

Matthew 5:13

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Butts on the Bay



The First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe's Men's Club announces their third annual "Butts on the Bay BBQ Dinner & Bake Sale" community fundraiser.

The event will take place 12-3 p.m. ET Saturday, January 11 in front of Ronnie B's Restaurant (Sailor's Cove Shopping District, located across from the Piggly Wiggly Shopping Center) in Port Saint Joe. Come hungry—advanced tickets are not required for dinners, and you can enjoy on site or take home. BBQ plates (pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans and bread) will be available as well as a huge variety of homemade baked goods for sale by the United Methodist Women.

All proceeds support local community missions including Forgotten Coast Wounded Warriors, Boy Scouts of America, Christian Community Development Fund, Gulf County Domestic Violence Fund, Gulf Coast Hope Center, Oak Grove Community Wide Dinners, PSJ High School Athletics, and more.



Martin Luther King, Jr. "Walking Together" Holiday Parade and Celebration will be held Monday, January 20 in downtown Port Saint Joe. Parade begins at 10am, with line up at 9:30 at the City Gazebo (305 Cecil Costin Boulevard). This parade is in conjunction with The National Day of Service "Make it a day on, not a day off". Free meal and organized program immediately following the parade at the Washington High Gym. Everyone is invited to participate.

METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 8:00AM GREAT HALL

UNITED METHODIST



KIDS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 6-9PM LOBBY & GREAT HALL



BUTTS ON THE BAY SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 12-3 SAILORS COVE



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY MONDAY, JANUARY 20



YOUTH RETREAT JANUARY 17-20



CHILDREN'S RETREAT JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2



Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! In the church calendar, this is the Year of Matthew. We will be spending a lot of time reading through this Gospel on Sunday mornings. The first line of the book is "This is the genesis (beginning) of Jesus Christ. "It is fitting that the first book of the New Testament reminds us of the first book in the Old Testament in its very first line. I think one thing that Mathew is telling us is that in Jesus Christ there is a new beginning. In Christ, God is recreating the world. Jesus is something completely new, but Jesus is also a direct continuation of God's mission in the Old Testament.

This year is going to be a year of genesis for us—a radically new beginning. At some point mid-year, we will break ground on our new sanctuary and education building. Our work this year will lay the foundation for the next 100 years of ministry. It will be a radical new beginning. But just as the radical new beginning of Jesus in Matthew begins with his genealogy, our radical new beginning is also an extension of our past. Our church has offered great ministry to our community in this location since the early 1950s; and before that, fifty years of great ministry on Long Avenue; and, in the early 1800s several decades of great ministry whose fruits we do not know but included offering space for the Constitution Convention of Florida. I don't know exactly who God is calling us to be this year and in the years to come, but I know that God is doing a new thing in and with us, and that this new thing despite being radically new is just the continuation of what God has always been doing in the world.

Let us begin this new year asking God to do something new in us. In Jesus Christ, all things are made new. I don't know about you, but I need a new start. I need some radical change, and I need God to complete the same work that God had begun in me long ago. Happy New Year!

Peace,

Geoffrey



REBUILD Update Several have inquired as to the status of our REBUILD progress. It may seem that little is happening but nothing is further from the truth. Our primary FEMA Representative continues to be a friend to the church. All nine FEMA defined projects are in and being reviewed. The State of Florida Audit Team visited us and are well pleased with our submissions and financial systems. They expect the Hurricane will be declared a 90/10 which will help our out of pocket expenses. Our attorney is working the wind insurance claim and although this will take some time the settlement should be significant. Your entire staff team lead by Karl Burgher continues to spend significant amounts of time on this effort. Our expectation remains to have a General Contractor selected if not on the ground by March 30, 2020. 2020 will be an exciting year in the rebuilding of our church!

Upcoming Meetings

SPRC Meeting Monday, January 6 5PM in the Constitution Room.

Methodist Caring Ministries Meeting Friday, January 10 10am in the Constitution Room.

Finance Meeting Thursday, January 30 10am in the Constitution Room.

