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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE

REBUILD



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Clanging Cymbals

Dear Friends,



The month of love is here. It sparks memories of grade school with candy chalk hearts and valentines you had to give to every person in class. For others, it is a time to remember a life-long love with a spouse. At any store, it is displayed with red tinsel and overpriced candy. February is here.

The scripture that comes to mind when we think of love is often the words of St. Paul to the church of Corinth “love is patient; love is kind...” It is the go-to for many weddings, this description of perfect love. Truly, it is a beautiful passage, but there are three verses before chapter thirteen’s quintessential words of love.

“¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NRSV)

This is not the famous part of the chapter that scripts so many hallmark cards. Clanging cymbals and noisy gongs? That would be awful at a wedding! These verses come right after the passage before about the different gifts of the members of the Body of Christ. What is the point of any gift if there is no love? You can speak the best tongues or understand all knowledge or move mountains with your faith, but if we do not love? Then it is no gift at all.

Even amidst all losses, we still have gifts to give. These aren’t gifts that we earned or accolades we hold above everyone else. No, these gifts were entrusted to us by the Lord. If we use these gifts as just bartering tools or resume skills, then they are nothing. Love is what keeps us from becoming nothing but clanging cymbals.

And what is love? Well, you’ll have to read the rest of the chapter for that.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Britney

February Meetings Schedule

Lay Leadership-Sunday, February 3 11:15AM in the Great Hall.

Church Council-Monday, February 4 6:00PM in the Great Hall.

Julie Hodges, Youth Director



Wednesday, February 6th: Jesus' Parables: Lost 5:30pm Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

Wednesday, February 13th: Valentine's Dinner at Peppers 5:30pm Dinner (youth serve dinner at 5pm) 6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

Wednesday, February 20th: Jesus' Parables: The Good Samaritan 5:30pm Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

Wednesday, February 27th: Jesus' Parables: The Sower 5:30pm Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

The youth had a great weekend at Blue Lake for the Draw Near Retreat! Thank you to First United Methodist Church of Pensacola for inviting us!



Krystal Terry, Children's Director



God's love is in the air! FUMC children will be busy this month spreading that love! We have so many activities for children of all ages to be a part of. Please join us for Little Lambs on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15 (ages PreK4-1st), Kid's Life from 6:15-7:15 (ages 2nd-6th) also on Wednesday nights and His Kids on Sunday mornings immediately following the service until 12:00 for ages PreK-6th. Children don't forget to bring your Bibles as we will be digging into God's Word.

February 1st-3rd: Children in grades 3rd-6th will be going to St. George Island Christian Retreat Center for Winter Retreat. This is for students who have already registered.

Sunday, February 10th: Little Lambs and Kid's Life will be hosting a special Valentine dinner in the Great Hall at 5:30 pm for some very special church family.

Friday, February 15th: "Glow with God" Dance for Kindergarten-6th graders in the Great Hall from 6:30-9:00pm. Children may purchase glow gear for \$1.00. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, March 6th: Church-wide Ash Wednesday service-no regular Little Lambs and Kid's Life.

Upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

April 14th: Palm Sunday: Children will wave palms at church. There will also be a church-wide picnic and Easter egg hunt for the children at 12:00 at the Centennial Building Park.

April 26th: Father Daughter Dance in the Great Hall

Ann Comforter, Music Director

The music of the Church is alive and well and we need YOU.

We are excited to announce that Paul Brown has agreed to reorganize our BELL CHOIR. If you have ever played bells before or would like to learn, there will be an organizational meeting soon so watch for the announcement. If you love to sing, we have a chair, music, and robe ready for you to join us. We have rehearsals at 7 pm on Wednesday evenings upstairs in the choir room. You are welcome to come on a Wednesday night and sit in on a rehearsal to see if you'd like it. There's a lot of good music coming your way, beginning with special communion songs by some of our talented soloists and our special Easter music will be underway soon. Bay Area Choral Society will be presenting, "Seven Last Words" by DuBois on April 12th in the Great Hall. You will not want to miss this concert that is being directed by Dana Langford and accompanied by Jessica Beasley. On a special note, I / we would like to thank Judy Williams for all of her work behind the audio and video board. She (and LUKE) were true blessings to us in the choir in our time of need. We look forward to working with Jon Hooper. Thank you for your service to the Church.

Until next timeGOD BLESS US ALL Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

We would like to welcome these new members to our church family in January: Desmond King, Julie & Chuck Moore, and Sheila & Cliff Holmes!

Congratulations to Brandon & Laurel Davis upon the birth of their baby boy, Waylon Beau Davis (8 lbs. 4 oz.).

We extend our condolences to Kaye Harbin upon the death of her father, William James Garbett, on 1-10-19; to Hubert & Trina Richards upon the death of their daughter, Nancy Neville, on 1-11-19; Linda Wiley upon the death of her mother, Marnell Fortner Vanderford, on 1-12-19; and Andy Durance upon the death of his mother, Elah Durance, on 1-28-19.

Cross Shores Care Center is welcoming home their residents! David Hinote is in room 349A.



