



Matthew 5:13

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE

CLASS of 2022

Congratulations to Our 2022 Port Saint Joe High School Graduates!

Ricky Forbes

Porter Hodges

Dakota Quinn

Ava Ryan

Samantha Smith

Sara Thompson

Caleb ZurHeiden



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
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UNITED METHODIST MEN
BREAKFAST & MEETING
SUNDAY MAY 1, 8AM
GREAT HALL



MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 8



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 8 10AM
GREAT HALL



DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
FRIDAY, MAY 13 7PM
GREAT HALL



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 15 10AM
GREAT HALL



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 15 11AM
MONUMENT HOUSE



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, MAY 30



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,



On May 8, we will confirm nine young people. It is a high and holy moment to hear them confess their faith in public and vow to live as Christians. I have had the pleasure of getting to know them—watching many of them grow up—and know that our future is in good hands. Confirmation is marked by the laying on of hands. I think that is pretty amazing to think about all the hands involved through the ages. The word tradition in Greek means “handed.” While Methodists do not believe in doctrine of Apostolic Succession like our Catholic and Anglican friends, we do practice it. Bishop Goodpastor laid his hands on me many years ago, and you can trace seven hands back to John Wesley, our founder. From him the list includes a who’s who of Christianity: St. Anselm, St. Augustine of Canterbury, St. Irenaus, and then to Peter and Paul. One hundred hands away is Jesus. We have an unbroken link to Jesus that is made of people like you and me. It is remarkable to think that we have this tactile direct link to him through the ages.

Our forbearers have handed us a great faith that is centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our job to keep the tradition alive by handing it on to the next generation. In the act of Confirmation we will all get to see it happen in real life. Let us not forget the words of St. Theresa of Avila, “Your hands are the hands of Christ.”

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

Church Council Statement of PSJFUMC

After hearing the presentation by Geoffrey on “What is Happening in the United Methodist Church” Wednesday evening, March 23, some of us thought it would be helpful if we considered who we are as a church. It appears that the only churches stating their intentions are those wishing to disaffiliate. We believe that our fellow United Methodists need to understand that most United Methodist Churches wish to remain United Methodist. Working from an initial draft, we thoroughly discussed, edited, and wordsmithed what we believe to be where PSJFUMC stands. The statement was adopted by unanimous vote of our Church Council. It reads as follows:

The Church Council of First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe, Florida declares its love and support of our denomination, the United Methodist Church. During this divisive time where there is splintering in our denomination and fracturing in the wider culture, the leaders of our congregation wish to thank our denomination for offering an alternative-unity in Christ. We are especially grateful for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which greatly supported our town’s recovery from Hurricane Michael, and our joint missions around the world especially our partners in Tanzania, and our mission to Ukraine. Our church seeks to be a church where everyone is welcome, where all persons can become disciples of Jesus Christ. We welcome conservatives, progressives, and anyone in between to follow Jesus with us and live out his coming kingdom. Where our denomination and church are in error, we pray for reform, and where we are spiritually stagnant, we pray for revival. We are committed to remaining in the United Methodist Church with Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

John Wesley’s Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

Children's Ministry

Kids Life and Little Lambs: Children in K3-5th grade can join us at the Methodist Learning Center each Wednesday 5:30-7:00 for Bible lessons, dinner, and playtime for \$3. During the next few weeks our lessons will focus on being God's messenger. May 11 will be our last day until school resumes in August.

Missions: The Care Closet is in need of children's clothes hangers. Donations can be dropped off at 214 Williams Ave.

Mother's Day: On Sunday, May 8 at 10:00 we'll have a special worship service for mothers. We hope you'll join us for church and refreshments afterwards.

Daddy-Daughter Dance: Get dressed up and dance the night away on Friday, May 13 at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 per daddy regardless of the number of daughters. Tickets can be purchased at the door; no advance tickets. There will be glow items for sale at the dance.

