



*Please join the Chancel Choir
Sunday, December 3 at 6:00PM
For*

This Holy Night

- "The Advent Road" (Wagner)
- "Night of the Father's Love" (Pepper Choplin)
- "Song of Mary" (Lopez and Mock)
- "Almost There" (Michael Smith)
- "Prepare Ye the Way / Shout to the North" (Michael Barrett)
- "This Holy Night" (McDonald)
- "A Little Night Caroling" (Ruth Schram)
- "Little Bitty Babe in a Manger" (Pepper Choplin)
- "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby" (Victor C. Johnson)
- "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" (Larry Shackley)
- "Christmas Canticles" (Mary McDonald)
- "Christmas Praise" (The Glory of Christmas)
- "Gloria" (A Christmas Fanfare) (Mary McDonald)

CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 6PM
SANCTUARY



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
GREAT HALL



YOUNG SINGERS CONCERT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 6PM
SANCTUARY



LIVE NATIVITY 6PM SCHEDULE:
MLC FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
KIDS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
YOUTH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17



CAROLING & COCOA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 6PM



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
4PM 6PM 8PM SANCTUARY



Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

Dear Friends,



We have been like a kid “waiting on Christmas” for our new building to be built. It is finally almost finished and we are using it regularly. Life is filled with waiting. We wait to hear the doctor’s report. We wait to find out the college football rankings. We wait and we wait. We don’t like waiting. Ours is a society of instant gratification. We want the answers now. We want to know. However, the season of Advent is our yearly reminder that waiting is what Christians are call to do. We believe that the Kingdom of God is coming in power and might, but it is not yet fully here—so we must wait. Advent is a twofold waiting: we wait on Christmas, but more fully we wait on God’s kingdom.

My children are always looking forward to Christmas. We have an Advent calendar that helps us mark the days and the closer we get to Christmas the more excited they get. On Christmas Eve, Liz and I can hardly get them to sleep. I hope during this season of anticipation that we all learn to “wait on God’s kingdom like a kid at Christmas.” Jesus is coming; the kingdom is near. The Scriptures teach us that this kind of waiting is life giving. It is not like waiting at the DMV or at the clinic. In waiting on Christmas, we get to participate in just a bit of the joy that is Christmas, before it arrives. In the same way, in our waiting on the kingdom, we experience glimpses of eternal life now.

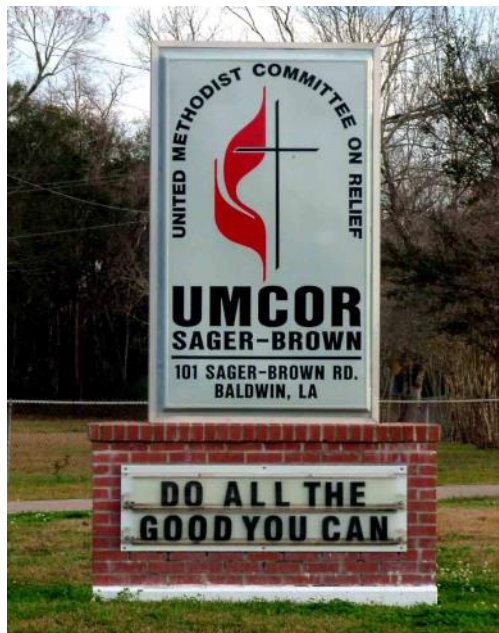
“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)”

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF



On Sunday, December 3 at 7AM our 11th 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. Please keep the team members in your prayers: Boyd & Mitzi Bulger, Helen Carlsten, Patty Crooke, Mere Dorman, Skip & Jane Griffies, Susan Kubitsky, Mike & Sue McCarthy, Jim & Erin McGlone, Sue Meyer, Carol Penrod, Bob Rinehardy, Mary Schultz, Jennifer Sheffield.

Krystal Terry, Children's Director



It's the most wonderful time of the year! We have so many activities planned for our children's ministry!

