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CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE

Sunday Funday



I am so excited to announce that I will be leading our youth group at FUMC in Port St Joe. Our church family will be having a Sunday Funday sunset party Sunday, July 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Cape at Cape Palms Park - 6081 Cape San Blas Road.

EVERYONE IS INVITED. Bring a beach chair and a snack to share.

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director

INDEPENDENCE DAY
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
FIREWORKS
10PM PSJ



SUNSET CELEBRATION
JULY 7
6:30PM CAPE PALMS PARK



BLESSING BAGS SUNDAY
JULY 14
10AM GREAT HALL



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
BLUE LAKE CAMP
ANDALUSIA, AL
JULY 22-26



Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz



Dear Friends,

I hope you have an occasion to get away this summer. If you do, you can stay connected to our services on FacebookLive or www.psjumc.org. It is important to have a little time off and enjoy some recreation. I love that word! It means to create again. Vacation is opportunity to be created again. The flood story in the book of Genesis is such a story. During the great deluge the order of creation is lost, but after the flood God re-creates the world and reorders it, leaving the sign of the rainbow. Every since October 10, I have had a new fixation with rainbows. I see them as a sign of God's presence and promise to be with us in the storm and to create us anew. I believe that from all of this evil and tragedy that have consumed our community, God will create something new and

glorious.

On several occasions since the storm, our bishop and district superintendent have required me to take a bit of extra time away to be recalibrated and refreshed. I was at first resistant, but those days off were a lifesaver. It is important that you have an opportunity to get out of the disaster zone, even if it is just a day in Tallahassee. It is important to make time for recreation and new birth. God is not through with us, God is doing something new. The Lord says in Isaiah 43:19, "See I am doing a new thing!" May God create something new in you —happy re-creation!

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

Church REBUILD Update

Hurricane Michael not only badly damaged our building, but totaled three of our church vehicles and damaged a fourth. Working with our insurance settlement, the Trustees have recently purchased two 15 passenger buses (a 2018 and a 2017) to facilitate summer camps and other ministries. Both vehicles were program vehicles and had been used very little. In the coming weeks, we will put our logos on them and get them ready for a busy summer!

The Methodist Learning Center will be moving to a new and better location in August. We have been approved for a FEMA Temporary Location Program and will be moving into the two buildings once operated by Busy Bee School on Long Avenue downtown. This will allow MLC to get back to its pre-hurricane enrollment, and allow the church space for ministry at the old Care Closet site on 4th Street (where MLC moved to after the storm). We are so excited about this opportunity!

On May 8, the Church REBUILD Committee met for its first meeting. The group reviewed the results of the church town-hall meeting and the "dream list" that the congregation developed. SPRC helped bring on staff a FEMA consultant, Sulzer Group, to help us with the FEMA grant process. The group also discussed the considerable damage of the MLC wing and the possibility of having to rebuild it to new codes and elevations.

On May 14, the Church REBUILD Committee met to continue the conversation. The group discussed ideas for the future and some temporary housing needs for the MLC. They spoke about a report from our engineer indicating that the bay-facing wall of the sanctuary could be structurally unsound and must be studied further.

For the time being, the sanctuary is off-limits and a greater boundary has been established around one side. At the end of the meeting, they hired Quina Grundhoeffler Architectural Firm through our RFQ process to design our REBUILD project. The committee has promised to keep the congregation up to date as the plans unfold.

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

We had a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School with 150 children and 70 volunteers. The children learned that they can GO BEYOND with God. They collected \$2,000 to give towards building a church in Igombe, Tanzania.

Wacky Wednesday (completed kindergarten through sixth grade)

Please sign up with Ms. Liz for each Wacky Wednesday event.

July 3 9:00-12:00 Country Club pool \$6 includes lunch

July 10 9:00-2:30 movie theater and park: *The Grinch* \$4 bring a sack lunch

July 17 8:45-2:30 Gulf Specimen Marine Lab \$6.50 bring a sack lunch

July 31 10:00-4:30 Skating at Rock'it Lanes \$17 includes lunch

Please be in prayer for our children and counselors as they go to Blue Lake Camp July 22-27. Summer camp is always a special time for us to grow in our faith.

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director

I am so excited about being the new Youth Director. I have so many great ideas about camp and Winter Retreat. We are working on a place to meet on Sunday mornings and we will be doing several evening events. I hope to be strengthening my relationship with Jesus with all of the youth. I am hoping to grow our youth group and bring in teenagers who do not have a church home. Exciting things are to come!