End of the Year Party: On Wednesday, May 18, 5:30-7:30 we will have a pool party at Windmark phase II pool. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. Preschoolers must have a parent stay, and kindergarten-5th grade can be dropped off.

Sunday, June 5 will be my family's last day at church. We have enjoyed our time in PSJ, and we will certainly miss you. We hope that you'll join us for worship on our last Sunday.

Peace of Christ,

Liz Lentz, Director of Children's Ministry

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



I can't believe it is almost summer! Easter was awesome! We have a lot going on in Port St. Joe. Our youth group has been amazing and we have had a lot of fun. I am looking forward to our summer activities. We have camp, mission work, Thursday field trips, beach activities, going away activities for the Lentz family and welcome party for the Barkalow family. It will be a packed summer!

MAY CALENDAR

Church Service - 10 AM in the Great Hall Sunday School - 11 AM in the Monument House

Wednesday Night Youth Supper and Youth - 5:30 - 7:30 STAC House (Last Night May 18)

Confirmation - May 8

End of the year Youth Party - May 11 at Windmark Pool (Details to follow)

Baccalaureate Sunday - May 15

Thursday Activities and Field Trips will begin in June. Youth must sign up for these activities.

PSJ Class of 2022

Ricky Forbes



Porter Hodges



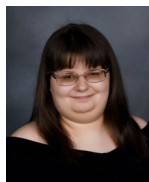
Ava Ryan



Samantha Smith



Sara Thompson



Dakota Quinn



Caleb ZurHeiden



Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts



Join us for Sunday Morning Worship!

May 1 Let us Worship the Lord our God as our Women's Ensemble, Marilyn Freeman- Acoustic Guitar, & Tim Dutrow- Percussion, lead us in song and praise! Enjoy a morning of Southern Gospel!

May 8 Join us for a morning of Worship as we celebrate Mothers Day! We thank all of our wonderful Mothers who serve so faithfully in our Music Ministry, Community, and Congregation!

May 15 We welcome back Singer-Songwriter, John Sutton, to lead us in worship! Invite a friend to this day of holy communion and song.

May 22 Instruments of praise! We welcome PSJ H.S. Band Students to lead us in special music!

May 29 Guest Artist, Pianist- Dominic Muzzi, will present special music for our service of worship. Let us commune on this great day of music and sound as we give honor and tribute to the service of Memorial Day.

YOUNG SINGERS Worship Arts May 4 Young Singers will journey through worship arts during the month of May! Join us in the Great Hall 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Wednesdays.

A NIGHT of THE ARTS Art, Band, & Odyssey of the Mind students present their Spring Collection of Music, Art, and Acting! May 12, Thursday 6-8 pm, P.S.J. High School.

DOMINIC MUZZI IN CONCERT- TWO FISH FOOD MARKET BENEFIT CONCERT, by FUMC PSJ MUSIC MINISTRY. May 28 7pm Great Hall -Piano Recital/ Guest Artist, Dominic Muzzi will present the Forgotten Coast with a special concert. The FUMC PSJ Music Ministry thanks the Two Fish Food Market for their outstanding service in our community! We invite you to this benefit concert, and ask that you consider a special donation for the Two Fish Food Market. Enjoy an evening of sublime Piano Music, and let us give back as Jesus has so given to us! Contact Director of Music, Paul Brown for Pre- Sale Tickets- 15 \$ 850- 247-0141 Ticket Purchase- FUMC Ministry Center Office- 510 East Fourth Street- Monday- Thursday

FUMC PSJ MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Chancel Chorus Vocal Arts Ensemble Bay Area Chorus Young Singers Handbell Choir

Sue Kubitskey, Missions Chairperson



The Ukrainian people continue to weigh heavily on our hearts and mine. I would encourage you to look to UMCOR if you have decided to support the refugee aid efforts. United Methodists are providing food, water, medicine, shelter and transportation to Ukrainians and other refugees fleeing Russian invaders inside their country and to those seeking refuge in neighboring countries. Several shelters have been set up in cities under siege. Funds are being sent to United Methodist churches in Slovakia, Romania, Poland, Hungary, Czechia, and Estonia as they welcome refugees from Ukraine into their homes and churches. For more information on your church in action, go the UMCOR pages on the umcmmission.org website.