Children of all ages come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

- November 29th:** Little Lambs and Kid's Life will be watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in our pajamas! Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies provided.
- December 9th:** Breakfast with Santa (9:00-11:00) in the Great Hall. Children of all ages come in your pajamas and enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast provided by the United Methodist Men and get your picture with Santa.
- December 10th:** Little Lambs will be singing at 11:00 service.
- December 12th:** Sprouts Christmas party
- December 13th:** Young Singers Christmas Musical at 6:00/ No regular Little Lambs or Kid's Life
- December 14th:** Truth Walkers Christmas party
- December 15th:** Last day of Early Bird registration for Blue Lake Winter Retreat! Early Bird cost is \$115. After this date, cost is \$125.
- December 16th:** Live Nativity Kid's Night from 6:00-7:00
- December 20th:** Church-wide caroling night starting at 6:00. Children will be riding in a trailer. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided in the Great Hall immediately following.
- December 24th:** One Sunday morning service at 10:00/ No His Kids. Evening services at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00. Special Children's moments at 4:00 and 6:00.
- December 25th:** Happy Birthday Jesus!
- February 2nd-4th:** Winter Retreat at Blue Lake for grades 3rd-5th. Register at www.bluelakecamp.com
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Julie Hodges, Youth Director



- Sunday, December 3rd:** Revive 10am Youth Room
9am and 11am Hanging of the Greens - Youth Led
- Wednesday, December 6th:** Christmas Story telling 6pm (dinner 5:30)
- Saturday, December 9th:** Volunteer w/ Breakfast with Santa 9 - 11am
- Sunday, December 10th:** Revive 10am Youth Room
- Wednesday, December 13th:** Children's Choir Performance 6pm/ No regular youth
- Sunday, December 17th:** Revive 10am
Practice 4pm (DO NOT BE LATE)
Dinner (provided) and Dress in youth room at 5pm
Live Nativity with Cypress Trio outside 6pm
- Tuesday, December 19th:** Girl's Group Christmas Party 5pm
Bring a gift to play Dirty Santa and an appetizer to share
- Wednesday, December 20th:** All Youth 6th - 12th Christmas Party (Details to follow)
Church wide Golf Cart Caroling at 6pm (no dinner)
Hot Chocolate and Cookies to follow in Great Hall
- Sunday, December 24th:** Worship Service times: 10am, 4pm, 6pm, and 8pm
Luminary Fundraiser: Place bags @ 3pm
Light candles @ 5pm
Clean -up @ 10pm

REGULAR YOUTH starts back JANUARY 10, 2018

Thank you all for the volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch! We couldn't do it without you!

Ann Comforter, Director of Music Ministries

We are excited about our Christmas Concert, "This Holy Night", on December 3 at 6PM. It seems like this concert gets the atmosphere of Christmas started in our Church. We hope you will be able to join us. Some of your favorite singers will be presenting solos, duets and trios. ALSO, on December 7, (Thursday night at 6PM) The Bay Area Choral Society will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert our new GREAT HALL. Nancy Totman will conduct Saint Saens "Christmas Oratorio" during the first part of the concert and then OUR OWN Dana Langford will conduct the second part of the concert which features Christmas carols and anthems. Janis Ramos is accompanying both sections. Dana will direct the Young Singers in their first Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening, December 13 6PM in the sanctuary.

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Our church family was blessed to witness the baptisms on November 19 of Court Hillard Matney, son of Tyler and Claire Matney, and Cora Grace Dooley, daughter of Michael and Tessa Dooley. Congratulations to both families!

Our condolences and sympathy go out to Carol Tendler and family on the death of Jeff Tendler, Carol's husband, on November 7; to Linda Albrecht and family on the death of Al Albrecht, Linda's husband, on November 12; and to the family & friends of Ann Pridgeon who died November 21.



The Matney Family



The Dooley Family



Sunday School/Small Groups

Please join us for Sunday School 10:00-10:45AM:

Nursery - Nursery Room

His Kids Children's Class ages 4 – 5th grade-children's room (fellowship hall)

Revive Youth Class 6th-12th grades - youth room (fellowship hall)

Alpha Adult Class - Upstairs Room 1

They cover a different topic each week. No homework!

Oh Bay Adult Class - Upstairs Room 5

They are currently studying the book of 1 Peter

Marie Jones Adult Class - MLC Room 1

They are currently studying the book of Ephesians

Pridgeon-Rish Adult Class - Downstairs Conference Room

They are using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies

Hashem Adult Class-Library

They are studying on Hashem Ministries online



Traditional Service Posts:

*If you would like to sign up for any of these activities, please contact the church office

December Lay Readers:

- 3 Kaiden Pitts
- 10 Janis Tankersley
- 17 Vicki Abrams
- 24 Dr. Jim Penrod
- 31 Mike Giere



December Sanctuary Hosts/Hostesses:

- 3 Leonard Costin
- 10 Cathy Cox
- 17 Suzy Eppley
- 24 Linda Gerald
- 31 Boy Scouts



December Communion Servers:

