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Annual UMCOR Mission Trip



Children's Ministry Volunteer



Annual Methodist Men's Butts on the Bay BBQ Cook-off & Methodist Women's Bake Sale



METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 8:00PM GREAT HALL



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TO BLUE LAKE CAMP FEBRUARY 2-4 ANDALUSIA, AL



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 5:30PM GREAT HALL



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 6PM SANCTUARY



PRESIDENTS DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20



FUMC GRAND OPENING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 BRUNCH 10:00AM



Chancel Choir



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Wednesday Night Dinner and Pastor's Bible Study

\*For more information about any of these activities, please contact the church office.



## Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

Dear Friends,

The Season of Lent is upon us. We will gather on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00PM for our Ash Wednesday service inviting us to observe a Holy Lent. Observing the Christian calendar has become for me the core of my spirituality. Many of us come from traditions that did not focus much on the church calendar, and find the whole experience new. Brian McLaren, a pastor from a free church tradition, talks about his discovery of this ancient way and what it now means to him:



These special holidays give rise to various liturgical calendars that suggest we should mark our days not only with the cycles of the moon and seasons, but also with occasions to tell our children the stories of our faith community's past so that this past will have a future, and so that our ancient way and its practices will be rediscovered and renewed every year.

I have discovered the church calendar is the best way to live into the story of Jesus. Lent is the church's way to deeply experience the passion and death of Jesus. We do this by thinking about Christ's sacrifice for us. To help us appreciate his sacrifice we must make some of our own. We "give up" some things like desserts, rich food, social media, TV, cable news, and sometimes even meats. And because Jesus took on suffering and the cross, we too take on the practice of self-denial in prayer, scripture reading, and silence. You may want to pray about what things you might want to give up or take on so that you can observe a Holy Lent. If you have never tried fasting, you might want to give it a try for a day. John Wesley recommended fasting from sun down on one day to sun down on the next. I have found this practice to not be "that" difficult and deeply rewarding. Most of all, use this season to teach your family about Jesus and what he did for us. I hope that my children will pass down to their children that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus has changed everything including the way our family gathers to eat and the way we treat our neighbors.

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

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### Making Space for God



On February 25, 2018, we will be celebrating the Grand Opening of our new building. We will have a special service at 9:00AM and 11:00AM and a church wide brunch at 10:00AM where we will consecrate the new space, acknowledge those who made it possible, and plant a time capsule to be opened in 50 years. This will be a Sunday not to miss.

## Krystal Terry, Children's Director



God's Love is in the air and we want all children to come help us spread it! We have lots of great activities going on in the month of February with our Children's Ministry! There is something for every age!

### Sprouts

Sprouts (PreK-1<sup>st</sup>) meet on Tuesdays after school in the children's room. We continue with our lessons from books of the New Testament.

### Truth Walkers

Truth Walkers (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) meet on Thursdays after school in the children's room. We continue with our lessons from books of the New Testament.

### His Kids

His Kids have worked so hard on learning the books of the Bible from both the Old and New Testaments! They have really amazed me! We will now begin learning the Apostles Creed. Children ages PreK4-5<sup>th</sup> come join us for a high energy worship service for children only! Breakfast snacks are served!

### Little Lambs

Our Little Lambs (PreK-1<sup>st</sup>) group is growing! We meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15 in the children's room. See the list of theme nights for this month.

### Kid's Life

Kid's Life Crew (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) meet on Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 in the children's room. See the list of theme nights for this month.

### Wednesday Theme Nights (Little Lambs and Kid's Life)

**February 5<sup>th</sup>: "On a mission night...mission to share God's love!"** Children's come dressed in valentine colors or shirts.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>: Church-wide Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.** Everyone is encouraged to attend. There will be no regular Little Lambs or Kid's Life on this night.

**February 21<sup>st</sup>: Popcorn with the Pastor night!** Children will get to enjoy a night of popcorn and Q and A with Preacher G!

**February 28<sup>th</sup>: Praise and Worship Wednesday!** Come worship God with our favorite praise songs!

### Upcoming Events:

**Winter Retreat: February 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.** The church bus will be pulling out at 2:30 from the church parking lot.

