

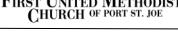
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 25

9:00AM Contemporary Palm/Passion Sunday Service on the Rotunda 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Palm/Passion Sunday Service in the Sanctuary

12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic

MARCH 26-30

12:00PM Lenten Service and Luncheon

MARCH 28

6:00PM Chancel Choir Easter Concert

MARCH 29

7:30PM Maundy Thursday Service

MARCH 30

7:30PM Tenebrae (Good Friday) Service



EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

APRIL 1

7:00AM Sunrise Service on the Rotunda 9:00AM Contemporary Service on the Rotunda 11:00AM Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

MEN'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MARCH 48AM **GREAT HALL**



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SUNDAY, MARCH 11



PALM SUNDAY PICNIC & EGG HUNT SUNDAY, MARCH 25 12PM **GREAT HALL**



HOLY WEEK SERVICE & LUNCHEON MARCH 26-30 12PM SANCTUARY & GREAT HALL



CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 6PM **SANCTUARY**



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE MARCH 29 7:30PM **SANCTUARY**



TENEBRAE SERVICE FRIDAY, MARCH 30 7:30PM **SANCTUARY**



Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to report to you that our church paid 100% of our apportionments for 2017. Our apportionments,



now called Mission Giving, is money that we send to support the ministries of our denomination. Some of the money goes to fund the ministries of the Marianna-Panama City District, some goes to the Alabama-West Florida Conference, and some goes to our United Methodist World-Wide Ministries. We find that we can do so much more when we work together than if we just tried to go it alone. Our church supports missionaries all over the world, preaching the Gospel in far-off places, teaching poor communities in the third world about sustainable agriculture, even bringing literacy to remote villages. To be a United Methodist is to be a part of a church with 12 million members impacting every continent.

This year something unusual happened that I am not sure has every happened before. Our Conference and District came in under budget in administrative expenses, so they are issuing refund checks only to churches that paid 100%. We received a refund of \$2,872.94! Bishop Graves has asked us to reinvest it in our local ministries. I am grateful to know that the Conference is being a good steward of our mission dollars, but most of all to know that it is reaching people around the world with the love of Christ. I love being a United Methodist, and I am glad you are part of the team, too!

Peace of Christ,

Geoffrey

Making Space for the Future!



The memory time book (time capsule) that was dedicated last Sunday will be displayed on the coffee bar in our new building all of next week. The congregation is invited to stop by and have a cup of Community Coffee while pursuing the contents of the book. The book showcases all of our current programs as well as the construction of our new building addition. It will soon be sealed in its time box where it will not be opened until 2062 upon the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of our church.

Krystal Terry, Children's Director



Spring is in the air and our Children's Ministry is in full bloom! We have so many activities going on for children of all ages! A special thank you to all of our amazing volunteers that make our programs possible!

<u>Wednesday, March 7th</u>: "Life is Sweet with God Night" at Little Lambs and Kid's Life. We will be taking field trip to Heavenly Sweet Shop on Reid Ave. We will have a devotion, tour the store, and children may bring \$3.00 to purchase an ice cream cone. Both groups will leave the church at 5:30.

Sunday, March 11th: Little Lambs sing at 11:00 service.

<u>Wednesday, March 14th:</u> Regular Little Lambs at 5:30 and Kid's Life will be "egging" houses around the community. The kids hide Easter eggs with the message of Easter and an invitation to church.

Wednesday, March 23rd: No Wednesday night activities due to Spring Break

Sunday, March 25th: Children will wave palms at both services. This will also be the day of our church-wide egg hunt and picnic.

Tuesday, March 27th: Sprouts Easter Egg Hunt and party

Wednesday, March 28th: Holy Week-No Wednesday night activities

Thursday, March 29th: Truth Walkers Easter Egg Hunt and party

Sunday, April 1st: Easter Sunday!! Services at 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

Upcoming dates to remember:

Tuesday, April 24th: Last day of Sprouts/ Waterslide party

Thursday, April 26th: Last day of Truth Walkers/Waterslide party

May 1st: Father/Daughter Dance (Fundraiser hosted by children attending summer camp)

June 25th-29th: Vacation Bible School for ages PreK4-5th grade (9:00am-12:00pm)

July 16-19th: Camp Butter and Egg in Troy, Alabama (grades 3rd-5th)

*There will be a Wacky Wednesday activity every Wednesday in the summer. Stay posted for a schedule!

