

Matthew 5:13

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE



Please join the Youth in the Great Hall on Tuesday, February 25 5:15pm for a pancake supper. The Methodist Wen will be cooking up pancakes, bacon, and grits casserole for everyone to enjoy for a donation.

Donations will be used for various youth programs.

100th Birthday Celebration for Marie Evans



The family of FUMC member Marie Evans will be hosting an open house 100th birthday celebration for her. It will be at her home on St. Joe Beach, 253 Canal Street on Saturday, February 29 between 12 and 4 est. Anyone who knows her is invited to stop by and help her celebrate this momentous milestone in her life. Contact Dawn Halliman for more information 850-348-7921.



METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 8:00AM GREAT HALL

UNITED METHODIST



CHILDREN'S WINTER RETREAT JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2 BLUE LAKE CAMP, AL



YOUTH RETREAT FEBRUARY 7-9 SHOCCO SPRINGS, AL



UMW MEETING & LUNCHEON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 11:30 **GREAT HALL**



PRESIDENTS' DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 5:15PM **GREAT HALL**

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 6PM GREAT HALL



Rev. Britney Toner, Associate Pastor



"If I only had more time!" I've heard that plenty from others and said it enough myself. But, what would we do if we really did have more time? On my optimistic days, I think I would finally finish that project I'd said for years that I would do. Maybe I would simply spend the day with my family or take my dog to the beach. Or perhaps I would just catch up on sleep.

We always seem to think that more time is the answer to our problems. It's as if we would find ourselves as a totally different person, suddenly full of all the gumption to act on what we had been putting off. In actuality, more time would just give us more opportunity to do the same ole thing we always do.

I'm sure when Jesus died, the disciples were begging for more time. Some say that Christ's ministry was only three years and I doubt that felt like enough. Huddled in the Upper Room, I can imagine the lot of them saying that phrase, "if we had only had more time with him!" Little did they know, the story was far from over.

What would you do with more time? It's a question that takes hope, introspection, and honesty with ourselves.

Listen to these words from Matthew 6:33-34, "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. To-day's trouble is enough for today."

So, friends, let today be the day we strive for the kingdom of God and his righteousness. If we have more time, let that also be more time that we spend searching for God at work in our lives now and loving our neighbors.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Britney

P.S. Happy February 29th;)

Ash Wednesday Service



On Wednesday, February 26 6pm in the Great Hall, join us as we begin the season of Lent together with the traditional imposition of ashes. This is one of the most moving and holy services of the year; make sure you plan to attend. No Pastor's Bible Study, Youth, or children's activities that evening.

Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter. During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection, and repentance when we seek to literally "turn around" and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees Meeting Monday, February 3 5pm in the Constitution Room.

Church Council Monday, February 3 6pm in the Constitution Room.

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

Valentine's Dinner: The children will be serving a meal for specials guests on February 9 at 5:30 in the Great Hall. Children should arrive at 5:00 and dress to serve, and be picked up at

Ash Wednesday: Join us for a special Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at 6pm. We will not have Little Lambs and Kids Life.

Winter Art Party: On Saturday, February 29 9-11 a.m. we will have an art party for kindergarten through 5th grade children. Invite a friend to join us for a morning of arts and crafts.



Kids' Night Out was filled with games and friends



The children's Sunday school class learn that God is pleased that we are his children.



Children watching a movie at Kids' Night Out.

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



WOW! What a great start to 2020! I sure hope we can keep the momentum going with attendance. Thank you to the parents who stress the importance of attending youth group, Sunday school, and retreats. God is working in these young people and I am so excited about it! I am still on the spiritual high from Winter Retreat and I hope those that went learned about spreading God's love to others.

We have several fun activities coming up as well!

Each Sunday - Sunday School at 11

Each Wednesday - Highschool Singers 5:15 / Dinner at 5 / Hangout at 5:45 and Youth Group at 6:15

Confirmation - Classes will be Wed. nights from 7 - 8 taught by Preacher G! Confirmation April 19

February 2 - Valentine's party at Cross Shores nursing home

February 7-9- Winter retreat at Shocco Springs with Auburn UMC

February 12- Youth serve dinner

February 23 – Sunday Funday – Activity tba (weather dependent)

February 25 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Youth Fundraiser

February 26 -Ash Wednesday services - No youth or confirmation - please attend dinner and service

<u>Romans 12:11</u> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the LORD



Winter Retreat in Ariton, Alabama

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts

FUMC MUSIC MINISTRIES MISSION STATEMENT:

To Praise, Worship God, and Inspire others to Christ through Music!

Hand Bell Choir!