Tonya Knox, President-United Methodist Women



UMW meeting Sunday, May 15 11am in the Monument House.

Skip Griffies, United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men meeting May 1 8am in the Great Hall. We are also looking for men to help with various volunteer activities.

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:00am UMM 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday School	2 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	3 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	4 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 Pastor's Bible Study	5 5:30pm Choir Practice	6	7
8 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Confirmation Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Confirmation Brunch 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Mother's Day Cake -Rotunda 11:00am Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday School	9 9:30am Disciple I Study Group- final meeting 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	10 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	11 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 4:00pm Games 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth End of Year Party-WindMark 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	12 5:30pm Choir Practice	13 7:00pm Daddy-Daughter Dance GH	14
15 5th Sunday of Easter Baccalaureate Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Senior Reception 11:00am UMW 5:00pm Sunday School *total lunar eclipse	16 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	17 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	18 9:30am Women's Small Group 10:00am Prayer Shawl 10:00am Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Children's Ministry End of Year Party-WindMark PSJHS Baccalaureate	19 5:30pm Choir Practice PSJHS Graduation	20	21
22 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday School	23 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	24 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	25 Last Day of PSJ School	26 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:00pm MLC Graduation	27	28 7:00pm Two Fish Benefit Concert-GH
29 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:00pm Sunday School	30 Memorial Day Holiday	31 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning				30

Happy Birthday!
 1 Catie Beth Bulger
 Pam Perrin
 2 Boyd Pickett
 Ashley Shoaf
 3 Colby Burke
 4 Al Ray
 5 Dana Langford
 6 Donna Thompson
 Tim Kerigan
 Madeline Brown
 7 Billy Wayne Harris
 Nancy Smith
 Debi Taylor
 Jacob Gentry
 Rick Youngblood
 Maggie Shoaf

9 Bonnie Carrete
 10 Matthew Berry
 11 Marv Gnagey
 11 Joseph Kerigan
 13 Kevin Barnes
 Charlie Lanford
 Desmond Webb
 15 Chad Thompson
 Finley Taunton
 17 Mike Davis
 Eleanor Shoaf
 Aaron Farnsley
 18 Maya Barnes
 Walt Williams
 19 Becky Belin McDaniel
 Ken Hicks
 20 Ed Franklin
 Angelo Jardina

22 Joy Ashbrook
 Leah Richmond
 Michelle Perrin Childs
 24 Bill Norton
 Victor LaFerle
 Erika Balogh
 25 Alford Ramsey
 Joel Norred
 Ena Norton
 30 Perry Adkison
 Kendall Hicks
 31 Jordan Dailey
 Jacob Jones
 Bobby Wiley

Happy Anniversary!
 1 David & Marjorie May
 4 David & Joy Ashbrook
 5 Glenn & Linda Elders
 John & Sandra McInnis
 6 Joe Sieber & Julie Coleman
 9 Bruce & Judy Thesenga
 11 Coy & Caitlin Knox
 13 Phil & Janet Lanford
 16 Bill & Linda McGlothlin
 17 Greg & Brenda Woodard
 18 Bill & Karen Stewart
 26 Joe & Barbara Parrilla
 Danny & Janis Tankersley
 29 Joel & Susan Norred
 Mike & Tonya Knox

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

Announcements

Job Opening SPRC is recruiting for a Director of Children's Ministry. Interviews will begin Thursday, May 5. Anticipated hiring date is July 1. For more details, contact the church office.

Thank You On behalf of the Wayne Taunton family, I want to say "thank you" for all your visits, calls, cards, and food during Wayne's illness and death. Your love, support, and prayers have carried us through a very difficult time. Wayne loved his church family. He will forever be missed by me and so many others – Sandra Taunton and Family

Wednesday Dinner and Pastor's Bible Study will end Wednesday, May 11 and resume Wednesday, August 17.