Julie Hodges, Youth Director



Girl's Group:

6th - 12th grade girls in the youth room

Sunday, March 4^{th} 5:30 – 7pm Bring an appetizer to share. Drinks provided Sunday, March 25^{th} 5:30 – 7pm

Special Events:

Sunday, March 4th: Easter Door Hanger Fundraiser in the Great Hall 1:00 – 3:00pm \$35.00 (includes all supplies) Text Julie @ 240-1255 to reserve a bunny and a cross

Gaga Pit Building Start time: noon

Project Coordinator: Mike Cates All who are willing to help ... please come!

Friday, March 16th: I Can Only Imagine Movie and Dinner in PC Times and Details to be announced

Monday, March 26th - Wednesday, March 28th: Youth Holy Week @ School 7:30am in the Art Room (Everyone is welcome - Bring your friends)

We will have student speakers and student led worship music Breakfast provided

Thursday, March 29th @ 7:30pm: Maundy Thursday - Commemorate the Last Supper

Friday, March 30th @ 7:30pm: Good Friday

Youth Wednesdays:

Wednesday, March 7th: Regular youth

Wednesday, March 14th: Special Activity (date, time, and location TBA)

Wednesday, March 21st: NO YOUTH - SPRING BREAK

Wednesday, March 28th: NO YOUTH @ night - HOLY WEEK

Upcoming: Sunday, April 22nd Earth Day Kayak Day FOR FREE

Ann Comforter, Director of Music Ministries

There are many opportunities to enjoy music during this month. Our Chancel choir soloists will be presenting special music for our Lenten season. So MARK your calendars.

Tamara Marsh Flowers will present "Via Dolorosa" on March 5th;

Tamara and Mike Giere duet of "Wayfaring Stranger" / "Were You There" March 11th;

Carla May will sing "The Holy City" on Palm Sunday

Our Lenten Cantata, "One Sacrifice", will be presented at 6 pm on the Wednesday night of Holy Week, March 28th.

The Bay Area Choral Society will be presenting their annual Spring Concert in our Great Hall on Friday evening, March 16th at 6PM. You do NOT want to miss this concert. Our own Dana Langford has planned this concert (with assistance by our accompanist, Janis Ramos) and will be directing this "Sentimental Journey thru Song". There will be solos, special music and plenty of your favorite music of this time period.

Our Young Singers are looking and sounding beautiful. Thanks to many of you, the singers are now dressed in beautiful cassocks and cottas, it thrills me to know that the music of our Church is alive and well. Thank you Dana Langford for guiding these children through the musical maze and with assistants like Tamara Marsh Flowers, Carla May, Gayle Putnal, Susan Julian, Ashley Shoaf, and Hilda Duren, success is on the right course. Be on the lookout for their concert coming in April.

Until next time, May GOD Bless You! Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Condolences go to Nancy Buzzett and family on the death of Nancy's brother, Bart Abstein, on 2-6-18; to Joe Madsen and family on the death of Joe's brother, Don Madsen, on 2-14-18; to Mimi Minnick and family on the death of Mimi's mother, Mary Alice Leonard, on 2-22-18; to Jen Bogaert and family on the death of Jen's mother, Mary Jane Spahr, on 2-23-18; and to Frank and Carol Weber on the death of their granddaughter, Sonia Weber, on 2-16-18.

Cathy Cox has set up a meal calendar to provide meals for Jimmy Guilford. If you can help with this need, please go to www.carecalendar.org Calendar ID 267204 Security Code 1396 for more information and to sign up.

Cathy Cox has set up a meal calendar to provide meals for Debbie Tankers;ley. If you can help with this need, please go to www.carecalendar.org Calendar ID 267358 Security Code 9975 for more information and to sign up.

