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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 14

10:00AM Palm/Passion Sunday Service in the Great Hall

12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic at Centennial Park

HOLY WEEK, APRIL 15-19

12:00PM Lenten Service and Luncheon

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:30PM Maundy Thursday Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:30PM Tenebrae (Good Friday) Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:00AM Sunrise Service on the Rotunda

9:00AM Contemporary Service in the Great Hall

11:00AM Traditional Service in the Great Hall

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

Dear Friends,



“Pinch me, I must be dreaming.” This is a phrase that we say when something so great is happening that we question reality. Moments like this are made of pure grace and are not the logical result or consequence of the events of the past. I believe that Easter is such an event. Often we think that there is a cause and effect relationship between the cross and the Resurrection, much in the same way that winter yields into spring. However, this is not the case at all – only by the miracle of grace does death end in resurrection. The Resurrection of Jesus was/is a departure from reality as we know it and the entrance into a new and miraculous existence. When we walk in “abundant life” we are living in a new miraculous reality.

As we begin the REBUILD of our church, our lives, and our community, I am struck with the sincere belief that the best way to describe our recovery is in terms of resurrection. I believe that our future church, my (and your) life, and our community, will far surpass and out shine their former glory. We are not just recovering what we lost, we are not just rebuilding, we are resurrecting into a new and more glorious life. This communal resurrection is not just the cause and effect of what happens after a storm, or the result of just our planning and labor, but a miraculous gift of grace. I believe that in 10 years our church, our lives, and our community will be stronger and more vibrant than ever before, not because of the storm, but despite the storm. We will be born anew because of God’s wonder-working power.

I have been meditating on the words of Psalm 126, “When the Lord restored the futures of Zion, we were like those who dreamed dreams.” I believe that we are quickly approaching a time when we will be saying to the world, “Pinch me, I must be dreaming.”

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

April Meetings Schedule

SPR Meeting Monday, April 1 5PM in the Pastor’s Office (Constitution Room).

Building Committee Meeting Monday, April 8 5PM in the Great Hall.

Julie Hodges, Youth Director



Wednesday, 3rd: Encounter Series 1

Wednesday, 10th: Encounter Series 2

5:30pm Dinner (youth serve) 6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday – 7:30am Breakfast, Devotion, & Worship @ school

Tuesday – 7:30am Breakfast, Devotion, & Worship @ school

Wednesday, 17th: NO YOUTH – HOLY WEEK

Thursday – 7:30PM Maundy Thursday Service @ church

Friday – 7:30PM Good Friday Service @ church

Wednesday, 24th: No regular youth – 6pm Choir Concert

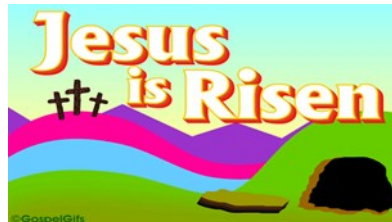


Youth Pancake Dinner

***Thank you to the Men's Club for the support and food donation**



Krystal Terry, Children's Director



What a beautiful time of year in the life of our church! We have so many wonderful activities for children of all ages planned during the season of Lent. Little Lambs and Kid's Life will be learning a piece of the Easter story each week. Also, don't forget about His Kid's on Sunday morning right after the service! Your children won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

Wednesday, April 3rd: Regular Little Lambs (5:30-6:15) and Kid's Life (6:15-7:15)
- Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

Wednesday, April 10th: Regular Little Lambs (5:30-6:15) and Kid's Life (6:15-7:15)
- Jesus Dies on the Cross

Sunday, April 14th: Children wave the palms at 10:00 service, Palm Sunday picnic and egg hunt at Centennial Park (12:00). Children don't forget your baskets!

Wednesday, April 17th: No regular Wednesday night activities due to Holy Week.

Sunday, April 21st: Easter Sunday services at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00.

Wednesday, April 24th: Regular Little Lambs (5:30-6:15) and Kid's Life (6:15-7:15)
- Jesus is Alive

Friday, April 26th: Father Daughter Dance in the Great Hall (7:00-10:00)

Ann Comforter, Music Director

GET READY MUSIC LOVERS!!! April is your month at the First United Methodist Church...

During our Lenten April, we will present special music during the communion times with our soloists, favorite Lenten music from the choir and special performance by the Bay Area Choral Society.