Hand Bell Choir has been a long standing traditional ensemble at FUMC. We are excited to begin rehearsals on Friday, February 7 at 10 am. Rehearsals will continue weekly at the same time, running approximately one hour. Please email paul@psjumc.org to be officially added to the Hand Bell Choir Roster!!

Turn the World Around!!!

Our Combined Choirs of Young Singers, High School Singers, and Chancel Choir are rehearsing for their March 1 COMBINED PERFORMANCE of Turn the World Around!

Adults and Children, join us for our weekly rehearsals! You won't want to miss this Percussively Wild Performance! February 12** Young Singers, High School Singers ** Tribal Masks Project to wear for Turn the World Around!

GUEST ARTIST Spot Light!!

February 16, 10 am Worship Service Singer, Songwriter Rachel Hillman (Contemporary Worship) February 23, 10 am Worship Service Singer, Songwriter John Sutton. (Contemporary Worship)

A MASTER CLASS with RACHEL HILLMAN: Guitar February 15th, SATURDAY 11am – 3 pm : FUMC Great Hall Lunch Provided Noon-1pm

Rachel Hillman will be providing a master class for Guitar! Discover genre, technique, style, and new inspirations for your guitar playing. There are 20 open seats for this Master Class. Contact Paul Brown to be added to the roster!

An Artist's Call!!! MUSIC ART DANCE FUMC Music Ministries is forming a community outreach team to bring the ARTS to those in need. We as artists aim to serve this community! We want to take our gifts and talents to the homes of whoever may benefit. If you would like to help form and be a part of this outreach, please contact Paul Brown paul@psjumc.org

Wednesday Music Ensembles

Little Lambs- 5:30-7pm- Downstairs Lobby- Grades K3-1st Young Singers - 4-5pm - Choir Room - Grades 2-6nd Little Lambs-5:30-7pm- Downstairs Lobby-Grades K2 -1st High School Singers-5:30-6:15pm- Constitution Room- Grades 7th-12th Chancel Choir- 7 -8pm- GREAT HALL - Adults (Open to Youth!)

Cathy Cox, United Methodist Women

Thank you to all of church members that helped with our Bake Sale in conjunction with the Methodist Men's Butts on Bay. We made over \$600 that we will use to help provide for needs in our church and community. We even had enough baked goods left over that were able to stock the freezer, to provide goodies for our wonderful UMCOR volunteers.

We will have our first meeting of the new year, right after church on Sunday, February 9. Soup and sandwiches will be provided. We have 16 new members that we look forward to recognizing at this meeting. It's never too later to join UMW so join us on February 9 if you would like to be a part of this active, service oriented group of women.

Skip Griffies, United Methodist Men

The Methodist men will meet the 2nd of February. We should have final results on the Butts on the Bay event. Also a thanks to all who did anything to help! It went very well!

Mitzi Bulger, Rita Carmack, & Sue Meyer, Pastoral Care Team

FUMC wishes to thank Margo Russell for her five years of dedicated service and loving care in her position as Pastoral Care Chairperson. Margo and David are off to much deserved adventures traveloing the country. Please wish them "Happy Trails", safe trsvels, and much appreciation.

We are happy to welcome to our church family three new members: Ethel Bardsley 1/26/20, Marilyn Keagle 1/26/20, and Virginia "Ginnie" Priebe 1/26/20. Find their picture here and on our bulletin board and introduce yourselves! Our condolences are extended to John Miller and family on the loss of their wife and mother, Margie Miller, who passed away Tuesday, January 28. Margie's graveside funeral service will be held Friday, January 31 2pm at Holly Hill Cemetery Pavilion, with Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz officiating.

FUMC Pastoral Care Team members are Rita Carmack normrita1@gmail.com, Sue Meyer osuemeyer@gmail.com, and Mitzi Bulger mitzi.bulger@gmail.com. Please reach out to these members for any needs you or someone you know may







New Members (left to right): Marilyn Keagle, Ginnie Priebe, and Ethel Bardsley

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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- 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 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 29th - Marie Evans

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 **10:00AM Worship Service** — For the foreseeable future we will be having one worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00 (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.

Snowbird Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, February 2 11:30am in the Great Hall.

PSJ FUMC Shirts The Mission Team is placing orders for custom shirts. Order forms are located in the upstairs lobby. Missions Chair Sue Kubitskey will be in the lobby to take orders and answer questions. The proceeds will go to Wesley College in Tanzania. Money is due with order. Deadline is February 2.

Valentine's Day Carnival The First United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a booth at the Valentine's Day Carnival that will be at Shark Stadium on Friday, February 14 beginning at 5:30. We will be hosting many games for children and adults of all ages. Come out an enjoy this carnival sponsored by the PSJHS Student Government.

Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) February 25 youth pancake dinner fundraiser (cost: donations). Dinner starts at 5:15PM in the Great Hall. Pancakes, bacon, grits casserole, and drinks. Sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club.