Bernadette Hackett, UMW President

Good Morning, the spring is fast approaching and we have all been very busy in all areas of our lives. With this in mind, we as a UMW Unit have decided that it would be renewing and refreshing to retreat together —a day of rest together and with our Lord, Jesus Christ. The event will take place on April 21, 2018 and will be held in the Great Hall and adjoining rooms. The time will be from 9:30 AM until about 3 PM. We will have a covered dish lunch and we have settled on the perfect price for the event: \$0.00. We will have a professional retreat planner as we feel we need that kind of direction. All women church members are invited and I will provide more information in our April Salt Life. We would like all to mark calendar and plan to attend.

The Month of April is also the month we set aside to purchase books to gift to all of our Port St Joe Elementary School students. We will, during that month, have a display set up near the Great Hall where we can accept donations of books or funds to purchase books. If your children had a favorite book, and you feel led to buy that book for our giveaway, we would love for you to donate that book. As a UMW Unit, we have prioritized reading skills in our school. We know that reading is key to all educational success. We also know that for some children the book we give is the only book that child owns. We love adding to a child's personal library each year. This UMW Unit has volunteers who go into the school every week and provides 1 on 1 reading help. We each meet with our same child each week. It is a very special time for the child and for the UMW mentor. If anyone, man or woman, in this church feels led to volunteer time to this program please contact Ann Tison or myself. I promise you it is an awesome experience.

I have another mission opportunity for everyone. We will need baker warriors for the Blue Water Outrigger tent sale on April 7. There is a hot dog fundraiser at that event and UMM and UMW were chosen as the entities to receive the proceeds of that event this year. We will also need to sell brownies at the event. So we will need volunteers to work the event and volunteers to bake for the event. Please mark your calendars and prepare to help. Volunteer workers please email me to volunteer. Bakers, please drop off brownies at our table at the event between 10AM and 11AM the morning of the event or bring to the Great Hall on April 6th between 3PM and 5PM.

Have a fun March and think about the mission opportunities discussed above. Participate as you are able. If you will not be here in April but would love to participate in our book drive, you may leave your book donation in the church library during the month of March. God's blessings and grace are for all. Let us all go forward during March and try each day to be his good and faithful servants.

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 - Parlor - They are currently studying the book of Ephesians

Pridgeon-Rish Adult Class - Conference Room - They are using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies

Hashem Adult Class-Library – They are studying Hebrews, Faith that Roars

Traditional Service Posts

March Lay Readers:

- 4 Sarah Beth Thompson
- 11 Saundra Grace
- 18 Vivian Miller
- 25 John Nagy



March Sanctuary Hosts/Hostesses:

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



March Communion Servers:

4 Jim & Erin McGlone, Bernadette Nagy & Lyn Willis





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

March 7 Menu: Roasted pork medallions, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Homemade bread Servers: Oh Bay Class

March 14 Menu: Chicken and Dumplings, Cherry Cobbler Servers: Pridgeon-Rish Class

March 21 Menu: NO MEAL (SPRING BREAK) Servers: Alpha Class

March 28 Menu: NO MEAL (HOLY WEEK) Servers: Judy Williams, Bill & Sue Kubitsky, & Friends

Announcements

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY--A VICARIOUS PILGRIMAGE OF THE HOLY LAND

The PSJ pilgrims will walk you through special sites in the Holy Land March 7 and March 17 at 6PM. Join us as we make a Lenten pilgrimage to the cross.

MEALS FOR JIMMY A meal calendar has been set up for Jimmy Guilford for lunch time meals on Tuesday and Thursday, but an evening meal would be welcome as well. It would be nice if some you could stay and eat with him, but if time does not permit, please plate the meal for him. If you would like to help with a meal for Jimmy, please go to www.carecalendar.org, Calendar ID 267204, Security Code 1396. This will bring up a meal calendar that has been created for him. The days in red are when a meal is needed. Just click on that day and fill in the blanks. Please try to specify the entrée you will provide. His address is 251 Guilford Drive (Overstreet area) and his phone number is 850-227-4026. If you have any questions regarding the use of the calendar, please contact Cathy Cox at 227-9429(home), 227-6028(cell), or Heather Jones in the church office.

