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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 10

10:00AM Palm/Passion Sunday Service at Centennial Park

11:00AM Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic at Centennial Park

HOLY WEEK, APRIL 11-15

12:00PM Lenten Service and Luncheon

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7:30PM Maundy Thursday Service

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7:30PM Tenebrae (Good Friday) Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

9:00AM Service at the Lighthouse (George Core Park)

11:00AM Service in the Great Hall



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

**BAY AREA CHORAL SOCIETY/
PSJ FUMC CHOIR CONCERT
FRIDAY, APRIL 1 6PM
GREAT HALL**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, APRIL 2 11AM
GREAT HALL**



**UNITED METHODIST MEN
BREAKFAST & MEETING
SUNDAY, 8AM GREAT HALL**



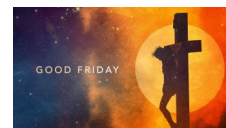
**PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10
SERVICE 10AM
EGG HUNT & PICNIC 11AM
CENTENNIAL PARK**



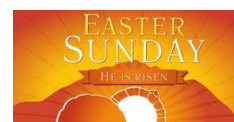
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
APRIL 14 7:30PM
GREAT HALL**



**SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15 7:30PM
GREAT HALL**



**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17
9AM SERVICE LIGHTHOUSE PARK
11AM SERVICE GREAT HALL**



**VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION
SUNDAY
APRIL 24 11AM GREAT HALL**



Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,



Someone once said, "Easter is the only time it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket." I guess that this is a humorous way of saying that our only viable strategy is resurrection. Paul says in 1 Cor 14, that if it were not for the Resurrection of Christ, our faith would be futile. It is in Easter that we put all our hope.

The promise of our faith is not that bad things won't happen—they do. It is that God works in them. Our mourning—God turns to dancing. Our sorrow—God turns to joy. The good news of Jesus is that Jesus brings us hope when we face hopeless situations. This means that we can have a strange confidence in the future, and peace in the present that "passeth understanding."

This Lent is a strange one for our church as we face pastoral transition. We have talked about it as time in the wilderness—where there are so many unknowns. But Easter teaches us that God has a plan for us—a destination. I am excited because I know how the story ends. I know that the best days of our church are ahead. I know that the wilderness moments are a gift and that God uses them to bring us to our next level. We have witnessed God's faithfulness through pestilence and storm. We know that God is faithful and the promise of Easter is true.

I know that financial advisors say that we need to diversify and not put all our eggs in one basket, but Easter looks like our only hope—and a glorious hope it is!

Peace of Christ,

Geoffrey

Mission Committee

First off, We want to thank everyone that purchased shirts for supporting missions. (Mission Committee is charged with Regional, National, and International Mission Support while the Caring Ministries handles all local missions.)

In support of regional missions, we decided we needed to support Disaster Relief. We have two areas from which to choose in order to support our district efforts: debris removal or home clean-up. Both require a trained team committed to travel on short notice and would be under the direction of the District "Disaster Pastor". We also discussed having a food trailer that would be able to provide meals for two or three days. This also would need a team of people ready to drop everything and go. We will be surveying the congregation shortly to determine the support we would have for any of these areas.

In support of national missions, we delivered clothing and linens to Kentucky for the Methodist Mountain Mission headquartered in Jackson, Kentucky. This is a project of the Kentucky Annual Conference and has a 79-year history. Thank-you Care Closet for your donations.

Like the rest of the world, we are focused on the Ukrainian Humanitarian Disaster. UMCOR's work in Ukraine is being funded with gifts to Advance #982450, International Disaster Response and Recovery. Grants for immediate relief have been given to United Methodist partners in Ukraine as well as neighboring nations—Poland, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia—to support those who remain in Ukraine as well as those who have fled the violence. In addition, grants are being awarded to partners like ACT Alliance, a global faith-based coalition working in 120 countries around the world. These grants are providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, clothing, shelter and other necessary supplies.

If you would like to give to the Ukrainian Disaster Relief, you can do so by going to <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/>; 100% of your gift will go to Ukrainian relief. (Please note: you can give credit to our local church during the checkout process).

Thanks,
Skip, Ann, Gary and Susan



Liz Lentz, Children's Director

Children's Ministry

Kids Life and Little Lambs: Children in K3-5th grade join us at the Methodist Learning Center each Wednesday 5:30-7:00 for Bible lessons and dinner. This month our series is titled *Did you know?* We'll be studying the Easter stories as we learn that the most important thing is knowing Jesus.

Children's Missions: This month we will continue to collect cereal for the Two Fish Market.

Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt: On Sunday, April 10 join us for church on the fields behind the Centennial Building @10:00. Then after the service we invite everyone to stay for Easter egg hunts, pictures with the Easter bunny, and a fried chicken picnic. There will be two egg hunts: toddlers-kindergarten and 1st-5th grade. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and Easter baskets.

Father-Daughter Dance: Mark your calendars for Friday, May 13 at 7pm. This is a special night for daughters and daddies (or special men) to dance the night away. We will not sell advance tickets; tickets can be purchased at the door for \$20 per family.

Liz Lentz, Director of Children's Ministry
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Ash Wednesday with the Children



Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



Happy spring! Easter is upon us and I am so excited to be celebrating this time with all of the youth. We have about 50 kids who actively come to youth group on Wednesday night. Our confirmation class has ended and we have 9 children that will be joining the church and a few will be Baptized in the Bay. I can't wait for this special day.



APRIL SERIES OVERVIEW: If you've ever gone hiking before, especially in the winter, you know that "breaking trail" is something you do when you encounter deep snow that's tough to navigate. When that happens, one hiker usually goes ahead of their group and clears the way so others can follow behind more easily. A trail-breaker is someone who goes ahead, who makes a new way, and who invites others to follow along behind them. In so many ways, that's exactly what Jesus did for us. He broke a new trail just by existing, but he did so much more than that too. In this 6-week Easter series, we'll read the stories of Jesus breaking new trails as we discover that Jesus **never gives up on us**, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us mission.

APRIL CALENDAR

Church Service – I would like to invite all youth to our service at 10 am every Sunday!

Good Friday Service - 7 pm FUMC Great Hall

Palm Sunday Worship, Lunch, and Easter Egg Hunt - April 10 - 10 am Centennial Park - Youth to help with hiding eggs

Easter Service – 9 am at the Lighthouse and 11 am in the Great Hall

Wednesday Night Youth Supper and Youth – 5:30 -7:30 STAC House

Confirmation - May 8 we will have confirmation Sunday and Baptism in the Bay

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts



Sunday Morning Worship Services, & Special Concerts

April 1- Friday at 6:00 pm - FUMC PSJ Great Hall The Bay Area Choral Society, FUMC PSJ Music Ministry, and the Ilse Newell Arts Foundation present their Spring Concert, GLORIA to GOSPEL. The twenty five member chorus will sing alongside a select orchestra, contracted from the FSU School of Music. We invite you to this wondrous night of music here on The Forgotten Coast, and we thank you for your support!

April 3- Enjoy a Special Music Sunday as a Vocal Ensemble performs selections from Vivaldi's GLORIA ! We celebrate this day with Pianist, Debbie Lindley who will accompany the Bay Area Ensemble and perform solo piano works! Our service will end with a gospel invitational, as we hope you will join us later in the day for our Bay Area Choral Society Concert, GLORIA to GOSPEL, with FSU Orchestra Members. This concert is held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday- April 3, 4:00 pm.

April 10- PALM SUNDAY with the Forgotten Coast Young Singers and FUMC Chancel Choir! We welcome Tim Dutrow who will join us on this day of CELEBRATION! Join us for a glorious day of worship and praise at Centennial Field!

April 14- Maundy Thursday Great Hall - 7:30 pm. Enjoy special music with Emily Kilgore on Clarinet, accompanying the Chancel Choir. The Bell Choir will lead us in worship with peaceful hymns of praise.

April 15- Good Friday Service Great Hall- 7:30 pm.

On this day of remembrance and reverence, our Chancel Chorus, Bell Choir, and Vocal Soloists will lead us in worship and song. This service of scripture and song unites us in our Faith on this meaningful day. Come, and be blessed!

April 17- EASTER SUNDAY Bo Spring Band- Lighthouse Service at 9:00 am Sanctuary Service - Chancel Chorus and Bell Choir- FUMC PSJ Great Hall at 11:00 am.

FUMC PSJ Music Ministry Ensembles
Chancel Chorus/ Vocal Arts Ensemble
Forgotten Coast Young Singers
Handbell Choir
Bay Area Choral Society

Please contact director of music, Paul Brown, to join our ensembles. We invite you to sing and ring with us!

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850-319-6782

Tonya Knox, President-United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women have been busy with our first mission project. We will be hosting a luncheon/fashion show on April 2, 2022 in the Great Hall from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit The Care Closet. The fashion show will feature clothing and accessories from the downtown merchants as well as The Care Closet. Tickets are on all sale now for \$10 and can be purchased at The Care Closet, the Church office, or any UMW member.

For more details please visit our Facebook page and follow us there. If you're looking for a great afternoon of fellowship, good food, and fashion please join us on April 2, 2022.