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 26 6PM in the Great Hall. Join us as we begin the season of Lent together with the traditional imposition of ashes. This is one of the most moving and holy services of the year; make sure you plan to attend. No Pastor's Bible Study, Youth, or children's activities that evening.

Communion Volunteers We are looking for volunteers to help set up and take down Communion on Sunday mornings. If this is a ministry you would like to assist with, please contact Susan Norred at snorred642@yahoo.com, phone 850-323-1034.

Would you like to help serve communion? We want to start a list of communion volunteers for the new year. We will have a quick training session, so you don't have to worry about saying or doing the wrong thing! Please email Pastor Britney (britney@psjumc.org)

New Prayer Group If you have been feeling led to develop a deeper relationship with God, please come and join us, January 6, 2020 for 13 weeks 12:30 – 1:30. At a shared lunch we will communicate our thoughts and prayer experience from the prior week. The last 20 minutes will be spent in group contemplative prayer. A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and other Servants will be the book we will use. We will be using Book Number One in the series. It is a navy blue covered book and is available online through Upper Room. Prayer group leader is Bernadette Hackett.

New Adult Sunday school class lead by Stacy and Kaye Harbin at 11am in the Constitution Room.

Resolution Fitness Classes Tuesdays & Thursdays Bands & Body Weight Fitness 9:00am Great Hall , Yoga 10:15am Great Hall , LIFFT (Lower Impact Fun Fitness Team)10:30am Choir Room.

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.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) 6:30pm Mondays in the Great Hall. This group is open to all.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 7pm Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am in the Great Hall.

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

2020 Pilgrimage Pastor Geoffrey is leading a pilgrimage to Holy sites in Italy, and the Passion Play in Oberammergau next September 24 for 12 days. We will be traveling with friends from FUMC Panama City. During the trip we will see holy sites in Munich, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence, Assisi, and three days in Rome. One of the highlights of the trip is the Passion Play that has been going on every 10 years since the Middle Ages. We will also walk in the footsteps of St Paul and learn about the early church. More information is available in the church lobby (by the elevator).

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.

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.

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

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God

Sunday School/Small Groups

9:00- 9:45 O Bay Sunday School Class (Constitution Room)

9:00– 9:45 Alpha Sunday School Class (Monument Room)

10:00-10:45 Nursery (Monument Room)

11:00-12:00 Marie Jones Sunday School Class (Lobby)

11:00-12:00 Pridgeon-Rish Sunday School Class (Monument Room)

11:00-12:00 His Kids Sunday School Class (Great Hall)

11:00-12:00 Youth Sunday School Class (Rotunda)

11:00-12:00 Harbin Sunday School Class (Constitution Room)





Dinner begins at 5:00. Donations are welcome.

Wednesday, February 5	Menu:	Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Dessert	Servers: O Bay Class
Wednesday, February 12	Menu:	Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Dessert	Servers: Youth
Wednesday, February 19	Menu:	Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Dessert	Servers: Alpha Class
Wednesday, February 26	Menu:	Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Greens, Dessert	Servers: Volunteers



4:00-5:00 Young Singers — 2nd-5th grades (Choir Room)

5:00-6:00 Fellowship Dinner (Great Hall)

5:30-7:00 Little Lambs — K3-1st grades (Monument Room/Lobby) 5:30-6:15 Hang Time — 2nd-12th grades (Downstairs Lobby) 5:15-6:15 High School Singers (Constitution Room)

6:00-7:00 Mom's Group (Nursery)

6:15-7:00 Kids' Life – 2nd-5th grades (Monument Room) 6:00-7:00 Pastor's Bible Study (Great Hall)

6:00-7:00 Youth – 6th-12th grades (Choir Room)

7:00-8:00 Confirmation Class —6th grade and up (Choir Room) *January 15-April 1 7:00-8:00 Choir Practice (Great Hall)



Stay Connected One thing Hurricane Michael has taught us is how important it is to stay connected even when we are away. We are a family, a community of faith, and being there for each other is an important part of being a community. However, sometimes events in life cause us to be a away from our church family. Thankfully technology today provides us tools to remain connected even when we are away The Sunday before the hurricane hit was the first time we streamed our Sunday worship service on Facebook LIVE. We will continue streaming our service each Sunday at 10:00am EST, even while we are meeting in the Great Hall. If you can't attend in person, we encourage you to watch and participate online.

Mission Statement

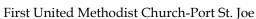
The First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe is called of God to be a Christian fellowship, affirming our beliefs through worship, witness, and service, glorifying God, adhering faithfully to the scriptures, nurturing spiritual growth, and sharing God's forgiveness to all people through the transforming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



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