**Valentine Dinner:** Kid's Life Crew will be hosting a Valentine Dinner for some special friends in our church on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Children need to wear solid black pants and white shirts and meet in the Great Hall at 5:00.

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## Julie Hodges, Youth Director



### Girl's Group:

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls. This month we will only meet once to fellowship with one another. We will continue our study, Authentic Love in March.

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>: Dinner @ a restaurant 5:30pm

### Special Events:

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:

Shrove Tuesday Bahamas mission trip fundraising Pancake Dinner 5:30 to 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>: Bahamas Trip meeting 5:30 in the youth room

### Youth Wednesdays:

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>: Regular youth

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday Service (no regular youth)

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>: Regular youth

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: Regular youth

### Meltdown Retreat 2018



## Ann Comforter, Director of Music Ministries

Slowly but surely we are getting our new choir room organized. All of our anthems have been unboxed and filed in our new filing cabinets and now on to the boxes of books and cantatas and special music. As the director of music, I am so thankful to the Church for our much needed space for storage and room to grow in numbers. HINT: We are always looking for new choir members and we would love for you to join us. Come and give us a try one Wednesday night and I guarantee that you will be welcomed with open arms. For our Easter music offering this year, the choir will be presenting "One Sacrifice" and more information will be mentioned in the March newsletter when the date is finalized.

We are very thankful to have our beloved "winter visitors" with us. **They are more like family** to us than visitors and we are very happy to have Dave & Betty Bowman, Sue & Charlie DeVore, Glenn & Linda Elders and Frank and Carol Weber with us. They are so much fun and it is always good to see them walk through the door!!

On a personal note, please accept my gratitude for those of you who sent my Mom a card or personal message on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had a wonderful day and I feel very blessed and fortunate to still have my Mom.  
GOD Bless you all!! Until next time, God's Blessings. Ann

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## Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Our condolences go to the family and friends of Sidney "Smiley" Anchors who died 1-9-18; Annie Ruth Johnson, Larry Johnson's mother, who died 1-14-18; Dorothy "Dot" Magidson, mother of Guerry Magidson, who died 1-15-18; and John Harwood, Caroline Madsen's brother-in-law, who died 1/18/18.

Congratulations to Shannon Stallings and Prentiss Tompkins and family on the birth of son Simon Paul Tompkins on 1/3/18.

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## Bernadette Hackett, UMW President

Hi to all! Thank you for making Butts on the Bay a complete success. Thank you to the Baking Warriors and to all who purchased dinner plates and baked goods. These funds will be utilized primarily to help women and children in our own community. Firstly, a portion will be donated in April to our Give a Book Program.

Our unit, through UMW International, has been made aware of a need for washable sanitary napkins. Therefore, It is our plan right now to help meet that need by making that item. We are in the process of getting information on that project. If anyone is interested in this project, please contact me via email and I will get information to you as to how we will proceed.

It is the desire of our UMW unit in Port St Joe to have all the women in church membership become UMW members also. Therefore, I will endeavor to let everyone know, through notification in weekly bulletin, in the Salt Life, and through personal appeals for help, of the needs we have throughout the year. I will also utilize these means to tell everyone of the things we are doing. It is our hope that as you read these little "blips" that you will become familiar with what we are about. As you become familiar, we hope that you will feel led to work on some of our mission projects. We would love for you to join us at our monthly meeting, but we know that sometimes life gets in the way of that full commitment. We have all been there at different life stages; but, we feel strongly about the need for the work we do and the need for it to continue. In order for that to happen, we need the help of all church women. So opportunities to help will be posted in the weekly bulletin and in the Salt Life. When you identify something that interests you and fits your spiritual gift area and personal schedule, please text or email me and I will be so happy to get you involved.