2020 Pilgrimage Informational Meeting Monday, January 20 6pm in the Great Hall.

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

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

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Liz Lentz, Children's Director

New Wednesday night schedule: Beginning January 8 Young Singers for grades 2-5th will begin at 4:00. Sixth graders will begin youth group and participate in confirmation class.

Kid's Night Out: On Friday, January 10, 6-9 pm we will have a Kids' Night Out for K3-5th grade. Pizza will be provided, and we will watch the movie *Gnome Alone*. Concessions will be sold by 3rd-5th grade boys and proceeds go to winter retreat. Sign up with Ms. Liz.

Kindergarten Bible Sunday is on January 26 during the worship service. Kindergarteners will receive a picture story Bible.

Winter Retreat: Children in grades 3rd-6th will be going to Blue Lake Winter Retreat January 31-February 2. Please pray for our children as camp is always an important time in their spiritual walk.









Breakfast with Santa

Little Lambs sing at The Joe

Children & Youth in the Christmas Parade

Live Nativity at The Joe

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director

Influencer: A 4-WEEK SERIES ON **WISDOM**Whether it's Instagram, YouTube, TV, or movies, we are constantly surrounded by "influencers." But in reality, we are all influencers because we all influence others in some way, whether we mean to or not. We're all already influencers, but the question is, "What kind of influencers will we be?" In this 4-week series, we'll learn from a few key influencers in the Bible about what real influencers are like. They're humble (not arrogant), chase good (not evil), live small (and dream big), and tell God's story (not just their own).

Here are a few things coming up in our ministry . . . January 8: YOUTH SERVE DINNER

Please sign up with Lynn if you can be here to help at 4:45

January 17-20: WINTER RETREAT

We will be loading up the busses and headed to Ariton, Alabama for our Winter Retreat with FUMC of PC. I am so excited for this experience for our youth. Make sure you have your child's form filled out and notarized. Your youth will bring home all of the information for you.

February 7-9: AUBURN ALABAMA RETREAT

This retreat is a learning exercise for Lynn, but any youth that would like to come experience this are welcome to come. The retreat is \$175.

January 15 - April 15, 2019: CONFIRMATION CLASS

All youth who have not been confirmed are invited to join this class from 7-8 on Wednesday nights immediately following youth. This is a wonderful class taught by Pastor Geoffrey.

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts

First United Methodist Music invites you to SING your way into 2020!

Our Youth Choirs will be experiencing music from around the Globe, incorporating instruments, and visual arts.

Our Scripture Focus is Mark 16:15 And he Said unto them, Go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

We are finalizing our Youth Choirs Field Trip, so please reach out and add your contact to our roster if your child is interested in either choirs.

Young Singers – Grades 2nd – 6th

Wednesdays -4pm - 5pm FUMC Choir Room

High School Singers- Grades 7th - 12th

Wednesdays- 5:15pm - 6:15pm FUMC Monument Room

Chancel Choir – Weekly Worship Choir, Open to Youth and Adults. Wednesdays-7pm-8pm FUMC Great Hall

Performs Weekly for Sunday Morning Worship Services; Rehearsals 9:15 Choir Warm- Up, FUMC Choir Room

Bell Choir!!

If you are interested in joining Bell Choir contact Paul Brown - paul@psjumc.org

We are forming this ensemble to meet weekly for an hour rehearsal and finalizing a meeting time based on membership and scheduling needs. FUMC has an amazing set of handbells and we want to Ring in the New Year with You!

Private Vocal/ Instrumental Study - Paul Brown

Private Piano Study – Staff Accompanist Jessica Beasley

We welcome you to sing and worship with us at First United Methodist Church of Port St Joe!

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

We are happy to welcome to our church family Estelane and Richard ODonnell who joined 12-8-19. Please look for them at church and introduce yourselves!

Our condolences are extended to Steve Julian and family on the death of Susan Julian who died 12-5-19 and to Jill Davis and family on the death of Jill's father, Gail R. Gustafson, who died 12-7-19.

Watch this space for exciting news coming!! This is my last article as Pastoral Care Chairperson as I stepped down at the end of December. Soon someone special will be assuming the role bringing fresh new insights into this important area! The Holy Spirit is working in our church in a big way and I'm excited to see what is in store for us in the future!