Blessing Bags Ministry, Ena Norton

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and truth." 1 John 3:18

Growing up in poverty is one of the greatest threats to healthy child development. Poverty and financial stress can impede children's cognitive development and their ability to learn. It can contribute to behavioral, social and emotional problems, and poor health. That is why our church joined Highland View Baptist Church to provide weekend food bags for children with food insecurities at PSJ Elementary School in 2018. It is why this year, we are expanding our Blessing Bag Ministry to include Middle School students in poverty.

Last year, our ministry was funded completely by the generosity of our church family. Our church provided nearly 1000 Blessing Bags. That's 2,000 breakfasts, 2,000 lunches, 3,000 suppers, 3,000 snacks, and 2,000 fruits!! Well done Church!

This school year, our goal is to provide Blessing Bags each week for 40 elementary school children and 25 middle school children. In order to reach this goal, we need your help. Your financial donation will go a long way to help our children. To donate online please visit www.psjumc.org and scroll to "Ways to Give". Other donations can be made to the church. Please designate that your donation is for the Blessing Bag Ministry. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Faithfully yours,

Ena Norton

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Ann Comforter, Music Director

Since July is normally vacation time, the Chancel choir will be taking a short break and some much deserved time off. It is time for them to have the opportunity to visit children / grandchildren. I appreciate the choir's dedication to the music of the church and their willingness to share their talents. The anthems for the Sunday services will be special music provided by individual choir members. We begin July with Ed, Annette and Annette's sister, Linda on July 7th with " All Night All Day." Mike Giere and Carla May will present "Breath of Heaven" on July 14th. Our church is so fortunate to have so many talented musicians who are willing to share their talents with us, and I look forward to listening to our talented ones.

We elected our new chancel choir officers last month. I'd like to say Thank You for a tremendous job that all of our officers have done for the past few years. Mike Giere has been an excellent president for the past few years. Congratulations to our new officers: President - Ed Grimes; Vice President - Bill Hamilton; Secretary - Linda McGlothlin; Treasurer - Diann Farnsley; Robe Coordinator - Sandy McInnis; Librarian - Bill McGlothlin; Social Committee - Tamara Flowers, Dana Langford & Lynda White. We are looking forward to a fantastic year. Thank you for serving our choir and church.

Until next time, have a safe and HAPPY July. GOD is GOOD and We are BLESSED.... Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Condolences are extended to Mike Whitfield upon the death of his aunt, Angeline Whitfield, who died 5-29-19 and to the family & friends of Allayne McVann who died 6-22-19.

Welcome to our church family Denise Cass who joined 6-9-19!

We rejoice in the Holy Baptism of Relic Neal Bailey on 6-16-19. Relic is the son of Lindsay Williams & Ray Bailey and brother to Iva Rae.

Congratulations to Jeremy and Kelly Baxley on their wedding 6-8-19! Jeremy is the son of Ronald & Leisa Pickett and Kelly is the daughter of Ralph & Kara Rish. Pastor Geoffrey officiated.



Denise Cass



Iva Rae Bailey, Lindsay Williams, Relic Bailey



Allayne McVann

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MLC-PSJ Soccer Field	2 10:00AM Staff Meeting MLC-PC Skater's Choice 7:00PM AA Meeting	3 Wacky Wednesday: 9:00AM PSJ Country Club Pool 12:00PM Lion's Club	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 7:00PM AA Meeting 10:00PM Fireworks	5	6 10AM AA Closed Meeting
7 9:00AMSunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AMSunday School 6:30PMSunset Celebration	8 MLC-Panacea Gulf Marine Lab 1:00PM Bridge	9 10:00AM Staff Meeting MLC-PCB Movie 7:00PM AA Meeting	10 Wacky Wednesday: 9:00AM PCB Movie & Park 12:00PM Lion's Club	11 7:00PM AA Meeting	12 MLC-PCB Water Park	13 10AM AA Closed Meeting
14 Blessing Bags Sunday 9:00AMSunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AMSunday School	15 MLC-PC Skater's Choice 1:00PM Bridge	16 10:00AM Staff Meeting MLC-PCB Movie 7:00PM AA Meeting	17 Wacky Wednesday: 8:45AM Panacea Gulf Marine Lab 12:00PM Lion's Club	18 7:00PM AA Meeting	19 MLC-PCB Water Park	20 10AM AA Closed Meeting
21 9:00AMSunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AMSunday School	22 MLC-PSJ WindMark Pool Children to Blue Lake Camp July 22-26 1:00PM Bridge	23 8:00AM Department of Economic Opportunity Meeting-open to the public (8AM-5PM) 10:00AM Staff Meeting MLC-PCB Movie 7:00PM AA Meeting	24 Wacky Wednesday: None 10:00AM Prayer Shawl	25 7:00PM AA Meeting	26 MLC-PCB Water Park	27 10AM AA Closed Meeting
28 9:00AMSunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AMSunday School	29 1:00PM Bridge	30 10:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	31 Wacky Wednesday: 10AM PCB Rockit Lanes	1 AUGUST 7:00PM AA Meeting	2	3 10AM AA Closed Meeting