April 7th: Carla May ~ ("The Holy City")

April 12th: Bay Area Choral Society presents "Seven Last Words of Christ" by DuBois

Directed by Dana Langford, Great Hall ~ suggested \$5.00 donation

April 14th: Tamara Marsh Flowers ~ ("Via Dolorosa")

April 21st: Neldys Crespo on Easter morning during the 11 am Traditional service.

The BO SPRING BAND will be back with our 9 am Easter Contemporary Service !!

AND THEN

April 24th: On Wednesday night at 6 pm, to celebrate the music of the choir and church, the Chancel Choir, soloists, young singers and instrumentalist will present a special concert of music for the enjoyment of the church. You will not want to miss this concert, there is something for everyone and I know you're going to love what you hear..... GOD BLESS YOU all and Happy Spring. Ann

On a very personal note, I'd like to thank you for your prayers, telephone calls, texts, emails, and quiet conversations over the past few weeks. I have been so blessed to have had the parents that I had. My Dad and Mom were parents - strict parents all of the time, and through them I learned the basics of hard work and service to others. Their saying was: "To receive true JOY in life we must always put Jesus first, others second, and yourself last...." (How can people who don't have a church family survive?)

Until next time.... GOD Blessings and Love to you all.... Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Congratulations to Cathy and Allen Cox on the arrival of grandson, Landon James Cox, on January 29, 2019.

Condolences are extended to the Mike Knox family upon the death of Mike's father, Tom Knox (3/28/19).

Condolences are extended to Gayle Putnal upon the death of her mother, Betsy Oliver (3/27/19).

Condolences are extended to Rick Matela upon the death of his sister, Marylynn Matela Karolides (3/26/19).

Condolences are extended to the family of David Hinote (3/24/19).

Condolences are extended to the friends & family of Frances Baxter (3/17/19).

Condolences are extended to Bill Kennedy upon the death of Bill's mother, Ruby Kennedy (3/14/19).

Our condolences go to Ann Comforter and family on the death of Ann's mother, Ida Lee Aldridge (2/16/19).

We rejoice in the Holy Baptism of Tim Petersen (Dad) and children Ava, TJ and Hannah Petersen on February 10, 2019. Stephanie Petersen (Mom) was previously baptized.



Stephanie, Tim, TJ, Ava, & Hannah Petersen

April 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 5:00PM SPR Meeting | 2 | 3 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs 5:30PM Young Singers 6:00PM Town Hall Meeting 6:00PM Youth 6:15PM Kid's Life (1st-5th) 7:00PM Choir Practice | 4 12:00PM Writing with Britney 1:30PM Long Term Recovery Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting | 5 | 6 10AM AA Closed Meeting 4:00PM Private Wedding (Rotunda) |
| 7 8:00AM Men's Club 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School 4:00PM Bay Choral Spring Concert- Trinity Church | 8 9:30AM Disciple Class 1:00PM Bridge 3:00PM Staff Meeting 5:00PM Building Committee Meeting | 9 10:00AM FEMA Rebuild Meeting 6:00PM BACS Rehearsal 7:00PM AA Meeting | 10 10:00AM Prayer Shawl 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 | 11 12:00PM Writing with Britney 3:00PM Strong Women Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting | 12 4:00PM BACS Rehearsal 6:00PM BACS Spring Concert | 13 10AM AA Closed Meeting |
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| Happy Birthday! | | 10th- | Margie Miller Meredith Todd Shirley Roberson | 22nd- | Matthew Hamby Mack Kent Jennifer McNeill | Happy Anniversary! | |
| 1st- | Mary Belin | | | | | 8th- | Mark & Kristen Gerspacher |
| 2nd- | Sue McCarthy | 11th- | Hazen Sadler | | Miles Otwell | 12th- | Marv & Carol Gnagey |
| | Eliza Jane Lentz | | Cathy Cox | 23rd- | Kelsie Burke | 18th- | Mike & Jill Davis |
| | Anderson Hodges | 13th- | Sarah Beth Thompson | 25th - | Kris Furstenberg | 20th- | Quin & Pat Lowery |
| | Chad Allen | | Caroline Madsen | 27th - | Nikki Barrett | 23rd- | Leonard & Loretta Costin |
| | Jim Terry | | Madison Terry | | Thomas Roberts | | Gary & Nancy Howze |
| 3rd- | Judy Sadler | 14th- | Kylie Skoda | | Tracy Melvin | | Dan & Debbie VanVleet |
| | Jack Kerigan | 15th - | Gail Johnson | 28th - | Graham Finlay | 24th- | Jeff & Lynn Furr |
| 4th- | Kristen Gerspacher | | Skip Griffies | | Patricia Ann Cooley | | Bill and Ena Norton |
| 5th- | James Harrison | 16th - | Allen Cox, Jr. | | Bill Hamilton | | |
| | Julie Hodges | | Catelin Strang | | Kerigan Pickett | | |
| | Martha Mapes | 17th- | Dawn Hallinan | 29th- | Dell Pickett | | |
| 6th- | Kaley Wilder | | David Ashbrook | | Beth Roberson | | |
| | Glenn Elders | 18th - | Scott Croker | | Farren Newman | | |
| | Sally Hamby | 19th - | Wayne Pate | | | | |
| | Linda Wiley | 20th - | Kristian Richbourg | | | | |
| 7th- | Christie Taylor | | Steve Langford | | | | |
| | Jessica Pate | 21st - | Lindsay Williams | | | | |
| | Sara Ann Yon | | Anna Salzer | | | | |
| 8th- | Michelle Shane | | Shirley Young | | | | |
| 9th- | Zeke Stevens | | | | | | |
| | Tonya Knox | | | | | | |

