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## GOOD TIMES IN JUNE!



VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL



WACKY WEDNESDAY TRIPS



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE

COMMUNION SUNDAY  
JUNE 4 10AM  
GREAT HALL



INDEPENDENCE DAY  
SUNDAY, JULY 4  
PSJ FIREWORKS 10PM



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
SUMMER CAMP  
JULY 20-23  
BLUE LAKE, AL



YOUTH MINISTRY TO CAMP  
JULY 26-30  
COVENANT COLLEGE, GA



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## Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,



We are in the downhill side of summer and for me that means bread. For whatever reason, I have always reconnected with my bread baking hobby at the end of summer break. The lectionary (the list of scriptures to be read in a three year cycle) this year is in the same mode. We have six weeks in a row about bread. What a tasty few weeks. So this year beginning on July 18 we will start a six week sermon series called, "The Bread of Life." We will look at six different scriptures and six different types of bread and see what we can learn about our spiritual growth. And to make it even better, we will eat bread, too. We will have cornbread, pound cake, and sourdough just to name a few. You don't want to miss any of these Sundays.

Bread is the foundation to civilization making up the foundation of most diets in the world. Bread is survival, but it is also a comfort food. It can be simple or elevated to a sweet delight. Bread — in short — is life. It is no wonder then that Jesus said that he is the "bread of life." When our eyes are opened to the spirituality of bread, we can begin to see that all of life is sacred. It is no wonder that Jesus broke bread and told us that whenever we eat it, we should remember him.

Join us for this great feast of scripture and bread!

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

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**Methodist Care Closet:** 214 Williams Avenue

**Two Fish Food Market:** 212 Williams Avenue



Liz Lentz, Children's Director



**Wacky Wednesdays:** Join us on Wednesdays in July for field trips.

- July 7<sup>th</sup> Movie (*The Croods: A New Age*) and Oakland Terrace Park 9:15-3:00 \$4, bring sack lunch
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Just Jump \$18, bring sack lunch
- July 28<sup>th</sup> WindMark Pool 10:00-12:00

**Summer Camp:** Please pray for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade children who will be at Blue Lake Camp July 20-23.

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Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



**Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> Movie and Ice Cream**

We will be going to a movie the newly remodeled PC Cinema (waiting for movie schedule - will not be rated over PG 13) All movies \$5 on Tuesday

We will go to Sweet Frogs for Frozen Yogurt - Bring \$ for Snack

\*We will leave at 1:00 from 510 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> Shipwreck Island Water Park**

Wear swimsuit and bring towel

\$33 per person for entrance (normally \$49) Please let me know if they have season pass - Bring money for snacks and Food

\*We will leave office at 10 am and return by 6:30

**Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> Blue Springs in Marianna**

We will be grilling lunch under the pavilion and will provide snacks

\$10 per youth includes lunch and entry fee and pavilion rental

Goggles or masks, towel, and change of dry clothes

<https://jacksoncountyfl.gov/services/parks-recreation/blue-springs-recreation-area/>

\*We will Leave 510 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 10:30 AM

\*ALL ACTIVITIES ARE BASED ON WEATHER AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

\*PLEASE LET LYNN KNOW THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE ACTIVITY IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND!

**CAMP GENERATE JULY 26-30<sup>th</sup> - No Tuesday activities**

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts

# WORSHIPARTS

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July 4th Independence Day Worship! Special Music, John Sutton and Tim Dutrow

Join us this July 11th, 18th, and the 25th for summer worship service! Our Vocal Arts Ensemble and Tim Dutrow will lead us in Worship and Praise!

Coffee fellowship begins every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Let us gather together to share in God's blessings!

Altar Flowers can be donated for weekly worship services. We thank our wonderful congregation for your lovely donations to our altar flower decor and worship.

Acolyte, Usher, and Greeter are all offices you can serve! We appreciate each and every congregation member. Contact Paul Brown if you would like to sign up for these offices.

No Bell Choir practice in July. Bell Choir will resume Wednesday, August 4th 1 p.m. - Great Hall and meet weekly. Contact Paul Brown if you would like to ring with us!

