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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE



Shrove Sunday Pancake Luncheon Fundraiser

Hosted by
PSJ FUMC Youth

Sunday, February 27 11:30am
in the Great Hall.

Pancakes, Sausage, & Bacon
prepared by PSJ FUMC Men's Club.



*Proceeds will be used for
PSJ FUMC Youth projects,
camps, and other activities.

CHILDREN'S WINTER RETREAT
AT BLUE LAKE
FEBRUARY 4-6



UNITED METHODIST MEN
BREAKFAST & MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 8AM
GREAT HALL



SNOWBIRD LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 11:30AM
GREAT HALL



YOUTH WINTER RETREAT
FEBRUARY 11-13
BUSCH GARDENS



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 11AM
MONUMENT HOUSE



PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21



SHROVE SUNDAY
PANCAKE YOUTH FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 11:30AM
GREAT HALL



PANCAKE SUNDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
6PM GREAT HALL



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

Rev. Chelsey Brown, Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

This year's focus as a church is the word *Foundation*. We are in the rebuilding phase, literally. It is an obvious choice to lean on. The old foundation is gone and now we are in this new phase, this next step in the life of our church. It is a historical time, indeed!



Life is a lot like that. There is a movement from one phase of life to another. In life, foundations or groundings are made—some stay and some go. Some are strong and some are weak. Even certain people in our lives are described as the rock or glue of the whole. These rocks are viewed as the ones who hold it all together. When these loved ones die an unsettledness sets in. Our grounding feels crumbly and out-of-whack.

How do we go from here in creating new, **STRONG**, foundations? Whether it is within a family unit, community, or a church, how are new foundations formed? It might be obvious, but for us as the body of Christ, we need to start with looking to God our Stronghold. God Almighty is the rock above all rocks, the stickiest of glue, the One and only who holds all things together forever!

As the body of Christ, the church—our foundation—is in the Triune God: One God in three person—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Lord God is our rock, refuge, and strength!

Thanks be to God!

In Grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chelsey".

Pastor Chelsey

Psalm 18:2

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

St. Paul: Apostle to the World Pastor's Bible Study



Join us on Wednesday nights for Pastor's Bible Study as we continue taking a deep dive into the life of the most influential apostle. No one other than Jesus has made such an impact on the church. Yet, Paul remains surrounded by controversy. We will study his life from start to finish focusing on his conversion and his mission. Along the way, we will answer some difficult questions including: what did Paul think about women? What did he believe about the end-times? And how does grace and good works go together? We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles and reading selections of his Epistles to get a better understand the life and times of this world changing man. This study will conclude February 23.

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

Children's Ministry

On **Wednesday evenings** we are studying a series titled *Opposite Day*. We'll learn how the teachings of Jesus are the opposite of what the world teaches, and how God is also calling *us* to a life that is the opposite of the world. Remember to bring \$3 for dinner. See you on Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 at the Methodist Learning Center.

Winter Retreat: Children in grades 3rd-5th will be going to Blue Lake Winter Retreat February 4-6. Please pray for our children and chaperones as camp is always an important time in their spiritual walk.

Valentine's Dinner: The children will be serving a meal for widows and widowers of our church on February 13 at 5:30 in the Great Hall. Children should arrive at 5:00 and dress to serve (black pants and white top if possible). We should be finished around 6:30.

Kids' Night Out: On Friday, February 25, 6-8:30PM we will have a Kids' Night Out for PreK3-5th grade at the STAC House, 610 Eighth St. Pizza will be provided and donations will be accepted for our children going to camp this summer. Sign up with Ms. Liz liz@psjumc.org.

Lent Family Bags: These bags will have items to help your family experience the Lenten season. Contact Ms. Liz to sign up for one of these bags. I'll have these on Sunday, February 27.