Wishing you all a Happy Winter, Happy Valentines Day, and, successful Daniel Plan. Bernadette Hackett, UMW President of PSJ.  
Text-850-340-0612 or email [bernadettehackett@csww@gmail.com](mailto:bernadettehackett@csww@gmail.com)

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## The Care Closet, Vic LaFerle

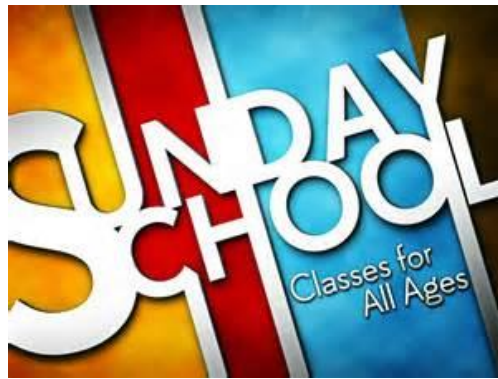
The Care Closet had a great 4th quarter in 2017. We had sales of \$5,382. This brings our total sales CY1997 thru the 4th quarter of 2017 to \$300,140. After operating expenses in the 4th quarter of 2017 we made a net profit of \$2,950 This brings our total profit from CY 1997 thru the 4th quarter of 2017 to \$201,222. (See Financial Statement below). We were able to donate \$195,784 or 97.3 % of our profit back to our community or Church for many worthwhile community mission projects and the individual needs of the people of our community. I was not only impressed by the fact that the Care Closet was able to donate \$195,784 but to who and where the donations were made to. A breakdown of the donations is as follows:

Description	Amount	Percentage
Our Community	\$121,105	61.9%
Our Church	\$ 43,529	22.2%
Sub Total	\$164,634	84.1%
Our Conference	\$ 31,150	15.9 %
Total Donations	\$195,784	100%

As you can see by the above a very impressive \$164,634 or 84% of all donations made by the Care Closet were donated back to our local Church or our community.

The \$300,140 in sales thru the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017 equates to over 750,000 items of donated clothing sold or given away at no cost. We currently are receiving over 1,400 items of clothing donations each week. We can't thank the people of our community enough for their unbelievable support we receive from them in donating clothing each week.

## Sunday School



**SUNDAY SCHOOL/SMALL GROUPS – PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00-10:45AM:**

**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 Revelation

**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 Hebrews, Faith that Roars

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### Traditional Service Posts

#### February Lay Readers:

- 4 Zoe Gerlach
- 11 Jim Terry
- 18 Vicki Abrams
- 25 Lynda White



#### February Sanctuary Hosts/Hostesses:

- 4 Leonard Costin
- 11 Cathy Cox
- 18 Suzy Eppley
- 25 Linda Gerald



#### February Communion Servers:

- 4 Norm & Rita Carmack,  
Barb Parilla & Sherry Steadham



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

**February 7 Menu:** Teriyaki Beef Stir Fry, Jasmine Rice, Assorted Cookies

**February 14 Menu:** Romantic Pork au Poivre, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Total Chocolate Decadence

**February 21 Menu:** Chicken & Vegetable Stew, Peach Cobbler

**February 28 Menu:** TBD

**Servers:** Oh Bay Class

**Servers:** Pridgeon-Rish Class

**Servers:** Alpha Class

**Servers:** UMW

## Announcements

**FUMC YOUTH SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER** February 13 5:30-7:00PM in The Great Hall. We will have pancakes with a variety of toppings, bacon, and a photo booth. All donations will help the youth go to The Methodist Bahamas Habitat this June.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** February 14 at 6:00PM we will hold our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary 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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UMW** meet third Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall: Mission Group I at 9:30AM. Mission Group IV at 6:00PM. All ladies welcome to attend. For more information contact Bernadette Hackett, President at 850-340-0612.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN UMM** 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 Parlor. 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](mailto: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 Conference Room.

**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 main building

**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.

**BRIDGE GROUP** Our church is starting up a fun bridge group. The group will meet and play Rubber Bridge on Mondays at 12 noon in the Great Hall. Beginners are welcome. Please contact Diana Noll to reserve a seat 810-338-4830.

**FINANCE MEETING** Thursday, February 8 10:00AM in the Library.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** Monday, February 12 6:00PM in the Conference Room.