No Chancel Choir practice in July. Chancel Choir will resume Thursday, August 5th 6 p.m. - Great Hall and meet weekly. Contact Paul Brown to join the Chancel Choir! Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Bass, come sing with us!

The Forgotten Coast Young Singers will begin rehearsals Wednesday, August the eleventh 4 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Ministry Center, 510 Fourth Street, followed by dinner, Kid's Life, and Youth Group! This ensemble will meet weekly. Contact Paul Brown to register your Young Singer! Grades 2nd - 6th.

Summer Private Lessons resume Monday, July 12th. Piano, Voice, and Band Instrument instruction. Private Lessons times can be scheduled Mondays between 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. extending to 7 p.m. in August.

Bay Area Choral will begin rehearsals Tuesday, September 21st at Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola Florida. Busing will be provided from FUMC PSJ to weekly rehearsals 6 -7:30 p.m. The bus will depart FUMC at 5:20 p.m. We thank Dana Langford for her direction and service as conductor of the Bay Area Choral. Contact Dana Langford 706-302-4617 to register!

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## Cathy Cox, United Methodist Women



**UMW** Our United Methodist Women's Unit has been inactive since March of 2020 due to Covid. Normally we do not meet during the summer. In the fall, if we are to become active once again we will need some women to step forward to lead this effort. Several of our Executives Board Members have resigned. I will no longer be able to serve as President due to my responsibilities at the Care Closet. Most of the Board members are still willing to be active members we just need some other women to step forward to take leadership roles.

If this is a mission you have a heart for please give this matter prayerful consideration. If you would like further information please call me at 850-227-6028 (Cathy Cox).

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	1 Thu	2 Fri	3 Sat
<b>4 Independence Day!</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School  <b>10:00pm PSJ Fireworks</b>	<b>5 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b>	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Youth to PC-Movie & Ice Cream 10:30am Staff Meeting  2:00pm Worship Planning	<b>7</b> 9:15am Children to Oakland Terrance Park 10:00am Prayer Shawl	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>18</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School	<b>19</b> 10:00am Finance Meeting  2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting  5:00pm Church Council	<b>20</b> 10:30am Youth to Marianna-Blue Springs 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning <b>Children to Blue Lake 7/20-23</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00am Prayer Shawl	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School	<b>26</b> 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting  <b>Youth to Camp Covenant College, GA-7/26-7/30</b>	<b>27</b> 2:00pm Worship Planning	<b>28</b> 10:00am Children to WindMark Pool	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## 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  
 Ty Hayes Tankersley  
 8th- Wesley Ramsey  
 Shaw Michael Knox  
 9th- Tracy Wilson  
 Rock Salzer  
 Eunice Gunter  
 10th- Curt Black  
 11th- Jimmy Vaughn  
 Carolyn Witten  
 Tim Wilder  
 Debbie VanVleet

14th-Gracelyn Rose Sagin  
 15th- Alison Long  
 Dagny 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- 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  
 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

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

## Announcements

**Church offices will be closed Monday, July 5.**

**Volunteer Opportunity** If you would like to serve as a lay reader during the month of July, please contact Judy Williams [judy.williams91@gmail.com](mailto:judy.williams91@gmail.com) or (850) 227-8081.

**PSJ FUMC Shirts** The Mission Team is again taking orders for the PSJ FUMC custom shirts, both t-shirts and polos. Order forms are located in Great Hall and the Ministry Center. Missions Chair Sue Kubitskey will be in the lobby to take orders and answer questions each Sunday. If you are unable to order in person, contact Sue at [Kubitskeysusan@hotmail.com](mailto:Kubitskeysusan@hotmail.com). She can email you a copy of the order form. We won't be shipping shirts, but will hold them for as many weeks as needed. The proceeds will go to updating our Disaster Relief Trailer. Money is due with order. Deadline is July 11, with delivery expected before August 1.

