



Matthew 5:13

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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Thanksgiving Day Collect

Almighty and gracious Father,
we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season
and for the labors of those who harvest them.

Make us, we pray,
faithful stewards of your great bounty,
for the provision of our necessities
and the relief of all who are in need,
to the glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

*Open Minds
Open Hearts
Open Doors*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3



METHODIST MEN'S
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 8:00AM
GREAT HALL



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3 10AM
GREAT HALL



VETERANS DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11



CONSECRATION SUNDAY
SERVICE AND LUNCH
NOVEMBER 17 GREAT HALL



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP DINNER
NOVEMBER 24 5PM
GREAT HALL



THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28



Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz



Dear Friends,

"A church is not a building, a church is not a steeple, a church is not a resting place, the church is the people." I always loved this song as child. It is a reminder of what the church really is. We are not our buildings or programs, but a living and breathing organism. The church is a creature created by the Holy Spirit to live and work in the world. We learned this the hard way last year when most of our buildings were destroyed by Hurricane Michael. During this period of time, our church has grown substantially. Attendance is at a record high and so is our number of ministries. We are doing more ministry with less space, and are growing despite our restrictions. A church does not grow by adding buildings, we grow by adding people!

What is most exciting to me is the difference that we are making in the community. Our Methodist Caring Ministries and Care Closet are helping clothe and assist those in need in remarkable new ways. Our church is doing major work in the local elementary school teaching children to read through the Book Buddies Program. We are present in many homes where children now have food to eat on the weekends through the Blessing Bag Ministry. We are putting people's homes back together with UMCOR. We are active all over the Forgotten Coast and all over the world because our members are active in all of these places. As our church grows, we are witnessing our reach extending to places that we never imagined. Let's go out and be church. As the songs goes, "I am the church, you are the church. Yes, we are the church together."

Our stewardship theme this year is "Yes, we're the church together." The culmination of our stewardship campaign will be a marvelous Consecration Sunday worship service on November 17 followed by a delicious celebration lunch. We want every member present to celebrate. Please fill out a reservation card in church or let the office know whether you can or cannot attend. Please be in prayer for your church during this important time as we discern what God is calling us to do and who God is calling us to be.

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

November Meetings

SPRC Meeting Monday, November 4 5PM in the Constitution Room.

Trustees Meeting Monday, November 18 5PM in the Great Hall.

Church Council Monday, November 18 6PM in the Great Hall.

Building Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 19 6PM in the Constitution Room.

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

God is with us! On Wednesdays our preschool through sixth grade children have been learning about the life of Moses including stories of the burning bush, parting of the Red Sea, eating manna, and receiving the Ten Commandments. Just as God was with the Israelites, God is with us.

We are so grateful for Sara Allen, Kara Rish, and Patsy Cooley who led worship arts time with our Little Lambs for the month of October. On Wednesday evenings our new Mom's Group is meeting from 6:00-7:00. Contact Andrea Williams (850)556-4295 for more information.

The children and youth will be going to Cross Shores Nursing Home on Sunday, November 24 following the worship service. We will meet in the lobby and walk over to Cross Shores. Children can be picked up from the church lobby at noon. It's the most wonderful time of the year. Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00-11:00. Join us for pancake breakfast provided by the United Methodist Men. Then visit with Santa and get your picture taken. Then on Saturday December 14 the children will be in the Christmas parade on Reid Avenue. We will line up at 5:00 p.m.



Children and youth visiting Cross Shores Nursing Home

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



Our November 4 week Series – Don't you just love a little friendly competition? There's something about being a part of a team that makes you excited to root for "us" and root against "them." With people and with God, we're often quick to see others like our enemies, but God invites us to see things differently. In this 4-week series, we'll explore the stories of Abraham, Jeremiah, Jonah, Isaiah, and more, as we see how the big story of Scripture reveals that God is for us, we're called to be for others, God is for our enemies, and Jesus proves that God is for us.