MEALS FOR DEBBIE A meal calendar has been set up for Debbie Tankersley. Debbie has provided meals to so many in our church family and now is our opportunity to return the favor. We have a lunch time meal calendar scheduled to begin March 5. If you would like to help with a meal for Debbie, please go to www.carecalendar.org, Calendar ID 267358, Security Code 9975. This will bring up a meal calendar that has been created for her. The days in red are when a meal is needed. Just click on that day and fill in the blanks. Please try to specify the entrée you will provide. Her address is 1105 Garrison Avenue. Contact Janis Tankersley 227-4340,not Debbie, if you have questions. If you have any questions regarding the use of the calendar, please contact Cathy Cox at 227-9429(home), 227-6028(cell), or Heather Jones in the church office.

BAY AREA CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT Friday, March 16 6:00PM in the Great Hall & Sunday, March 18 4:00PM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola.

CANDY-FILLED PLASTIC EGGS Our Children's Ministry is collecting candy-filled plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday. Please drop donations off by Friday, March 16 to the basket located upstairs in Krystal's office.

CHURCH PICNIC AND EGG HUNT March 25 (Palm Sunday) immediately following the 11:00AM service. Lunch is provided! Egg Hunt will be on the front lawn and lunch will be served in the Great Hall. Children don't forget your Easter baskets.

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICE & LUNCHEON March 26-30 at 12PM There will be a brief message in the sanctuary, then a meal in the Great Hall. If you would like to assist in meal preparation (soup or sandwiches), set up, and clean up, there is a sign up sheet located in the upstairs lobby.

CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT The Chancel Choir will be performing their Lenten Concert on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:00PM in the sanctuary.

MAUNDY THURSDAY We will commemorate the Last Supper of Christ by celebrating Holy Communion Thursday, March 29 at 7:30PM, followed by the traditional stripping of the altar as we commemorate the disciples betrayal of Christ "into the hands of sinners."

GOOD FRIDAY We will remember our Lord's passion and crucifixion with a service of Tenebrae, meaning darkness, Friday, March 30 at 7:30PM. We will be extinguishing sixteen candles as we read the moving passion narrative.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL 1

7:00AM Sunrise Service on the Rotunda

9:00AM Contemporary Service on the Rotunda

11:00AM Traditional Sanctuary Worship

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. Beginners are welcome to join. For more information, contact Susan Julian at 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.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: You're invited to be part of our new photo directory for 2018. We want to include you even if you are not an official member but a regular visitor or snow bird. Our last directory was printed in 2014. I'm sure you have noticed how many new members we have received since then. We are growing and growing as we have Made Room for God. The photographers will be here at the church March 27th, 28th 29th & 30th between 1: 00 and 8:00. Also they will be here Saturday, March 31st from 10:00 until 5:00. You can make your appointment on line by signing in to:

https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y9lq6stv and follow the user friendly directions. (Open by right clicking and select "Open Hyperlink".)

DON'T DELAY --- DO IT TODAY!!! The sooner you make your appointment, the better the chance you will get your preferred time.

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Happy Birthday:
Boyd Bulger
Lynda White
Boyd Kline
Mitzi Bulger
Claire Matney
Linda Freeman
James Chancellor
Caleb Zur Heiden
Nancy Nevles
DeAnn Wilder
Alyson Gerlach

	JoAnne Buzzett	18th -		
11th-	Jennifer Sherrill	19th -		
12th-	Danny Tankersley	20th -		
	Debbie Tankersley			
	Krichelle McGhee	21st -		
13th-	Anna Hicks			
	Thomas Medlin			
14th-	Lynne Whitfield			
	John McInnis			
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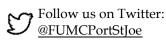
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Bill Kennedy
Andy Shoaf
Joe Bush
Barry Adkison
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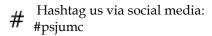
Happy Anniversary:
1st- Joe and Mary Bush
5th- Kevin & Deborah Tuttle
14th- Skip & Jane Griffies
Celeste Putnam & Peter Tanzy
20th- Larry & Kathy Wilson

Wes & Heather Jones 21st- Kris & Diane Furstenberg 30th-Fred & Tamara Flowers

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-Worship on the Water (Contemporary) 10:00AM-Sunday School 11:00AM-Sanctuary Worship (Traditional)

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