Desmond King



Julie & Chuck Moore



Sheila & Cliff Holmes

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Private Wedding Rehearsal	2 10AM AA Closed Meeting Private Wedding
					Children's Retreat to SGI 2/1-2/3 →	
3 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Church Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:15AM Lay Leadership Meeting	4 9:30AM Disciple Class 1:00PM Bridge 3:00PM Staff Meeting 6:00PM Church Council	5 9:00AM Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:00AM FEMA Rebuild Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	6 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs 5:30PM Young Singers 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 6:15PM Kid's Life (1st-5th) 7:00PM Choir Practice	7 3:00PM Women's Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting	8	9 10AM AA Closed Meeting
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Happy Birthday:

1st- Zach Hodges
Frank Weber
3rd- Sara Allen
Casey Witten
4th- Leland Ray
Jerrie Todd
Lucile Sauls
Hampton Terry
Hunter Hortman
6th- Mary Claire Finlay
8th- Fred Flowers
9th- Dusty May
Joanne Freeman

10th- Suzanne Wood
11th- Beth Bauer
Emerald Halualani
14th- Melinda Williams
Jennifer Bogaert
15th - Kevin Guidry
16th - Hunter Garth
Harvey Hennington II
Donna Ray
17th - Owen Berry
Ryan Wood
18th - Max Hendrix
Darlene Spencer
19th - Melody Woodham

20th - Kristen Abrams
Taylor Crews
Nancy Howze
Larry Johnson
21st - Lucy Shaddix
Ronald Pickett
22nd- Kip Altstaetter
Nicholas Comforter
Roland Dixon
24th- Richard Schremp
25th - Ashley Hopkins
Kathy Wilson
Linda Davis
Isabel Bogaert
Court Matney

26th - Linda Johnson
George Thompson
27th - Rick Williams
Mark Howze

Happy Anniversary:

2nd- Kerry & Kathy Capps
7th- Michael & Joan Bentley
11th -Joe & Caroline Madsen
14th -Rodney & Pamela Herring
17th- Bill & Linda Hamilton
Steve & Kelli Newman
29th- David & Jennifer Bogaert

Sunday Worship Service 10AM in the Great Hall.

Volunteers needed for church related activities. Contact church office for details and to sign up.

Coffee Talk with Pastor Britney-Tuesday, February 5 2-4PM at No Name Café. Please contact Pastor Britney britney@psjumc.org to set up a meeting time.

The Disaster Distress Helpline is a 24/7 hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster.

Call **1-800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs** to **66746** to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

Help Rebuilding-The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is setting up a major presence in Port St. Joe/ Mexico Beach for recovery. We will have volunteer teams from across the nation staying in a Hospitality House, which UMCOR has purchased near the church. If you or your neighbors need help rebuilding your homes please call 1-888-942-4477. Also, if you know of mission/work teams that are interested in coming down to work please call the same number for reservations.

Women's Support Group - Dr. Pamela Valentine, a therapist from Tallahassee with a specialization in women's trauma, will come to the Great Hall on Thursdays from 3-5PM to discuss topics related to trauma. This will start January 31. For more information, email Pastor Britney at brtiney@psjumc.org.

Pastor's Bible Study- On Wednesday nights through February we will be studying the life of Jesus with special attention to historical sites in the Holy Land. We are using Adam Hamilton's series called, *The Way*. Hamilton takes us to historical sites where Jesus walked and brings new insights into Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Altar Flowers-If you would like to place flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the flower calendar by contacting the church office. Two weeks prior to your flower presentation, please inform the church office of your specific bulletin announcement.

It's "Resolution Fitness" time now through February on Tuesdays & Thursdays. 9:00AM for our bands and body weight class and 10:15AM for chair fitness.

Alcoholics Anonymous 7PM Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10AM Saturdays, in the Great Hall. AA closed meeting Saturdays at 10AM.

For help with addiction problems (drugs/alcohol) call Mark4Ministries (Steve Brightwell) 412-716-0426.

Caregivers Support Group 1PM fourth Tuesday of each month. All people in need of support are welcome to attend.

Prayer Shawl Group meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 10AM in the Great Hall. Beginners are welcome to join.

Methodist Care Closet is located at 610 8th Street in the old STAC House. Hours of operation : Closed Monday (for restocking), Tuesday – Friday 9AM – 6PM, Saturday 9AM – 4PM. The Care Closet is in great need for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, just stop by the Closet.

No Methodist Men's meeting this month. Next meeting will be Sunday, March 3 at 8AM in the Great Hall.

Open Minds
Open Hearts
Open Doors

Sunday School/Small Groups

9:00- 9:45AM O Bay Sunday School Class (Constitution Room)
9:00- 9:45AM Alpha Sunday School Class (Monument Room)
10:00-10:45PM Nursery (Monument Room)
11:15-12:00PM Marie Jones Sunday School Class (Constitution Room)
11:15-12:00PM Pridgeon-Rish Sunday School Class (Monument Room)
11:15-12:00PM His Kids Sunday School Class (Great Hall)
11:15-12:00PM Youth Sunday School Class (Rotunda)



Wednesday Night Dinner



Dinner begins at 5:00PM. Donations are welcome.

Wednesday, February 6 Menu: TBD	Servers: O Bay Class
Wednesday, February 13 Menu: TBD	Servers: Youth
Wednesday, February 20 Menu: TBD	Servers: Alpha Class
Wednesday, February 27 Menu: TBD	Servers: Volunteers





5:00PM Fellowship Dinner (Great Hall)
5:30PM Young Singers (Choir Room)
5:30PM Little Lambs (Monument Room)
6:00PM Kids Life (Monument Room)
6:00PM Youth (Constitution Room)
6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study (Great Hall)
7:00PM Choir Practice (Great Hall)


Mission Statement


The First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe is called of God to be a Christian fellowship, affirming our beliefs through worship, witness, and service, glorifying God, adhering faithfully to the scriptures, nurturing spiritual growth, and sharing God's forgiveness to all people through the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

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Sunday Schedule

9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

11:00AM Sunday School

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