Each Sunday	Sunday School at 11
Each Monday	High School Singers at 6
Each Wednesday	Dinner at 5. Hangout at 5:30 and Youth Group at 6
Sunday, November 3	Afternoon at the Bayou 4:00-7:30 (Kayak, play games, snacks and bonfire) Paula and Boyd Pickett's house on the Bayou
Friday, November 8	Lunch with Lynn (Pizza will be brought to both lunches)
Wednesday, November 13	Youth Serve Dinner 4:45PM
Wednesday, November 13	Full Moon Climb at the Lighthouse 6:30 PM
Sunday, November 24	Visiting Cross Shores Nursing Home with children and Youth

Please do not hesitate to call me or e-mail me at lynn@psjumc.org

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Nancy and Reid Yarbrough & family upon the death of David Clyde Yarbrough on 10-17-19, to Mary Sadler and family on the death of Hazen Heyward Sadler on 10-17-19, and to Randy Howell on the death of his sister, Karen Howell Henrickson (10-15-19).

Bernadette Hackett, UMW President

Happy fall to everyone. It has been one year since Hurricane Michael stopped us in our tracks and altered our lives. As UMW members, in normal years, we are busy fundraising and donating time and money to those in our community who are in need. We also support UMW Global Missions. This year was different. We did not fund raise because we were among those in need. Members focused this year on restoring their own homes, meeting family needs, and, helping neighbors. These tasks will go on for at least one more year; but, we are also ready for some "normalcy". This month, we will vote in a new president. After 3 years, I will be leaving that position. We will set a new calendar of activities for 2020. We will resume our fundraising activities. Our first event will be "Butts on the Bay" in January. We will be reaching out to our wider church community to help us with baking for this event. You will be especially important because not all of our members are able resume normality as yet. You are especially needed because our community needs are increased. Together we can be successful in securing the finances needed to help others; and, further God's work as the Spirit directs us in the name of Jesus Christ. I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Young Singers Director, Dana Langford

Young Singers will sing Sunday, November 24

9:00 Meet in the Great Hall

10:00 Service: John Rutter: "Look at the World" with HS & Chancel Choir

November 27 No Rehearsal

Our Young Singers are also busy memorizing Christmas music for our joint Christmas Concert with the Chancel Choir and HS Singers on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00.

Please make plans to attend!

Paul Brown, High School Singers Director

High School Singers

Rehearsals are weekly, Mondays 6 to 7 pm. The High School Singers is a community based choral ensemble open to students grades 7 - 12. This ensemble performed their debut last weekend and are gearing up for more performances! The High School Singers have been invited to perform at the Joe Center for the Arts in Celebration of the Festival of Trees, and will soon have published performance dates on our FUMC Facebook page and website. Our doors are always open to NEW students. Come and sing with us !

