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CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
6PM GREAT HALL



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



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SUNDAY, MARCH 13 11AM
MONUMENT HOUSE



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 13
SPRING FORWARD!



PSJ SPRING BREAK
MARCH 14-18
CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED



FIRST DAY OF SPRING!
VERNAL EQUINOX
SUNDAY, MARCH 20




**Join AWF COSROW on
International Women's Day for
Women's History Month
Celebration**

March 8, 2022, 11am - 12pm CT

A Virtual Gathering via Zoom

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Special Guests

Dawn Wiggins Hare - General Secretary of GCSRW
Rev. Sarah Smoot - North Alabama Conference COSROW Chair
Rev. Jean Tippit - AWF District Superintendent
Rev. Dr. Kitsy Dixon - Associate Pastor, Spanish Fort UMC

COSROW (The Commission on the Status and Role of Women) challenges
The United Methodist Church to a commitment to the full participation of
women in the complete life and mission of the church.

The
Alabama-West Florida
Conference
United Methodist Church

Registration link for flyer:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEkcU6opjsiEtTRxmK1I3Xob_6EEWwRv0CE?fbclid=IwAR3QPDeocFgy-ssXd2eHNwgk4m6LO-t-RRherMOe9NLXtv_S6X7PtoF2NLo

Also a Facebook link on our church Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/167644949919449/posts/5615451235138766/?d=n>

Contact Rev. Chelsey Brown for questions or more information.



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Rev. Chelsey Brown, Associate Pastor

Dearest Friends,



The Lenten season is here! It will last 40 weekdays till Easter. Ready or not here we are now in a season of hard, in a season of anticipation, and in a season of the faith, hope, and LOVE. All we need to do is participate in the journey forward as we look toward the cross, and lean in to experience the light of Christ coming. BUT participating is difficult — especially in times like these! Haven't we lost so much, haven't we been through enough? I mean, really! And the table starts to turn away from Christ Jesus and back on ourselves like the drop of a hat!

Even though the season of Lent seems to hold the mask that is for only the strong and only those with the right amount of discipline, it is by far for the complete opposite. Lent is for the weak, for us who are falling apart, for us how have no control (yes even the imaginary control we think is there). It is for you, me, and everyone past, present, and future. Lent brings us to our knees and helps us “not to accept the grace of God in vain” (2 Corinthians 6:1).

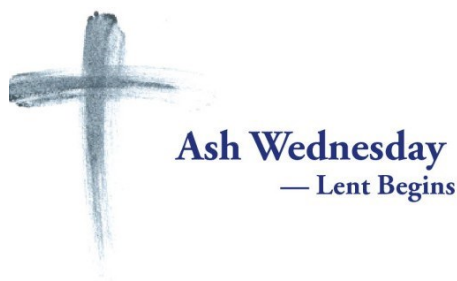
If you are like me, you probably feel a heaviness that this season brings within its bosom. This deep longing for a new hope and a grounding that is just a bit stronger than the last. Sometimes this journey of Lent can feel like a fog or a haze that won't quite go away. Fasting and penitence is at the forefront of this historical Christian tradition. Ready or not it is OKAY. Regardless of how you participate and live in these days of Lent, there is a great hope and reminder that this type of journey is FOR the faint of heart and we GET to do it together in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Will you join me?

In Grace and Love,

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

Pastor Chelsey



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.

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

Children's Ministry

Children's Missions: For the month of March the children's mission project will be to support the Two Fish Food Market by bringing a box of cereal on Wednesday evening or Sunday morning.

Kids Life and Little Lambs: Join us on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 at the Methodist Learning Center, 218 Long Avenue for Bible lessons and dinner. Dinner is \$3.

Sunday School: We have Sunday School for k-5th grade after church on Sundays in the hallway by the kitchen.

Palm Sunday/ Easter Egg Hunt: Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 10th. We'll have our Palm Sunday worship service in the park between Port St. Joe Elementary School and the Centennial Building. The children will meet with Ms. Liz a few minutes before the 10:00 service begins, and we will parade around with palm branches. After church join us for the Easter egg hunt and picnic. Everyone is invited!

Third-fifth graders at Blue Lake Winter Retreat

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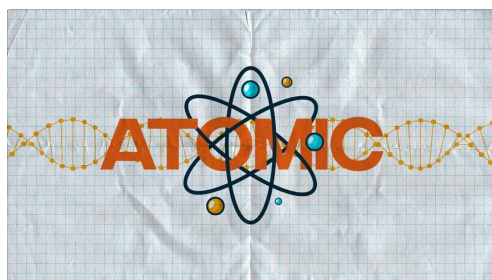


Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



Spring is coming and I cannot wait! Except for the pollen, it is my favorite time of the year. I love to see new growth and life in our community and our church. It is a busy time of year with Spring Break, camps, proms, formals, end of school and lots of sporting events, but most of all it is also a time of reflection about the death and resurrection of Jesus! It is a great time for all of us to grow spiritually and remember to celebrate this Easter season.