**TRUSTEES MEETING** Monday, February 26 5:00PM in the Library.



**UMW News:**

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in our church both locally and globally, to meet other women and develop meaningful friendships, to contribute your time and talents to missions that focus on women, youth, and children? If so, United Methodist Women would love to have you join us. We have only one meeting a month but we have many activities that are going on all the time.

**Mission Group 1:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9:30AM in the conference room. Contact Mitzi Bulgur, 850-229-4969.

**Mission Group 4:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6PM in the Parlor. Contact Cathy Cox, 850-227-6028.

### Service Projects:

**Book Buddies:** (working one on one with struggling readers at PSJ Elementary) Thursday mornings. Contact Ann Tison, 850-227-6450.

**Libro Buddies:** (working with English as a second language students at PSJ Elementary. No foreign language required).

Contact Ann Tison, 850-227-6450.

**Book Club:** Times to be announced- contact Ann Tison, 850-227-6450.

**Care Closet:** Tuesday at 9AM. Meet at Care Closet to hang up clothes and then go to lunch together. Contact Jane Griffies, 850-899-0418.

**Services to the Bereaved:** serve meals to families of the Bereaved after the funeral service. Contact Janis Tankersley, 850-227-1200.

If you are unable to attend a regular meeting, you can still be involved by donating items to these local programs that we support.

### Mission Projects

**Senior Citizens Center:** cans of Ensure and soup.

**Give a Book:** in April donate books to PSJ Elementary

**Food Pantry:** Nonperishable foods

**Nursing Home:** send cards to our church residents

**PSJ Elementary Nurses station:** ginger ale, underpants, flip flops

**Military Appreciation:** cards, snacks, personal items for care packages

**Salvation Army Domestic Violence:** personal hygiene items, shampoo, toothpaste etc.

Our major fundraiser for the year occurs in January in conjunction with the Methodist Men's club Butts on the Bay. We provide the baked goods and serve the plates.

If you have a heart for Missions and are looking for a way to share God's love with our community and world please give prayerful consideration to joining our United Methodist Women.

## FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 3:00PM Truth Walkers  8:00PM AA Meeting	2  CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT BLUE LAKE	3
4 8:00AM Methodist Men 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service	5 9:30AM Disciple III Class	6  3:00PM Sprouts  8:00PM AA Meeting	7 5:15PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers (2nd-5th) 6:00PM Bible Study 6:15PM Kid's Life (1st-5th) 7:00PM Choir Practice	8 10:00AM Finance Meeting  3:00PM Truth Walkers	9	10
11 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service  6:00PM Valentine's Banquet	12 9:30AM Disciple III Class  3:00PM Staff Meeting  6:00PM Church Council	13  3:00PM Sprouts  6:00PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  8:00PM AA Meeting	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00AM Prayer Shawl 5:15PM Fellowship Dinner 6:00PM Ash Wednesday Service	15  3:00PM Truth Walkers  8:00PM AA Meeting	16	17
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**Happy Birthday:**

1st- Zach Hodges  
Frank Weber  
2nd- Virginia Blick  
3rd- Sara Allen  
Casey Witten  
4th- Leland Ray  
Jerrie Todd  
Lucile Sauls  
Hampton Terry  
Hunter Hortma  
6th- Mary Claire Finlay

8th- Fred Flowers  
9th- Dusty May  
Joanne Freeman  
10th- Suzanne Wood  
11th- Beth Bauer  
Emerald Halualani  
14th- Melinda Williams  
Jennifer Bogaert  
15th - Kevin Guidry  
Cuyler King  
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  
Nicholas Comforter  
Roland Dixon  
23rd- Jenny Berry  
24th- Richard Schremp  
25th - Ashley Hopkins  
Kathy Wilson  
Linda Davis  
Isabel Bogaert  
Court Matney

26th - Linda Johnson  
George Thompson  
27th - Rick Williams  
Mark Howze



**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

## 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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Young Singers of FUMC of PSJ

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newsletter, *Salt Life*, is provided by  
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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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