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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE



Join us for Vacation Bible School
"To Mars and Beyond"
as we travel through space
and see where God's power takes us!

First United Methodist Church of Port St Joe
June 24 – 28
9:00AM – 12:00PM
Grades K4 – 6th

Register at: www.cokesburyvbs.com/portstjoeumc

DAY OF PETECOST
SUNDAY, JUNE 9
WEAR RED TO CHURCH



DONUTS WITH DAD
SUNDAY, JUNE 16 9-10AM



FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 16



VBS WEEK
JUNE 24-28 9-12



Associate Pastor, Britney Toner

Dear Friends –

Summertime is the season which most people associate with our great state. It's when our "Sunshine State" nickname comes into full swing. Life moves a little differently in the sunshine of summer. Our stores are abuzz with tourists coming down for their family beach vacation. Our glasses fog up as soon as we exit an air-conditioned building in the humidity of summer weather. Even our dogs are affected, having to go on walks early in the morning or at twilight to keep the sunbaked asphalt from burning their paws.

The most characteristic Florida thing for me is the weather, but not just days full of long sunshine. No, I think of the days where there is a strange combination of sunshine up ahead and rain falling on your windshield at the same time. There are many names for it like, "sun shower," "liquid sunshine," even an old phrase I heard my aunt say "the devil is beating his wife." Whatever you call it, it's a strange phenomenon. It's hard to predict when it will come or how long it will stay. It just seems like something you have to wonder at as it passes by.

Our lives can be a lot like that raining sunshine. There are times when it feels like clear skies and sunshine, but there are also the times that feel like a storm cloud is always overhead. But what about those in-between times? What about those days that you know should feel good, but somehow still have a little bad? What about when you know there are things to be grateful for, but somehow you can't seem to get past the rain?

You're not alone if it feels like you are in that in-between space. The psalmist talks about this dissonance in Psalm 42:5:

"Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed? Why are you so upset inside?

Hope in God! Because I will again give him thanks, my saving presence and my God."

Sometimes, we have to give our souls a little pep talk. In psychology they use the term "self-talk." It's when we remind ourselves of good things or reassure ourselves that we can still have peace. In prayer, we ask our God to give us the eyes to see hope. We also ask for God's comfort in times that feel like darkness. We know that God's Spirit is close to our souls in all times.

Most of life is a combination of good and bad, joy and pain, sunshine and rain. The good news is that our Lord Jesus Christ promises to be with us in any weather. Seasons and storms will pass away, but our loving God remains the same. Look for hope amidst the hard times, and know that the times of darkness will pass away.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Britney Toner

Church REBUILD Update

June Meeting info: Hurricane Michael not only badly damaged our building, but totaled three of our church vehicles and damaged a fourth. Working with our insurance settlement, the Trustees have recently purchased two 15 passenger buses (a 2018 and a 2017) to facilitate summer camps and other ministries. Both vehicles were program vehicles and had been used very little. In the coming weeks, we will put our logos on them and get them ready for a busy summer!

The Methodist Learning Center will be moving to a new and better location in August. We have been approved for a FEMA Temporary Location Program and will be moving into the two buildings once operated by Busy Bee School on Long Avenue downtown. This will allow MLC to get back to its pre-hurricane enrollment, and allow the church space for ministry at the old Care Closet site on 4th Street (where MLC moved to after the storm). We are so excited about this opportunity!

On May 8, the Church REBUILD Committee met for its first meeting. The group reviewed the results of the church town-hall meeting and the "dream list" that the congregation developed. SPRC helped bring on staff a FEMA consultant, Sulzer Group, to help us with the FEMA grant process. The group also discussed the considerable damage of the MLC wing and the possibility of having to rebuild it to new codes and elevations.

On May 14, the Church REBUILD Committee met to continue the conversation. The group discussed ideas for the future and some temporary housing needs for the MLC. They spoke about a report from our engineer indicating that the bay-facing wall of the sanctuary could be structurally unsound and must be studied further.

For the time being, the sanctuary is off-limits and a greater boundary has been established around one side. At the end of the meeting, they hired Quina Grundhoeffler Architectural Firm through our RFQ process to design our REBUILD project. The committee has promised to keep the congregation up to date as the plans unfold.

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

I am so excited to be working with the children of our church! We have many exciting activities going on this summer.

Our Father's Day celebration **Donuts with Dad** will Sunday, June 16, 9:00-10:00 in the lobby.

We will have several **Wacky Wednesday** activities coming up. On Wednesday, June 19, 9:00-11:00 we will have an art party in the Great Hall. Activities for July will be advertised once those plans are confirmed.