March : Series for Youth on Wednesday Night Habits! We all have them, so let's talk about them. Whether you've got good habits (like getting enough sleep or remembering to floss) or bad habits (like biting your nails or checking your phone too often), most of your habits are probably small, tiny, hardly noticeable habits. But over time, those tiny habits can really impact your life, for good or bad. So what about your spiritual habits? What are the small things you do every day that either draw you closer to God or keep you at a distance? In this 4-week series, we'll discover some principles from Scripture that have the power to help you develop tiny habits that can make a big impact—habits like **spending time with God, investing in your relationships, sharing your faith story, and worshiping with your life.**



MARCH CALENDAR

Church Service— I would like to invite all youth to our service at 10 am every Sunday!

Sunday School— Each Sunday at 11 am at the Monument House
(Unless we have another event)

Wednesday Night Youth Supper and Youth— 5:30 -7:30 STAC House (No youth March 16)

March 2— Ash Wednesday service at the STAC house

March 27— Sunday Funday at the Beach— More details to come

Winter Busch Gardens Trip 2022



Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts



FUMC PSJ welcomes YOU to our Sunday morning worship services!

March 6- Join us as we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent with Chancel Choir leading us in Worship and Praise!

March 13- Let us Worship the Lord our God as we celebrate with a contemporary service.

Thank you to percussionist, **Tim Dutrow**, for joining us in worship and song!

March 20- The Bell Choir will ring joyously, as they lead the congregation in special music during this Lenten celebration!

March 27- Let us praise the Lord as we worship on this **GOSPEL SUNDAY!**

FUMC PSJ invites YOU to our Music Ministry Fundraiser Concert, featuring BOB MALONE on piano and vocals.

Save the date for Saturday, March 26, 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of PSJ as Bob Malone thrills our community with another outstanding show! The FUMC PSJ Music Ministry sincerely thanks Bob Malone for his time, talents, and love for music. This is a special 50/50 concert to raise money for the ministry, continuing to bring in artists of the highest level of performance, artistry, and education of the arts in music. Tickets- \$30. Call 850-319-6782 to reserve your ticket(s) in advance.

On Friday, April 1, at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall, the Bay Area Choral Society in partnership with FUMC PSJ Music Ministries presents their spring concert, GLORIA to GOSPEL Enjoy a remarkable evening of music, as the BACS and FUMC musicians present Vivaldi's, GLORIA! A chamber orchestra consisting of ten Florida State University School of Music Students will join the forgotten coast for an evening of orchestral joy! Ms. Debbie Lindley joins us as our Guest Pianist, as she provides the thrilling harpsichord accompaniment in collaboration with our choir, and orchestra! The concert ends with a thrilling GOSPEL set as we invite you to stand up, clap, sing, and worship! From this Little Light of Mine, Praise His Holy Name, and He Never Failed Me Yet, you will be lifted and filled with Spirit and Song! Tickets can be found at Eventbrite.com for the FUMC PSJ concert location. Call 850-319-6782 if you would like a pre-sale ticket. Tickets- \$10. Tickets will also be available at the door for general admission and after Sunday morning services.

FUMC Ensembles

Chancel Choir/ Vocal Arts Ensemble- Thursday 5:30 p.m.- Great Hall

Forgotten Coast Young Singers- March 9th, Wednesday, 4:15- 5:15 p.m. , 510 East Fourth Street.

Bell Choir- March 9th, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.- Great Hall

**Please contact director of music and worship arts, Paul Brown, for more information on our worship ensembles.
850-319-6782**

Tonya Knox, President-United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women have been busy with our first mission project. We will be hosting a luncheon/fashion show on April 2, 2022 in the Great Hall from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit The Care Closet. The fashion show will feature clothing and accessories from the downtown merchants as well as The Care Closet. Tickets are on all sale now for \$10 and can be purchased at The Care Closet and the Church office. For more details please

visit our Facebook page and follow us there. If you're looking for a great afternoon of fellowship, good food, and fashion please join us on April 2, 2022. Our next UMW meeting will be March 14, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at the Monument House. We look forward to you joining us and getting involved with our projects.



Skip Griffies, United Methodist Men

Methodist Men meeting March 6 8 am in the Great Hall. We are also looking for men to help with various volunteer activities.