We are also assisting with Holy Week. Holy Week will be April 11-15. There are sign-up sheets available after Church and Wednesday night. We need all the volunteers we can get to help prepare food, set up, serve, and clean-up. Please see Cathy Cox or Carolyn Witten to sign-up.

UMW will be doing their annual give-a-book program this year during the month of April. There will be baskets set up in the back of the Church to drop your books off. If you would like to donate money in lieu of purchasing a book, you can give this to Karen Etheridge. We hope to be able to provide a new book to all incoming Kindergarten students just as we have in the past.



Skip Griffies, United Methodist Men

Methodist Men meeting April 3 8 am in the Great Hall. We are also looking for men to help with various volunteer activities.

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00am SPR Meeting 11:00am UMW Fashion Show-Great Hall
3 5th Sunday in Lent 8:00am UMM 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 11:00am UMW 5:30pm Sunday School	4 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	5 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	6 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 4:00pm Games 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	7 5:30pm Choir Practice	8 6:00pm BACS Concert	9
10 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Egg Hunt & Picnic 5:30pm Sunday School	11 Holy Week 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 12:00pm Holy Week Service 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	12 10:30am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Holy Week Service 2:00pm Worship Planning	13 10:00am Prayer Shawl 12:00pm Holy Week Service	14 12:00pm Holy Week Service 1:30 Two Fish Meeting-MH 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	15 12:00pm Holy Week Service 7:30pm Good Friday-Tenebrae Service	16
17 Easter Sunday 9:00am Worship Service-Lighthouse 11:00am Worship Service-Great Hall	18 Easter Holiday	19 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	20 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Prayer Shawl 10:00am Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 4:00pm Games 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	21 10:00am Finance Meeting 5:30pm Choir Practice	22	23 Great Hall reserved-private event
24 2nd Sunday of Easter Volunteer Celebration Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:30pm Sunday School	25 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting 5:00pm Trustees 6:00pm Church Council	26 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	27 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Bell Choir 5:30pm Dinner 4:00pm Games 4:00pm Young Singers 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	28 5:30pm Choir Practice	29	30

Happy Birthday!

1st- Mary Belin	9th- Zeke Stevens	21st - Anna Salzer	29th- Beth Roberson
2nd- Sue McCarthy	10th- Tonya Knox	Shirley Young	Farren Newman
Eliza Jane Lentz	11th- Meredith Todd	22nd- Matthew Hamby	
Anderson Hodges	12th- Cathy Cox	Mack Kent	Happy Anniversary!
Chad Allen	13th- Sarah Beth Thompson	Jennifer McNeill	8th- Mark & Kristen Gerspacher
Jim Terry	Caroline Madsen	Miles Otwell	12th-Marv & Carol Gnagey
3rd- Judy Sadler	Madison Terry	23rd- Kelsie Burke	18th-Mike & Jill Davis
Jack Kerigan	14th- Kylie Skoda	25th - Kris Furstenberg	20th-Quin & Pat Lowery
4th- Kristen Gerspacher	15th - Gail Johnson	27th - Nikki Barrett	23rd-Leonard & Loretta Costin
5th- James Harrison	Skip Griffies	Thomas Roberts	Dan & Debbie VanVleet
Julie Hodges	16th - Allen Cox, Jr.	Tracy Melvin	24th- Jeff & Lynn Furr
6th- Glenn Elders	17th- David Ashbrook	Graham Finlay	Bill and Ena Norton
Linda Wiley	Scott Croker	28th - Patricia Ann Cooley	
7th- Christie Taylor	18th - Wayne Pate	Bill Hamilton	
Jessica Pate	19th - Kristian Richbourg	Kerigan Pickett	
Sara Ann Yon	20th - Steve Langford	Dell Pickett	
	Lindsay Williams		

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Announcements

East Egg Hunt Donations Candy-filled plastic eggs can be dropped off at the church Great Hall on Sundays or at the Ministry Center on Mondays through Fridays. Easter Egg Hunt will be after the Palm Sunday Service on April 10.

Palm Sunday On Sunday, April 10 join us for church on the fields behind the Centennial Building at 10am. Then after the service we invite everyone to stay for Egg Hunts and a picnic.

Holy Week Volunteers needed to assist with Holy Week meals: set up, clean up, serve, and meal preparation—soup, sandwiches, dessert. Signup sheet located at back of Great Hall.

Holy Week Services April 11-15 12pm in the Great Hall with a meal to follow.

No Wednesday Night Dinner or Pastor's Bible study during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Service Thursday, April 14 7:30pm in the Great Hall.

Good Friday Service Friday, April 15 7:30pm in the Great Hall.

Easter Sunday Services Sunday, April 17 9am at the Lighthouse 11am in the Great Hall.