- 3 Greg & Linda Johnson, Bob & Linda Wiley



Dinner begins at 5:15PM. Dinners are \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 per family

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| December 6 | Menu: Chicken & Rice Enchilada Casserole, Salad, Chocolate Decadence | Servers: O Bay Class |
| December 13 | Menu: Christmas Turkey & Green Bean Casserole, Strawberry Puff Pastry | Servers: Pridgeon-Rish Class |
| December 20 | Menu: NO MEAL (CHRISTMAS BREAK) | December 27 Menu: NO MEAL (CHRISTMAS BREAK) |

News from the Care Closet, Vic LaFerle

The Care Closet had a good 3rd quarter of 2017 (See Financial Statement below). We had sales of \$6,346. This brings our total sales CY1997 thru the 3rd quarter of 2017 to \$294,758. After operating expenses in the 3rd quarter of 2017 we made a net profit of \$3,556. This brings our total profit from CY1997 thru the 3rd quarter of 2017 to \$198,272. We were able to donate \$193,574 or 97.6% of our profit back to our community or Church for many worthwhile community or mission projects and the individual needs of the people of our community. The \$294,758 in sales thru the 3rd quarter of 2017 equates to over 750,000 items of donated clothing sold. We currently are receiving over 1,400 items of clothing donations each week. We can't thank the people of our community enough for there unbelievable support we receive from them in donating clothing each week. It never ceases to amaze me what an outstanding success our Care Closet ministry and outreach program have become. With the guidance and direction of our Lord these many years, it has grown far beyond any of our expectations when a small group of us from the Pridgeon-Rish Sunday School Class started it in 1997. It has grown into the largest and most productive mission outreach program our Church has ever done. The other unique thing about the Care Closet is that when we are experiencing bad economic times, like we currently are, it has a way of boosting both the need and outreach of the Care Closet. During these bad economic times our sales go up as people need to find clothing bargains. As sales go up our profits go up and we can donate back to the people in need. It is a win-win situation. The main reason the Care Closet has been such an outstanding success in the past and will continue to be in the future is because of a small group of dedicated people from our church and our community who have given so unselfishly of there time and effort in supporting the Care Closet. They are the driving force that makes the Care Closet mission and outreach program such an outstanding success.

CARE CLOSET FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Total CY1997 thru 2nd Quarter 2017	3rd Quarter 2017	Total CY 1997 thru 3rd Quarter 2017
Income	\$288,412	\$6,346	\$294,758
Expenses	93,696	2,790	96,486
Net Profit	194,716	3,556	198,272
Donations	190,064	3,510	193,574
% Of Profit	97.6%	98.7%	97.6%
Total Expense & Donations	283,760	6,300	290,060
Net Balance	\$4,652	\$ 46	\$4,698

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT today 6:00PM in the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS TALES Wednesday, December 6 6PM in the Great Hall with Southern Storyteller, Robyn Rennick.

BAY AREA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERTS Thursday, December 7 at 6PM in the Great Hall & Sunday, December 10 at 4PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 9 9-11AM in the Great Hall. Children, wear your pajamas!

YOUNG SINGERS CONCERT Wednesday, December 13 6PM in the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Wednesday, December 20 at 6PM we will be having a church-wide caroling party! Bring your golf carts and vehicles. The children will be riding in a trailer. Afterwards, join us for refreshments in the Great Hall.

LIVE NATIVITY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 15	6:00-7:00PM	Methodist Learning Center
Saturday, December 16	6:00-7:00PM	Children's Group
Sunday, December 17	6:00-7:00PM	Youth Group with Church Service

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 10AM Service (one service only) in the sanctuary. No Sunday School

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

4:00PM Candlelight Service with Special Children's Time
6:00PM Candlelight Service 8:00PM Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS GREEN BEANS Christmas is fast approaching and our church has been asked to provide and cook green beans for the County Wide Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need in our area. The cans of green beans and sign up sheet will be in the Lobby on Wednesday, December 13, to be picked up at your convenience. The cooked and drained beans should be delivered to back entrance of Oak Grove Church on **Christmas Day by 8:00 a.m.** You may transport in your own pot(s) and someone will help transfer beans into aluminum pans. If you choose to use aluminum pans, please reinforce with additional pan or cardboard box.