FUMC PSJ Contact Information

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Methodist Learning Center: 218 Long Avenue

Monument House (church annex): 1007 Monument Avenue

Methodist Care Closet: 214 Williams Avenue

Two Fish Food Market: 212 Williams Avenue

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	2 Ash Wednesday 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Prayer Shawl 10:00am Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 4:00pm Games 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	3 5:30pm Choir Practice	4	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent 8:00am UMM 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 11:00am Acolyte Training 5:30pm Sunday School	7 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 11:30am MCM Meeting 12pm Women's History Celebration (Zoom) 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	8 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	9 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 4:00pm Games 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	10 5:30pm Choir Practice	11	12
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27 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service & Acolyte Installation 11:00am Sunday School 5:30pm Sunday School	28 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	29 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	30 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Bell Choir 5:30pm Dinner 4:00pm Games 4:00pm Young Singers 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	31 4:00pm Choir Dress Rehearsal	1 6:00pm BACS Concert	2

Happy Birthday!

1st- Boyd Bulger
3rd- Lynda White
5th- Boyd Kline
Mitzi Bulger
Claire Matney
6th- Linda Freeman
James Chancellor
Caleb Zur Heiden
7th- Nancy Nevles
DeAnn Wilder
8th- Alyson Gerlach
10th- Beckie Fulcher
Hayden Palmer
JoAnne Buzzett
11th- Jennifer Sherrill
12th- Danny Tankersley
Krichelle McGhee
13th- Anna Hicks

14th- Lynne Whitfield
John McInnis
Vivian Miller
Robert Williams
B.J. Denton
Elizabeth Furstenberg
David Odom
15th- Matthew Howell
Sarah Sanborn
18th- Alison Kerigan
20th- Andy Shoaf
Joe Bush
21st- Barry Adkison
Harvey Hennington
Chuck Tharpe
Nicole Windolf
Marjorie May
22nd- Ann Barnes
Harold Brown
23rd- Diane Furstenberg

24th- Gary Howze
25th- Jenny Garth
David Bowman
26th- Lee Miller Ernst
Monica Harris
27th- Jacob Tankersley
29th- Coy Knox
30th- Charlie Cox

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

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

Announcements

Acolyte Training Interested in your child (grades 2nd-6th) becoming an acolyte? We will have acolyte training Sunday, March 6 11am in the Great Hall. Acolyte installation ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 27 during the church service.

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

Women's Small Group Study All ladies welcome Wednesday mornings 9:30am at the Monument House. Contact Lynn Marshall for more information.

East Egg Hunt Donations Candy-filled plastic eggs can be dropped off at the church Great Hall on Sundays or at the Ministry Center on Mondays through Fridays. Easter Egg Hunt will be after the Palm Sunday Service on April 10.

Palm Sunday On Sunday, April 10 Join us for church on the fields behind the Centennial Building at 10am. Then after the service we invite everyone to stay for Egg Hunts and a picnic. There will be two egg hunts: toddlers-kindergarten and 1st-5th grade.

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.

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God



SOUPer Bowl Sunday is declared a WIN!

The Methodist Caring Ministries and Two Fish Food Market thanks our Congregation for the more than 150 pounds of soup that was collected for our food ministry. This soup is available to the more than 300 enrolled shoppers. We would like to again thank our Congregation and Church Leadership for their support and continued prayers for Two Fish Food Market.

Two Fish Donations can be dropped off at Two Fish (Tues/Wed 9-4, Sat 9-1) and the Ministry Center (Mon-Thurs 9-4). Two Fish is located at 212 Williams Avenue.

Blessing Bags

A special thank you to our dedicated Blessing Bags volunteers: Lynne Andrews's, Linda BeHage, Patsy Cooley, Merre Dorman, and Amy & Mike St. John; and a special shout out to Lindsey Williams for coordinating it all for us! - Susan Magidson

Methodist Care Closet

The Care Closet has had a very busy February. We are so thankful for all of our Snowbird/ Winter resident volunteers who so faithfully show up every week. We even had a group of volunteers who were only here on vacation for a week but spent one of those seven days volunteering for us.

We are grateful to David Odom for building us a new "theft proof" donation bin that is located in the alley behind the store. Please use this alley way bin for your after hours donations.

Jewelry continues to be one of our more popular and lucrative items and our supply is low. Please clean out your jewelry box and consider donating it to the Care Closet. Mari Harrison is our jewelry and watch repair volunteer. She untangles, cleans, repairs clasps and replaces batteries and then prices items accordingly. She has been doing this job for several years. Please thank her when you see her. She is just one of many of our behind the scene volunteers who help keep the Care Closet afloat.

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 extend our condolences to Linda Johnson and family upon the death of Greg Johnson (2-13-22). Greg's memorial service was held February 17 in the Great Hall.

Welcome to our newest members: Chuck and Sheri Cliatt, on February 27.



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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