**Prayer Requests** Email [info@psjumc.org](mailto:info@psjumc.org) or contact the church office.

**Upper Rooms** are located in the Great Hall, Ministry Center, and the outdoor alcove of the church (bulletin board area).

**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.

**We're now on Instagram!** Follow us at [fumc\\_psj](https://www.instagram.com/fumc_psj)

**Adult Sunday School Classes** 9am and 11am at the Monument House, 1107 Monument Avenue.

**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](mailto: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.

**Dear Church Family**-Thank you for the Upper Room, Newsletter, and your prayers. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit is alive in our church and souls are being saved and nurtured. We are part of something ancient, holy, and a pathway to Heaven and our God! Hubert & Trina Richards

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## July Meetings

**Finance Meeting** Monday, July 19 10am at the Ministry Center and via Zoom.

**Church Council** Monday, July 19 5pm at the Ministry Center and via Zoom (note new time).

## John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

*Do no harm*

*Do good*

*Stay in love with God*



## Pastoral Care

Please welcome our newest member, Tracy Garrett. Tracy was baptized in St. Joseph Bay during our June 27 service.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Dalton. Steven Dalton and Kaitlin Dykes were united in marriage on Saturday, June 26, with the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz officiating at the Episcopal Church of Port St. Joe. Kaitlin is a lifelong member of our church.

FUMC Pastoral Care Team members are Sue Meyer [osuemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:osuemeyer@gmail.com) and Mitzi Bulger [mitzi.bulger@gmail.com](mailto:mitzi.bulger@gmail.com). Please reach out to these members for any needs you or someone you know may have.

FUMC Pastoral Care College Ministry Chairperson is Carla May 850-227-5512 or [carla091962@hotmail.com](mailto:carla091962@hotmail.com). FUMC College Ministry is an outreach program of our church Pastoral Care Committee. In this program, each college student is assigned a sponsor/volunteer member of our congregation, who will keep in touch with their assigned college student throughout the school year. These volunteer/sponsors will send greeting cards, church-supplied gift cards, and will be an additional source of encouragement for the college students. If you would like to volunteer, are currently attending college, or will attend college in the fall and would like to participate in FUMC College Ministry, please contact Carla May.

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## Methodist Care Closet

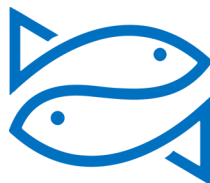


**Summer Volunteers Needed** We have had a very busy month at the Care Closet. Folks are still just realizing that we have moved to our new location so each week our shoppers are increasing. We have some new volunteers that we are very thankful for. With the summer months here and Covid restrictions being lifted many of our volunteers are traveling again which means we need some additional volunteers to help cover the store and the sorting room. This is such a fun ministry to be a part of. If you are new to our church it is a great way to meet people and to get to know our community better. If you are interested in learning more about how you can serve at the Care Closet please contact Cathy Cox at 850-227-6028.

The Care Closet is located at 214 Williams Avenue and is open Thursday-Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-1pm.

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## Blessing Bags Ministry and Two Fish Food Market



**Two Fish Food Market** is so grateful to all the people who have made donations to the Market. We want to keep up our Stock the Shelves Campaign. Items needed include canned meats - tuna, chicken, etc., dry packaged potatoes, cereal, dry milk, vegetables, fruits, pasta, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter. Thank you so much for our assistance and contributions. Donations can be dropped off at Two Fish (Monday/Wednesday 9-4, Saturday 9-1) and the Ministry Center (Monday-Thursday 9-4). **Current needs:** Milk, eggs, cheese, butter, salad dressing, condiments, canned Lima beans, canned corn, canned black-eye peas, fresh produce.

**The Blessing Bags Ministry** The Blessing Bags Ministry continues to provide weekend meals each week for Port St. Joe Elementary and High School students.

**Volunteer Opportunities** The Methodist Care Closet and Two Fish Food Market are seeking volunteers to support our Community Missions. There are many opportunities for you to be a part of these ministries. A copy of the Volunteer Application can be found in the church next to the bulletins or at the Church Ministry Center. Thank you for your support of the Methodist Caring Ministries.



## 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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