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals are weekly , Wednesdays 7 to 8pm. The FUMC Chancel Choir sings regularly for Sunday services, as well as providing music for local events. You do not have to be a church member to join the Chancel Choir. We are happily recruiting and wish for you to come sing with us! The Chancel Choir will be celebrating with special music for our Veterans Sunday , November 10. Please join us in celebrating our local veterans in song and music on this Special Sunday.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31	1 All Saints Day 9:AM Piano Lessons 4:30PM Voice Lessons	2 10AM AA Closed Meeting
3 All Saints Sunday 8:00AM Men's Club 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	4 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 4:00PM Voice Lessons Piano Lessons 6:00PM Youth Choir 6:30PM ACA 7:00PM Voice Lessons Piano Lessons 5:00PM SPRC Meeting	5 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class 10:15AM Yoga 10:15AM Chair Fitness 11:00AM Staff Meeting 4:15PM Piano Lessons 7:00PM AA Meeting	6 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers(2nd-6th) 6:00PM Kids' Life 6:00PM Robyn Rennick-Storyteller 6:00PM Youth 7:00PM Choir Practice	7 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:00AM LIFFT Class 10:15AM Yoga 10:15AM Chair Fitness 12:00PM Recovery Team Meeting (12-3) 4:30PM Voice Lessons 6:00PM CPR Class 7:00PM AA Meeting	8 9:AM Piano Lessons 4:30PM Voice Lessons	9 10AM AA Closed Meeting 10AM Beachside Memorial Service-David Yarbough
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24 Christ the King Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service-Young Singers 11:00AM Sunday School 5:00PM Covered Dish 6:00PM Community Thanksgiving Service	25 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 4:00PM Voice Lessons 6:00PM Youth Choir 6:30PM ACA 7:00PM Voice Lessons Piano Lessons	26 PSJ 1/2 Day Thanksgiving Holiday 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 10:00AM LIFFT Class 10:15AM Yoga 10:15AM Chair Fitness 11:00AM Staff Meeting 12:00PM Strong Women Support Group 4:15PM Piano Lessons 7:00PM AA Meeting	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:00AM LIFFT Class 10:15AM Yoga 10:15AM Chair Fitness 7:00PM AA Meeting	29	30 10AM AA Closed Meeting

Happy Birthday:

1st Linda Albrecht
2nd Linda Strand
Larry Wilson
3rd Augie Gould
4th Joe Norton
5th Collins Abrams
Kay Reed
Sam Anttila
Chad Lucas
7th Hubert Richards
9th Jae Pate
10th Karen Etheridge
Sam Taylor
Frann Smith

11th Tanya Varnum
Linda Elders
Riley Kerigan
13th Robbie Sanborn
15th Sara Hendrix
Amy Croker
Clifford Sanborn III
Bruce Thesenga
16th Julie Lanford
18th Courtney Thompson
19th Walt Wilder
20th Al Cathey
Chris Knox
21st Kimberly DeLissio
Jim Garth
22nd Lana Hanson
John Nagy
23rd Clark Davis
24th Sherry Strother
Carolyn McNeill
Diann Farnsley

25th Mari Harrison
Quin Lowery
26th Laura Follin
Elizabeth Roberts
27th Harold D. Marshall
28th Shirley Huggins
Russell Miller
30th Brandon Davis

Happy Anniversary:

3rd Jim & Barbara Terry
19th Alford & Laura Ramsey
25th Wayne & Jae Pate

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.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3. Be sure and set your clocks back one hour prior to Sunday morning.

All Saints Sunday All Saints Day is observed November 1 of each year. On Sunday, November 3, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday as we remember our church's saints. The purpose of All Saints Sunday is to honor and remember those who have died since the last All Saints Day. At our 10AM service, we will be calling the names of members and friends of our church who have died in the last year. If you would like a name added to the list, please contact the church office.

Staff Search FUMC is searching for a new director of Music Ministries. Duties include directing the Chancel Choir, overseeing all the music ministry of the church, and expanding the church's music ministry to the community. Hours and wages are negotiable. Resumes and cover letter are to be submitted to bill@psjumc.org.

CPR Certification Class Thursday, November 7 6:00-8:30PM in the Monument Room. \$10 participation fee.

Veteran's Day Tribute hosted by storyteller Robyn A. Rennick Wednesday, November 6 6-7PM in the Great Hall.

Veteran's Day Concert Please join the Bay Area Choral Society as they celebrate our Country's Veterans by performing music from the WWII era. The concert showcases familiar songs; *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To*, *A Salute to the Armed Forces*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and other favorites. Our Country's veterans will be recognized. Take a Sentimental Journey with our choir and soloists as they sing songs about hope, love and dreams. The Concert will be held on Sunday, November 10th, beginning at 4pm in the Carrabelle Christian Center, located at 142 River Road in Carrabelle, Florida. Admission is \$5. A portion of the proceeds of this concert will benefit the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum located across from Carrabelle Beach.