Happy Birthday!

1st- Janet Lanford
Sherry Steadham
2nd- Margo Russell
3rd- Jeremy Baxley
Nancy Widener
4th- Janine Cannon
Paul Sabiston
5th- Shirley Rich
Mel Thompson
6th- Dru Flowers
Pam Gould
Morgan Jones
Sandie Kennedy
7th- Kathy Capps

8th- Wesley Ramsey
9th- Tracy Wilson
Rock Salzer
Eunice Gunter
10th- Curt Black
11th- Jimmy Vaughn
Carolyn Witten
Tim Wilder
Debbie VanVleet
15th- Alison Long
Dagney Langford
16th- Mike Knox
Christina Beard
Ellie Wich
Bobby Joe Hanson
18th- Betty Vickers
19th- Kim Mathes
Morris Palmer

22nd- Michael Cooley
Wayne Stevens
Brian Cathey
Ann Barnett
23rd- Kristina Furstenberg
24th- Lynn Furr
Debbe Wibberg
Gretchen Balogh
25th- Wesley Grace
Cheryl Johnson
Susan Kubitskey
Carol Gnagey
Amber Davis Williams
27th- Brian Marshall
Karen Ledbetter
28th- Rick Taylor
Barbara Terry
29th- Emily Baxley
30th- Anna Beard
Jason Witten

Happy Anniversary!

1st- Rick & Libia Taylor
8th- Ralph & Margaret Roberson
Linson & Elinor Pickard
10th- Roy & Frann Smith
12th- George & Hilda Duren
Justin & Alyson Gerlach
Scott & Millie Hamilton
18th- Chris & Courtney Knox
19th- Harv & Dawn Hennington
20th- Zach & Julie Hodges
25th- Brad & Rebecca Pridgeon

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.

Our Church Nursery is available during Sunday service for children birth-PreK 9:45-11:00AM. The nursery is located upstairs in the Monument Room.

Do you love to bake? We would like to form a “cookie committee” for baked goods (cookies, breads, muffins, loaf cakes). The committee would welcome new UMCOR teams with baked goods from our congregation. Contact Sue Kubitskey, Missions chairperson, for more information susan@hotmail.com 850-647-6030.

Chronic Disease Support Group hosted by MyGulfCare and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Thursday, July 11 11:30AM-1:00PM in the Great Hall. The group is open to everyone.

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.

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.

The Care Closet is need of local volunteers on store days to help at the check out counter. The shifts are Thursdays and Fridays 9 -12:30 and 12:30-4, and Saturdays 9-12:00.If you would like to be part of our fun team please contact Cathy Cox at 227-6028 or cathystewartcox@gmail.com.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) 7PM 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.

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

Caregivers Support Group 1PM fourth Tuesday of each month. All people in need of support are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the Senior Citizen's Center until renovations are completed at the church.

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

Next **Methodist Men's Breakfast** will be Sunday, August 4 at 8:30AM in the Great Hall-please note new time.

*Open Minds
Open Hearts
Open Doors*

Sunday School/Small Groups

9:00- 9:45AM O Bay Sunday School Class (Constitution Room)
9:00- 9:45AM Alpha Sunday School Class (Monument Room)
10:00-10:45PM Nursery (Monument Room)
11:15-12:00PM Marie Jones Sunday School Class (Constitution Room)
11:15-12:00PM Pridgeon-Rish Sunday School Class (Monument Room)
11:15-12:00PM His Kids Sunday School Class (Great Hall)
11:15-12:00PM Youth Sunday School Class (Rotunda)



Wednesday Night Dinner



Wednesday Night Dinners will resume in August





Wednesday Night activities will resume in August


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 Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

11:00AM Sunday School

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