WINTER FITNESS - Fall Fitness is now complete and will resume as "Winter Fitness" with more offerings as part of the Pastor Geoffrey led Daniel Plan. The Daniel Plan brings to us the integration of Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus, & Friends. This will all start the week of January 8. As part of fitness we expect to offer classes at all levels. These include continuation of the fall band and body weight resistance class, and the new - morning and evening walking sessions, - a yoga class, - and at least one evening aerobic/cardio offering. Please contact Heather at the church office or Karl at (573) 263-2111 if you can help by leading an evening aerobic/cardio class or a morning walk a couple days a week.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UMW meet third Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall: Mission Group I at 9:30AM. Mission Group IV at 6:30PM. All ladies welcome to attend. For more information contact Bernadette Hackett, President at 850-340-0612 or bernadettehackett@tclsw@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST MEN meet the first Sunday of each month at 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. No RSVP required.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. Summer meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month only. You do not have to be an avid knitter/crocheter and beginners are welcome to join. For more information, contact Susan Julian at sjuliangofish@yahoo.com or 229-5460.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:00PM-2:30PM in the Conference Room. This group is open to all caregivers as well as their patients.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Tuesdays, Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

PASTORAL CARE BOARD This board is mounted in the downstairs hallway and helps us keep up with our homebound who need visiting, members who are in the hospital or rehab, and members who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. If you know of a person that needs a visit from our Pastor, please call the church office and give the name to Heather Jones @ 227-1724.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS Items for our area food pantry may be placed in our food donation receptacle, located downstairs next to the main staircase.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Our 9:00AM Service is growing, and so are our needs. If you can assist with any of the following tasks, please contact the church office: Refreshment Station Volunteer (make coffee, set up refreshment tables, etc.), Pre-Service Volunteer (set up chairs, wipe down chairs, etc.), Greeter, Sound System Technician, Children's Church Helper, Post-Service Volunteer (stack chairs, clean up, etc.).

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00AM Methodist Men 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service 6:00PM Chancel Choir Concert	4 9:30AM Disciple III Class 3:00PM Staff Meeting	5 3:00PM Sprouts 8:00PM AA Meeting	6 9:00AM Mother's Mornig Out 5:15PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers (2nd-5th) 6:00PM Stories with Robyn 6:15PM Kid's Life (1st-5th) 7:00PM Choir Practice	7 3:00PM Truth Walkers 6:00PM BACS Concert- Great Hall 8:00PM AA Meeting	8	9 9:00AM Breakfast with Santa 6:00PM PSJ Christmas Parade
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17 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service 6:00PM Live Nativity- Youth	18 9:30AM Disciple III Class 3:00PM Staff Meeting	19 PSJ Schools 1/2 Day 9:30AM UMW I 6:00PM UMW IV 8:00PM AA Meeting	20 6:00PM Caroling Party 7:00PM Choir Practice	21 8:00PM AA Meeting	22	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE 10:00AM Church Service 4:00PM Christmas Eve Service 6:00PM Christmas Eve Service 8:00PM Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 8:00PM AA Meeting	27	28 8:00PM AA Meeting	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service						



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st- Andrew Furr
Greg Todd

2nd- Michael Bentley
Betty McNeill
Kyle Pickett

3rd- Amanda Kent

4th- Mary Elizabeth Vaughn

7th- Mary Sadler

8th- Jim Belin
Emory Cumbie
Jared Arnold
Barbara Easterbrooks

9th- Dot Creamer
Meredith L. Higgins

10th- Leonard Costin
Wesley Jones
Kelli Newman
Janis Tankersley
Adam Taylor
Carol Tendler

11th- Ed Creamer

12th- Betty Bowman

13th- Douglas May
Daniel May

15th- Dan VanVleet

16th- Joan Bentley

17th- Linson Pickard

19th- Mary Pat Stubbs
Andy Durance

20th- Mary Pierce
Matthew Roberson
Boston McGhee

21st- Joe Madsen
Tina Williamson

22nd- Judy Williams

23rd- Laura Taylor
Ralph Roberson

24th- Jim Guilford
Bobby Woodham

25th- Carol Weber

26th- Mallory Terry

28th- Mary Hess
Bentley Roberts

29th- John Miller

30th- Brandon Davis
Gannon Buzzett

31st- Sawyer Smith



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2nd- Stuart & Renee Shoaf

10th- Boyd & Paula Pickett

12th- Perry & Janie Adkison

21st- Wayne & Judy Rowlett

22nd- Hubert & Trina Richards

23rd- Bill & Sandie Kennedy

27th- Rick & Judy Williams

31st- Jack & Dana Kerigan

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-Worship on the Water (Contemporary)

10:00AM-Sunday School

11:00AM-Sanctuary Worship (Traditional)

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