Consecration Sunday On Sunday, November 17, we will be celebrating Consecration Sunday. We will have a catered lunch following the 10:00AM service. Make sure you submit a reservation card for this important Sunday. Reservation cards are available in the church office, as well as the Sunday bulletins.

Thanksgiving Sunday Covered Dish Sunday, November 24 5PM in the Greta Hall. Bring a side or dessert to share.

Thanksgiving Sunday Turkey Cooks Needed If you are interested in roasting, smoking, frying a turkey for our Thanksgiving meal, contact the church office. The church will donate the bird and you cook it to your liking!

Donation Request Corelle dishes are needed for the Monument House — dinner plates and soup bowls, any color or pattern (Corelle dishes only, as they are thin and stack well). If you have any to donate, please contact Sue Kubitskey 850-647-6030.

Cookie Committee The Monument House is open and it's time to begin baking to welcome the UMCOR teams coming to PSJ. Please bring your baked goods to church and place them in the far right freezer on the shelf marked "UMCOR." For further information, contact Susan Kubitskey 850-647-6030.

Communion Volunteers We are looking for volunteers to help set up and take down Communion on Sunday mornings. If this is a ministry you would like to assist with, please contact Susan Norred at snorred642@yahoo.com, phone 850-323-1034.

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.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) 6:30PM 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.

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

Strong Women Support Group meets the 2nd and fourth Tuesday of each month 12-1PM in the Great Hall. This group is open to all women who are in need of any type of support.

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.

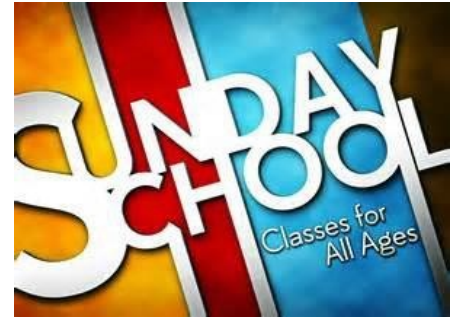
The Disaster Distress Helpline is a 24/7 hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. Call **1-800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs** to **66746** to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

National Suicide Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 Available 24 hours every day.

Bridge Mondays 1PM in the downstairs lobby. Reserve a seat to by calling Danice Tyson 850-899-0149 or Carol Meulener 850-247-7723.

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 Pidgeon-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)



Dinner begins at 5:00PM. Donations are welcome.

Wednesday, November 6	Menu: Baked Chicken, Dressing, Turnip Greens, Dessert	Servers: O Bay Class
Wednesday, November 13	Menu: Chili, Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert	Servers: Youth
Wednesday, November 20	Menu: Cranberry Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Dessert	Servers: Alpha Class



5:00-6:00PM Fellowship Dinner (Great Hall)
 5:30-7:00PM Nursery (Nursery is located next to the Kitchen)
 5:30-7:00PM Little Lambs —K3-1st grades (Monument Room)
 5:30-6:15PM Young Singers —2nd-6th grades (Choir Room)
 5:30-6:15PM Hang Time —2nd-6th grades not attending Young Singers (Downstairs Lobby)
 6:00-7:00PM Mom's Group (Lobby)
 6:15-7:00PM Kids' Life —K3-6th grades (Monument Room)
 6:00-7:00PM Pastor's Bible Study (Great Hall)
 6:00-7:00PM Youth —7th-12th grades (Constitution Room)





Stay Connected One thing Hurricane Michael has taught us is how important it is to stay connected even when we are away. We are a family, a community of faith, and being there for each other is an important part of being a community. However, sometimes events in life cause us to be a away from our church family. Thankfully technology today provides us tools to remain connected even when we are away The Sunday before the hurricane hit was the first time we streamed our Sunday worship service on Facebook LIVE. We will continue streaming our service each Sunday at 10:00am EST, even while we are meeting in the Great Hall. If you can't attend in person, we encourage you to watch and participate online.


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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