Vacation Bible School is June 24-28, 9:00-12:00. Children can be registered online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/portstjoeumc. If you have not done so already, please see Ms. Liz to volunteer. Also, if you would like to donate VBS supplies there is a list in the upper lobby. We will have a VBS volunteers meeting on Monday, June 17 at 5:00 in the Great Hall.

Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia, Alabama is July 22-27. Be looking for more details as that trip approaches.

Ms. Liz

Skip Griffies, Port Saint Joe UMCOR Sager-Brown Team Leader



Theme: "pay it back or pay it forward"

This will be our church's 13th straight year to send a team to our UMCOR Disaster Relief Facility in Baldwin Louisiana. Dates are December 8-13. We have reservations. Room and board for a week is \$255. This is for each individual unless living in an apartment with a roomie. Then it is approximately \$35 more per person. We have 3 apartments remaining with 1 already spoken for. Our team size this year can be as many as 20 including 2 RV spots. If you are interested please send your request to Skip Griffies [850 340 1767](tel:8503401767).

Our UMCOR team will travel to Baldwin, Louisiana to serve one of UMCOR'S supply warehouses. These supplies are packaged and loaded to be shipped abroad as well as here in the US. In addition, local residents in need of home repairs and agencies in need of volunteers are served.

June Meetings Schedule

Methodist Caring Ministries meeting Friday, June 7 10:30AM in the Greta Hall.

Joint Trustee/Finance Committee meeting June 17 10 AM in the Great Hall.

FEMA Committee Meeting Tuesday, June 18 11:30AM in the Constitution Room.

SPR Meeting Thursday, June 20 5PM in Geoffrey's office.

REBUILD Committee meeting Tuesday, June 25 6PM in the Choir Room.

Trustees meeting Sunday, June 23 11AM in Geoffrey's office. Trustees please attend, as a quorum is needed.

Ann Comforter, Music Director

Delicious food on vacation has no fat or calories. It's not for your BODY, it's for your SOUL."

I saw this saying on a "sandwich" sign outside of a restaurant last week and it resonated with me and not only about food, but about the time spent with family. My family (all seven of us and I'm counting the new grandson not yet born) spent over a week together in the northwest. We were away from the real world and the realities of life and struggles that we all have faced and are still facing. Together as a family, we enjoyed places that we've only dreamed of seeing; food that we never thought we would ever get to eat and as a family, together, we reconnected and began to renew. We had breakfast, lunch and dinner together, seated around the table like it once was and the best part was that we didn't have to cook or clean up afterwards. We gave our thanks to GOD for each meal. Hug your children and say "I love you" every chance you get and enjoy your family time when you get it. (Life is short – go ahead and eat the cake.)

Church activities are over BUT WE STILL have choir at 6 pm for the month of June. If you'd like to join us, please come, we need you. The choir will be going on vacation in July so you will be able to enjoy your favorite soloists and special performers. Until next time ~ GOD BLESS YOU all, Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

We are happy to welcome these new members to the FUMC family: Lorene Lindsay joined 5-12-19, John Pursley & his wife Greta Degen joined 5-19-19 and Leesa & Randy Haire also joined 5-19-19. It is so exciting to see our church growing! Please look for these new members and make them feel welcome.

Our condolences are extended to Laura Ramsay on the death of her sister, Cintel Davis, on 5-22-19.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Baxley! Jeremy Baxley (son of Ronald and Leisa Pickett) and Kelly Johnson (daughter of Ralph and Kara Rish) were married Saturday, June 8 at West Falmouth United Methodist Church in Falmouth, Massachusetts, with the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz officiating.



Lorene Lindsay



John Pursley & Greta Degen



Leesa & Randy Haire

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	3 1:00PM Bridge	4 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 7:00PM AA Meeting	5 12:00PM Lion's Club 6:00PM Choir Practice	6 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 7:00PM AA Meeting	7 10:30AM Methodist Caring Ministries Meeting	1 10AM AA Closed Meeting 8 10AM AA Closed Meeting
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16 FATHER'S DAY 9:00AM Donuts with Dad 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	17 10:00AM Trustees/ Finance Meeting 1:00PM Bridge 5:00PM VBS Volunteer Meeting	18 11:00AM Staff Meeting 1:30AM FEMA Rebuild Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	19 WACKY WEDNESDAY 9:00AM Wacky Wednesday Art Class -Great Hall 12:00PM Lion's Club 4:00PM LTR Meeting 6:00PM BAYSAVERS Meeting 6:00PM Choir Practice	20 9:00AM DuPont Foundation Breakfast 5:00PM SRR Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	21	22 10AM AA Closed Meeting
23 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Trustees Meeting 12:00PM VBS Set Up	24 VBS WEEK 9AM-12PM 1:00PM Bridge	25 1:30PM Staff Meeting 6:00PM REBUILD Committee Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	26 6:00PM Choir Practice	27 7:00PM AA Meeting	28	29 10AM AA Closed Meeting
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Happy Birthday!