Volunteer Celebration Sunday April 24. More details to come.

Pastor's Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Great Hall. Beginning April 20: *The Unseen Real – Life in the Light of the Ascension of Jesus*, Author Dr. Stephen Seamands. This is a 6 week topical Bible study starting the Wednesday after Easter! **No materials required! Come join us as we discover what the ascension means for us in the here and now.** "He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty" *Apostles' Creed*

Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30-6:00pm in the Great Hall.

Sunday School for All Ages!

Adult 8:45am 104 Walkabout Court Leader: Joe Sieber
Adult 9am Monument House Leader: Mike Whitfield
Youth 11am Monument House Leader: Lynn Marshall
Children 11am Great Hall Kitchen Hallway Leader: Liz Lentz
Senior Adult 11am Great Hall Leader: Rotating Leaders
Adult 11am Great Hall Leader: Chelsey Brown
Preschool 11am Nursery Leader: Madelyn Davidson
Adult 5:30pm Monument House Leader: Mazie Stone

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

Upper Rooms are located in the Great Hall and the Ministry Center.

Sunday Church Services 10:00am on campus and on Facebook and our website.

We have nursery for infants through K4. Our 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 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.

Giving Options You may drop your check in our new drop box, mail your check to the church P. O. box, or give online. For online giving, the church website address <https://psjumc.org/ways-to-give/> will link you to our online giving page, with instructions. You can also call the office 850-227-1720 and Diann can set you up to pay over the phone and/or walk you through how to set up an online account for recurring giving.

Mental Health Life Management Center will now have a licensed adult mental health therapist on-site in Gulf County every Friday at 309 Williams Street. Life Management accepts most insurances including Medicaid health maintenance organizations. There is also a sliding fee scale for persons without insurance. Interested individuals should call 850-522-4485 or 888-785-8750 (toll free) to access. Plans are underway to have a child therapist periodically on-site, as well.

National Suicide Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 Available 24 hours every day.

Alcoholics Anonymous Highland View Baptist Church Tuesdays and Thursdays 7pm.

April Meetings

SPRC Meeting Saturday, April 2 10am in the Ministry Center.

Finance Meeting Thursday, April 21 10am in the Ministry Center.

Trustees Meeting Monday, April 25 5pm in the Ministry Center.

Church Council Monday, April 25 6pm in the Ministry Center.



Thank you Ms. Liz and PSJUMC children's program for donating cereal to Two Fish Food Market. The children held a Food Drive to support Two Fish by bringing their favorite cereal during the months of February and March. They plan to continue this drive through Easter. May God Bless The Children!



Two Fish Donations can be dropped off at Two Fish (Tues/Wed 9-4, Sat 9-1) and the Ministry Center (Mon-Thurs 9-4). Two Fish is located at 212 Williams Avenue.

Blessing Bags

This important ministry provides weekend food for over 50 children in need. Our church partners with Highland View Baptist Church to deliver bags of food each week of the school year to ensure that Port St. Joe students don't go hungry over the weekend. Each bag contains non-perishable breakfasts, lunches, dinners, fruit, and snacks in handy individual-sized portions. The FUMC team is small, but mighty- 8 of us order the food, stock the shelves, and prepare and deliver the bags in about an hour on Thursday mornings in the back rooms of Two Fish Food Market. Please contact Susan Magidson at (850)227-5717, or the church office if you'd like to donate time, money, or food to support this valuable ministry.

Methodist Care Closet

The Care Closet has had another banner month. Donations continue to pour in but we are in need of more volunteers to help us process donations and to work during store days. Many of our faithful snowbird volunteers have already left or will be leaving this month so we have daily gaps to fill.

If you are a new member to our congregation please consider dropping by and meeting our staff and volunteers and see our operation in action. This is a perfect way to meet new people and to become an active member of our church and community.

Also on Saturday April 2nd the Care Closet along with other clothing stores in town will be participating in a Fashion Show and Luncheon in the Great Hall. The tickets are \$10 and all Proceeds will go the Care Closet.

If you have questions call Cathy Cox 850-227-6028.

The Care Closet is located at 214 Williams Avenue and is open Thursday-Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-1pm.

Pastoral Care



Condolences are extended to the family of Gary Howze. Gary passed away 3-24-22.

Welcome to our newest members:

Ann Belin Salter on 3-27-22

Alan and Brenda Smith on 3-27-22

Latasha Mathis 3-27-22

We celebrated the baptism of

Shaw Michael Knox, son of Chris and Courtney Knox, on 3-6-22.



Ann Salter



Alan & Brenda Smith



Latasha Mathis



Shaw Michael, Nellie Kate,
Courtney, & Chris Knox

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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