Day Service Sunday, December 25 10am

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December Birthdays

Happy Birthday:

1st- Andrew Furr
Greg Todd

2nd- Michael Bentley
Kyle Pickett

3rd- Amanda Kent

6th- Relic Bailey

7th- Mary Sadler

Ann Belin Salter

8th- Jim Belin

Emory Cumbie

Jared Arnold

Barbara Easterbrooks

9th- Dot Creamer

Meredith L. Higgins

JP Brannan

10th- Leonard Costin

Wesley Jones

Kelli Newman

Janis Tankersley

Adam Taylor

Carol Tendler

11th- Ed Creamer

12th- Betty Bowman

13th- Douglas May

Daniel May

14th- MaKayla Hopper

15th- Dan VanVleet

Valerie Paulk

16th- Joan Bentley

19th- Mary Pat Stubbs
Andy Durance

20th- Mary Pierce

Matthew Roberson

Boston McGhee

21st- Joe Madsen

Tina Williamson

22nd- Judy Williams

23rd – Ralph Roberson

25th- Carol Weber

26th- Mallory Terry

27th - Saphira Barkalow

28th- Mary Hess

Bentley Roberts

29th- John Miller

Deb McCagg

30th- Brandon Davis

Gannon Buzzett

December Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary:

2nd-Stuart & Renee Shoaf

10th-Boyd & Paula Pickett

12th-Perry & Janie Adkison

18th- Dave & Laura Barkalow

22nd-Hubert & Trina Richards

27th- Rick & Judy Williams

Russell and Ethel Bardsley

31st- Jack & Dana Kerigan



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