Pastor's Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Great Hall: *The Unseen Real – Life in the Light of the Ascension of Jesus*, Author Dr. Stephen Seamands. **No materials required! Come join us as we discover what the ascension means for us in the here and now.** "He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty" *Apostles' Creed*.

Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30-6:00pm in the Great Hall.

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 5:00pm Monument House Leader: Mazie Stone

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.

FUMC PSJ Contact Information

Church Physical Address: 1001 Constitution Drive Port St Joe, FL 32456

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 266 Port St Joe, FL 32457

Telephone: 850.227.1724

Email: info@psjumc.org

Website: www.psjumc.org

Ministry Center (church offices): 510 Fourth Street

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz (geoffrey@psjumc.org)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Chelsey Brown (chelsey@psjumc.org)

Children's Director: Liz Lentz (liz@psjumc.org)

Youth Director: Lynn Marshall (lynn@psjumc.org)

Music Director: Paul Brown (paul@psjumc.org)

Methodist Learning Center Director: Vanesa Ryan (vanesa@psjumc.org)

Financial Secretary: Diann Farnsley (diann@psjumc.org)

Administrative Assistant: Heather Jones (heather@psjumc.org)

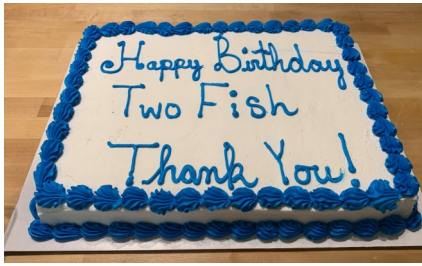
Church Administrator: Bill Brown (bill@psjumc.org)

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



Two Fish Food Market celebrated one year of serving their Gulf County neighbors. A special thanks to our dedicated volunteers, church leaders, congregation and our giving community. This Ministry served more than 1400 households representing 2558 individuals. We received more than 14,000 pounds of donated food and distributed almost 68,000 pounds of food to our neighbors. A special celebration was held on April 14 to thank our volunteers who provided more than 3500 hours of their time. Thank You FUMC and the Gulf County community for your support.

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



Blessing Bag members hard at work: Susan Magidson, Amy St. John, Linda BeHage, Lynne Andrews, Mike St. John, and Merre Dorman. Not pictured: Patsy Cooley

Methodist Care Closet

April was a big month for the Care Closet. We participated in United Methodist Women’s community wide Fashion Show. Not only did we model clothes, shoes, jewelry and handbags, we had a “pop up” store where we sold \$1000. Worth of apparel in less than an hour! This event helped the attendees to see the great quality of merchandise we have to sell at the Care Closet. We want to thank the UMW for donating the profits from the fashion show to the Care Closet to use for the purchase new sorting bins, racks and other storage items.

Our donations continue to outnumber our volunteers. Please consider donating a few hours a week to either help sort donations or work behind the counter on a store day. Please contact Lynne Whitfield (615-300-5991) if you are interested.

Pastoral Care



Condolences are extended to:

- The Wayne Taunton family. Wayne passed 4-3-22.
- The Charlie Norton family. Charlie passed 4-17-22.

Welcome to our newest members:

- Sam Paschal 4-17-22
- Kevin Sumner 4-17-22
- Tyler and Marilyn Freeman 4-17-22
- Fritz and Sara Freer 4-17-22

We celebrated the baptism of:

- Silas Arthur Walker and Emery Kate Walker, children of Owen and Sara Walker, 4-3-22.
- Ronin George Reid, son of Ron and Anna Reid, 4-24-22.



Walker Family



Reid Family

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

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transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Salt Life is a monthly newsletter published by First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe. If you have information to be included in an upcoming edition, or you have any questions or comments regarding the Salt Life Newsletter, please email info@psjumc.org or call the church office. Please Note: all information to be included is subject to approval and must be submitted by the appropriate deadlines.

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