1st Kay Kline	10th Reid Kennedy
Stephen Lowery	12th Sharlyn Kerigan
Justin Gerlach	13th Ann Tison
2nd Rebecca Lynn Furr	Joe Rish
John Ellis Norton	Wade Guilford
3rd Judy Thesenga	17th Troy Holton
6th Dru Flowers	18th Lee Duren
7th Colby Gentry	Steve Brightwell
Patrick Mullen	20th Kerry Capps
Sean Farnsley	Elizabeth Roberts
9th Brad Buzzett	Steve Sherrill
Stefani Furstenberg	22nd Rocky Salzer
Bill McGlothlin	Peter Tanzy
	23rd Brenda Miller
	Celeste Putnam
	24th Ronald Butler
	Karol Bentley

Happy Anniversary!

3rd John & Margie Miller
 Ronald & Leisa Pickett
 6th Jim & Hollie Brown
 Andy Durance & Beth Bauer
 14th George & Donna Thompson
 17th Aaron & Diann Farnsley
 20th Jim & Liz Roberts
 John & Kathy Arnold
 24th Geoffrey and Liz Lentz
 29th Bill & Sue Kubitskey

10:00AM Worship Service – For the foreseeable future we will be having one worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00AM (Eastern) in The Great Hall. The best way to enter is through the rotunda doors. The service will also be streamed on Facebook LIVE for those who can't join us in person.

Staff Celebrations– On Sunday, May 26 we celebrated three of the members of our staff who are leaving their positions to do new things. It is hard to overstate the combined effort of these three people. Julie Hodges has been our Youth Director for two years and provided excellent leadership to its ministry and expanded our program; Ashley Shoaf has served as financial manager for four years and taken our finance and accounting system to new and amazing heights; and Krystal Terry, serving our church for five years, has expand our children's ministry to our community. Our church will be forever grateful for the ministry of these three individuals and the way that they have helped our church grow in faith. All three promise to continue to be active members of the church, and our future staff members have very big shoes to fill, indeed.

Do you love to bake? We would like to form a "cookie committee" for baked goods (cookies, breads, muffins, loaf cakes). The committee would welcome new UMCOR teams with baked goods from our congregation. Please contact Sue Kubitskey, Missions chairperson, for more information susan@hotmail.com 850-647-6030.

Our Church Nursery is an important part of the worship experience. We currently have a shortage of nursery workers. If you are interested or know someone that would make a great nursery worker, contact our Children's Director, Liz Lentz.

Pentecost is Sunday, June 8. Please wear red to church.

BAYSAVERS meeting Wednesday, June 19 6:00PM in the Great Hall. This meeting is open to the public and will provide information and time for discussion about the future of our fragile Saint Joseph Bay. Please make plans to attend.

2019 Victor LaFerle Care Closet Scholarships – The Care Closet, as part of its outreach program to the community, awards two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors of Wewahitchka and Port Saint Joe High Schools. This year's recipients of the Victor LaFerle Care Closet Scholarships are Bailey Lake (PSJHS) and Jaylen Desautier (WHS).

VBS–It's that time to start thinking about VBS again! This year we will be discovering where God's love can take us in our Mission to Mars and Beyond! The dates for VBS are June 24-28 from 9:00-12:00. As you know, it takes a village to host VBS so we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering any during that week, please contact the church. Also, check out the list of supplies that can be donated on the table by the elevator. Thanks for your help!

Spring to Summer Fitness Classes in the Great Hall: The Band Class begins at 9:00AM sharp and go till 10AM - please arrive a bit early to get situated (find a band, a mat, block and stretch your calves - a carpet sample if you want one) Chair Class 10:15-11AM on the Rotunda. Yoga Class is held 10:15-11:15AM. All Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Last day of Fitness Classes will be June 18.

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 850-740-3966 Also, if you know of mission/work teams that are interested in coming down to work please call the same number for reservations.

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.

Methodist Care Closet hours: Thursday – Friday 9AM – 4PM, Saturday 9AM – 12PM. The Care Closet is in need for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, just stop by the Closet. Volunteer times are Tuesday and Wednesday 9AM-12PM.

The Care Closet is need of local volunteers on store days to help at the check out counter. The shifts are Thursdays and Fridays 9 -12:30 and 12:30-4, and Saturdays 9-12:00. If you would like to be part of our fun team please contact Cathy Cox at 227-6028 or cathystewartcox@gmail.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous 7PM Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10AM 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. Meetings are held at the Senior Citizen's Center until renovations are completed at the church.

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

Next **Methodist Men's Breakfast** will be Sunday, August 4 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



Wednesday Night Dinners will resume in August





Wednesday Night activities will resume in August


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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