Children's Winter Paint Party



Lynn Marshall, Youth Director

Youth Ministry

What a year we have announce that we have

day evening at the STAC house. We hang out, play games, eat yummy food and have a lesson that applies to what the children are going through in their lives. I feel so blessed to be able to lead such a great group of children.

had so far! I am so happy to 40-50 youth each Wednes-

FEBRUARY SERIES OVERVIEW: Have you ever been hurt so badly by someone that you desperately wanted revenge? When we're treated cruelly or unfairly, it's natural to want justice. But what does "justice" really mean? Is it only about handing out consequences and punishment to the people who have wronged us? Or could it be about something more? How do we balance forgiveness and grace with truth and consequences? There's someone in the Old Testament of the Bible whose life has a lot to teach us about justice. In this 4-week series, the story of Joseph will help us see that **justice is love in action** and that, when we're wronged by others, we can **hold on to hope**, trust that **integrity can withstand injustice**, and learn to practice justice that **restores what's broken**.



Missions: We are still collecting money for Gilbert, the child from Africa that we are sponsoring. You can send in a donation for Gilbert with your youth at any time.

Winter Trip: If your child has signed up, we are headed to Busch Gardens on February 11-13.

No Sunday School on February 13 because we will be traveling back from Tampa!

Fundraiser: We will have a pancake lunch on Sunday February 27th at 11:30.

Confirmation: We will have a confirmation retreat February 25 – 26. Please let Lynn know if your youth will be participating.

Summer camp: July 12-15 at Lake Junaluska.

We would love your family to join us at Church each Sunday starting at 10 am. We have a great Sunday School class from 11 – 11:45 AM at the Monument House across from FUMC. This is an awesome Small Group.



Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts



Join us for Sunday Morning Worship!

February 6- Snow Bird Sunday- Let us worship the Lord our God as we celebrate and honor our Snow Birds. We thank you for your amazing service, love, and true dedication. We will have a Gospel Sunday as the Chancel Choir sings the hymns of our faith, with Mrs. Marilyn Freeman on acoustic guitar! Come and Worship!

February 13- Special Music Sunday - FUMC Bell Choir rings in the service with the theme of LOVE! Let us commune on this day of love and worship.

February 20- The Forgotten Coast Young Singers, in collaboration with the Florida State Percussion Ensemble, will present *Turn the World Around*, as their special offertory. The FSU Percussion Ensemble will play various selections in worship, displaying the beauty of each instrument.

February 20- Isle Newell Performing Arts Concert- FSU Percussion Ensemble
Enjoy a variety of music displayed by the amazing FSU Percussion Ensemble. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.com or in person at Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola Florida.
Concert series- 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

February 27- Transfiguration Sunday! Enjoy a day of music and praise as we celebrate with a day of Jazz! From New Orleans Ragtime, to King Cakes for dessert, let us CELEBRATE!

Chancel Choir- Thursday Rehearsals- Great Hall 5:30 p.m.

Young Singers- Wednesday Rehearsals- Ministry Center 4:00 p.m.

Bell Choir- Wednesday Rehearsals- Great Hall 10:00 a.m.

Bay Area Choral Society- Tuesday Rehearsals- Bus leaves Ministry Center at 5:20 for Trinity Episcopal Church.

Private Lesson Studio- Contact Director of Music, Paul Brown if you are interested in private lesson registration. Voice. Piano. Wind-Band Instruments.

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Tonya Knox, President-United Methodist Women

After Hurricane Michael the United Methodist Women voted to take a break to get our homes and community back in order. Then the pandemic struck, and we voted to become inactive.

2022 we are now active again and searching for members. We had our first meeting on Sunday,

January 9 after church, at the Monument House, with an amazing turnout of approximately 35 attending. After enjoying a meal of soups, sandwiches, and desserts we got fast to work on our first project. In the Spring we will be hosting a fashion show and luncheon featuring our local businesses and the Care Closet. All proceeds will go to the Care Closet. Our next meeting will be February 13, after church, at the Monument House. We will be meeting the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested in joining a community of women whose purpose is to know God, develop a creative supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission, we look forward to you joining us in February.



Skip Griffies, United Methodist Men

Methodist Men will meet February 6 at 8 am in the Great Hall.