Sunday Worship Services 10AM in the Great Hall.

Rebuild Town Hall Meeting Wednesday April 3 6:00PM in the Great Hall. We will have a Rebuild town hall meeting in order to update the congregation on our process and the FEMA grant program. We will vision about things that we may want to change and what kind of campus we need for the future.

United Methodist Men food booth April 4-6 in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. Burgers, hotdogs, popcorn, ice cream, drinks will be available for sale. If you would like to cook, assist, or donate individually wrapped baked goods, Please contact Mike or Tina Williamson 850-340-3223 or Jerry Jessen 850-775-7681 jerrydjessen@gmail.com. All proceeds will go directly to the FUMC Rebuild Fund.

The Bay Area Choral Society's Spring Concert, *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore DuBois, will be held Sunday, April 7 at 4PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola and Friday, April 12 at 6PM in our Great Hall.

Church family and friends, join us for a picnic lunch and Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14. Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs and meet us at 12PM at Centennial Park ready for fun and fellowship! Fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and banana pudding will be provided. Children, don't forget your Easter baskets! We may even see the Easter bunny himself!

Our children's ministry is in need of candy-filled, plastic eggs for our palm Sunday egg hunt. You may drop your donations off in the basket outside Krystal's office at the church.

Community-wide Holy Week Services will be held Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19 on the Rotunda at noon. Lunch will follow in the Great Hall.

Volunteers needed to assist with Holy Week meals: set up, clean up, serve, and meal preparation – soup, sandwiches, dessert. Sign up sheets are located in the upper lobby. Contact Sue McCarthy for more info mccartsu@bellsouth.net 912-713-7196.

We will commemorate the Last Supper of Christ by celebrating Holy Communion Thursday, April 18 at 7:30PM, followed by the traditional stripping of the altar as we commemorate the disciples betrayal of Christ "into the hands of sinners" in our Maundy Thursday Service.

We will remember our Lord's passion and crucifixion with a service of Tenebrae, meaning darkness, Friday, April 19 at 7:30PM. We will be extinguishing sixteen candles as we read the moving passion narrative.

Easter Sunday Services April 21: 7AM Sunrise on the Rotunda, 9AM Contemporary in the Great Hall, 11AM Traditional in the Great Hall.

We are excited about our 2nd annual Father Daughter Dance on Friday, April 26 7-10PM in the Great Hall. Tickets are available now at \$20 per father figure no matter how many princesses he brings! See Krystal Terry to purchase your tickets.

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.

Join Pastor Britney on Thursday, April 4 and Thursday, April 11 at noon in the Great Hall for a look at how creative writing can be a spiritual practice. Bring a sack lunch. Each week we will look at different forms of writing in Scripture and then take time to free write. Sharing is optional and there's no homework!

Women's Support Group - Dr. Pamela Valentine, a therapist from Tallahassee with specialization in women's trauma, will come to the Great Hall on the second and fourth Thursday of April from 3-5PM to discuss topics related to trauma. For more information, email Pastor Britney at brtiney@psjunc.org. Dates: 4/11 and 4/25.

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.

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.

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

No Methodist Men meeting in April. Next meeting will be Sunday, May 5 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.

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| Wednesday, April 3 Menu: Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert | Servers: O Bay Class |
| Wednesday, April 10 Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Side Salad, Dessert | Servers: Youth |
| Wednesday, April 17 NO DINNER-HOLY WEEK | |
| Wednesday, April 24 Menu: Lasagna, Green Italian Green Beans, Dessert | 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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