Estelane & Richard ODonnell

Cathy Cox, United Methodist Women

UMW has regrouped! We took most of 2019 off since so many of our members were recouping and rebuilding from Hurricane Michael, but in December we elected a new Executive Board, had a festive Christmas Party at the Garden Club, added 12 new members, and provided gifts for needy, elderly patients at the Beacon Hill Assisted Living Center.

We are now ready to start 2020 off with a Bake Sale in conjunction with Butts on the Bay. This will be our main fund raising project for the year and all proceeds will be used to fund local mission projects. We are inviting everyone, not just UMW members to provide baked goods to sell at Butts on the Bay, Saturday January 11 12pm-3pm in the Breezeway of Ronnie B's Restaurant, 114 Sailors Cove Drive. Any baked goods are appreciated. Cookies should be packaged 3 to a bag, brownies 2 to a bag, cakes can be whole or half. Please label and price your cakes and pies You can bring your baked good to the Great Hall before 10 am on Saturday or you can bring them directly to Ronnie B's. If you have any questions call Cathy Cox, 227-6028.

If you are looking for a way to be more active in our church and community and to meet new people, please consider joining UMW.

In His Service, Cathy Cox, President

Skip Griffies, United Methodist Men

January for Methodist Men kicked off our year with our largest group in many months.

Butts on the Bay is held in January 11. So far ticket sales have been great! Thanks to all who participated in any way!

January 2020

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Happy Birthday!

1st- Sharon Cessna Laura Ramsey Melissa Farrell Linda McGlothlin 2nd- Brent Walker 4th- Meredith McNeill 6th- Carl Logan Wilson Joel Bogaert Johnny Buckins Linda Hamilton Brenda Woodard 9th- Porter Hodges
Sandra Taunton
10th- Casey Flanagan
Jane Forster
11th- Tamara Marsh Flowers
Fred Witten
Karen King
Jane Griffies
12th- George Duren
Bill Kubitskey
13th- Millie Hamilton
14th- Lyn Willis

16th- Fred Willis
Bev Elder
Rick Tyson
20th - Greg Johnson
Mary Margaret Farrell
21st- Mark Gerspacher
22nd- Katie Hoffman
Christy Taunton
Jim White
23rd- Jake Paterson
William Shoaf
Madelyn Shoaf
24th- Karen Stewart
Zeke Stevens

27th- Joel Finlay Jewell Weldon 28th- Hayden Newman Sonya Smith 29th- Madolyn Davidson 30th- Madelyn Flanagan

Happy Anniversary!

1st - Carolyn & Fred Witten 4th- Bob & Janna Rinehart 16th- Fred & Lyn Willis 19th- Alford & Laura Ramsey **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.

Wednesday Night Activities will resume January 8.

Butts on the Bay January 11 12-3pm at Sailor's Cove sponsored by FUMC Methodist Men. Tickets are \$35 to order your butt. Please see any UMM member for tickets.

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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.

Fitness Classes Tuesdays & Thursdays Bands & Body Weight Fitness 9:00am Great Hall, Yoga 10:15am Great Hall, LIFFT (Lower Impact Fun Fitness Team)10am Choir Room. Resolution Fitness runs January 14-March 12.

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. AA closed meeting Saturdays at 10am.

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

Women Support Group meets the 2nd and fourth Tuesday of each month 12-1pm in the Great Hall. This group is open to all women who are in need of any type of support.

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).

2020 Pilgrimage Informational Meeting Monday, January 20 6pm in the Great Hall.

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, January 8 Menu: Baked Chicken, Cabbage, Carrots, Corn Bread, Dessert Servers: O Bay Class

Wednesday, January 15 Menu: Taco Salad, Corn, Dessert Servers: Youth

Wednesday, January 22 Menu: Pork Tenderloin, Mandarin Salad, Green Beans, Dessert Servers: Alpha Class

Wednesday, January 29 Menu: Chili, Baked Potato, Salad, 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

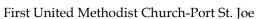
The First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe is called of God to be a Christian fellowship, affirming our beliefs through worship, witness, and service, glorifying God, adhering faithfully to the scriptures, nurturing spiritual growth, and sharing God's forgiveness to all people through the transforming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



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