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Methodist Care Closet: 214 Williams Avenue

Two Fish Food Market: 212 Williams Avenue

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	2 10:00am Prayer Shawl 10:00pm Bell Choir 5:30pm Dinner 4:00pm Games 4:00pm Young Singers 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life	3 5:30pm Choir Practice	4 Winter Retreat 3rd-5th Grades-Blue Lake 2/4-2/6/22 	5
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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
 Vanesa Ryan
 9th- Dusty May
 Joanne Freeman
 10th- Suzanne Wood
 11th- Beth Bauer
 Emerald Halualani
 14th- Jennifer Bogaert
 15th - Kevin Guidry

16th - Hunter Garth
 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

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

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

Announcements

Pastor's Bible Study Join us for Pastor's Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Great Hall.

Snowbird Luncheon All snowbirds are cordially invited to our annual snowbird luncheon Sunday, February 6 11:30am in the Great Hall. Bring a snowbird friend, too!

Boy Scout Fundraiser It is time for the PSJ Boy Scout annual Superbowl fundraiser. Whole Butts available for Saturday (2-12) and Sunday (2-13) pickup. Shredded butts and chickens are only available for Sunday pickup. Tickets must be purchased before February 5 from a Boy Scout. See Dru Flowers near the sound booth after church to buy your ticket. Whole butt \$35, shredded butt \$40, smoked chicken \$10.

Souper Bowl Sunday Two Fish Food Market will collect cans of soup during Worship Services February 6 and February 13 as part of Souper Bowl Sunday. Please bring cans of soup that will be used to support the Two Fish Food Market. Since 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring has collected \$170 million in donations from across all 50 states.

Pancake Luncheon Fundraiser Shrove Sunday February 27 11:30am in the Great Hall. Pancakes, bacon, & sausage prepared by United Methodist Men. All proceeds will be used for youth camps and other activities.

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

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

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.

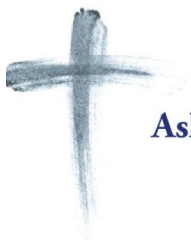
Giving Options You may drop your check in our new drop box, mail your check to the church P. O. box, or give online. For online giving, the church website address <https://psjumc.org/ways-to-give/> will link you to our online giving page, with instructions. You can also call the office 850-227-1720 and 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.

Oberammergau/Best of Italy Interested in going to Europe with Pastor Geoffrey and other church members? Trip dates are September 22-October 2022. Contact the church office for more information.



Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins

On Wednesday, March 2 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.

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.



In April of 2021, First United Methodist Church opened the Methodist Care Center. The Methodist Care Center is home to the Methodist Care Closet, Two Fish Food Market, The Blessing Bags Program and provides space for the Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team and serves as the Church's operations center for community-based supports for residents of Gulf County and Mexico Beach. Through these programs, our Church is able to connect with and assist many of our neighbors. Except for one part-time employee for the Care Closet, the Methodist Care Center is operated by a group of dedicated and passionate volunteers. These volunteers not only serve the mission of the Care Center, but are also developing friendships that expand beyond their volunteer hours. It should be noted our volunteers come from multiple churches across the county.

Two Fish Food Market opened its doors on April 20th with 3 enrolled households (families). By early August the goal of 150 families had been exceeded and by the end of December, 264 families were enrolled as shoppers. On a monthly basis, approximately 50% of our enrolled family's shop up to 2 times per month securing perishable and non-perishable food items based on the number of individuals living in their home. We are continuously amazed at the generosity of our congregation and community and through their gifts were able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for families who shop at Two Fish. Two Fish could not meet the needs of so many without our group of dedicated volunteers. They make shoppers feel "right at home" and many times help connect them to other services in our community. Most important is Two Fish Food Market has made life a little easier for some of most vulnerable neighbors.

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Methodist Care Closet

Thank you so much for sharing your time, talents and donations with this ministry.
If you are interested in volunteering please 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



We celebrate

The baptism of Madeline Dorothy Brown, daughter of CJ and Chelsey Brown, on January 9.

Welcome to our newest members:

Anne and Gary Grace



Anne and Gary Grace



Chelsey, Madeline, and CJ Brown

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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