



Matthew 5:13

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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*

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*Open Minds  
Open Hearts  
Open Doors*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1



ALL SAINTS DAY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
10AM GREAT HALL



COMMUNION SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 1  
10AM GREAT HALL  
11AM DRIVE UP OPTION



VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11  
6PM GREAT HALL



THANKSGIVING DAY  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29



## Rev. Chelsey Brown, Associate Pastor

### Thankful Hearts in Troubling Times



November is one of my favorite months of the year! Even though I grew up in the South, I have a deep love for cooler weather. The crisp air, the crackling of leaves under my super stylish fall boots, and a season that brings the whole family under one roof to share a Thanksgiving meal together. I love it all! I love how it leads us to a mindfulness of having thankful hearts.

In the past couple of years, I have had new experiences during the week of Thanksgiving. Oh you know how the story goes...I got married and now my holiday traditions changed without hesitation. The traditions of the past were no longer my norm. My new traditions are now in the process of being formed and even though the month of November comes with different faces and sometimes stuffing instead of cornbread, (the flat salty kind that my Great Uncle to this day still loves to dip into Buttermilk, bleh!), I still feel the same warmth of sitting with family around a table sharing a meal with thankful hearts.

But...This year has been filled with what seems to be some major troubling times. What does a person in a world that has long suffered the impact of the pandemic 2020 do to keep a heart full of thankfulness? For some of us, we may still get to share a meal with family and friends. For others of us, we may be more isolated and have to settle for more creative options for connection. For even some, this idea of a Thanksgiving meal has never been part of the experience. Many families have lost loved ones and will have empty seats around the table. If you are like me, you may not even know how to plan for the coming weeks where family gatherings were the norm.

Having a thankful heart seems like wishful thinking during troubling times, but the truth still remains that a thankful heart is always possible in the highs and lows and everywhere in-between. We have a God who is always present in the midst of our troubles, a God who has overcome the world! All that is needed is for us to turn our eyes towards our loving and victorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and our hearts will overflow with thanksgiving. Thanks be to God!

*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace."  
Hymn 349 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." Psalm 46:1-3*

*"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33*

*Chelsey*

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### All Saints Sunday



**All Saints Sunday** All Saints Day is observed November 1 of each year. On Sunday, November 1, 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.

## Liz Lentz, Children's Director

### Children's Ministry

The children have made oyster shell angel ornaments that are being sold as a winter retreat fundraiser. This year's ornaments have a sea glass bead and gold wings. Get yours for \$10 on Sunday mornings or at the Ministry Center during the week. These ornaments make great Christmas gifts!

Join us for Little Lambs and Kids Life at the Methodist Learning Center on Wednesdays 5:30-7:00. We will not meet the week of Thanksgiving break, November 25.

Kids' Night Out is Saturday, November 14 6:00-8:30. Join us for a pizza, concession stand, and a movie. Please sign-up with Ms. Liz by Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendar for these events coming in December...

- Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 5 9-11 am
- Christmas Parade on Saturday December 12 at 5 pm
- Family Caroling and Christmas Refreshments Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00



Children  
making oyster  
shell angel  
ornaments

## Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



**Canceled** - A 4-week series on **Loving Others** that we will be studying in November. Cancel culture is real. It happens when people (usually online) attack or dismiss people they disagree with. "Canceling" can be a good thing when it's done to challenge or boycott things that are unjust or harmful. But sometimes we can be too quick to "cancel" and become cruel. Not just on social media — we do it in our offline relationships too. In Jesus' time, people were often "canceled" by society because they sinned, got sick, were poor or disabled, or because they were from a different country or culture. Jesus challenges our tendency to ignore, exclude, or despise people who are different from us by often making outcasts the center of His ministry. Through the teachings of Jesus and the story of Saul you get to help students **love people who aren't like them, love people who are in need, love the people we envy, and even love the people they want to hate.**

### Things that are coming up:

Youth Group	Every Wednesday at the STAC House 5:30-7:30
In Person Church Service	Every Sunday at 10:00 AM
Fall Retreat	November 7 - The Vineyard and Camp Butter & Egg
Veteran's Day Program FUMC Great Hall at 7 PM	
We will not have children and youth activities on Wednesday November 25	
I hope your family has a wonderful Thanksgiving!	

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts



All Saints Day Sunday Worship, November 1 at 10 am. Join us for a service of Song and Remembrance as we honor those who have come before us. Thank you to the FUMC PSJ Vocal Arts Ensemble for leading us in songs of honor.

Veterans Day Tribute- Wednesday Night Service, November 11 at 6 pm. We invite you for an evening of storytelling, patriotic song, and prayer. Thank you to Robyn A. Rennick for your talent in making this a special evening of honoring our VETERANS.

Choir Chimes Debut! - You won't want to miss our FUMC PSJ Sunday of Thanks, November 15! We are blessed to have the Choir Chimes ringing in a Sunday of Thanks and Praise with our Vocal Arts Ensemble, featuring THE LORD'S PRAYER. Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord Our God!

Festival of Trees Opening Ceremony, Friday, November 20 at 5pm, Joe Center for the Arts! Please join us in celebrating the annual Festival of Trees! You can view our FUMC PSJ decorated Christmas trees from our Kids Life, Youth Group, and various community participants!

Special Guest Artist Rachel Hillman will be leading us in our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of ADVENT. Sunday, November 29 at 10 am. Enjoy the beginning of this new season with special, original music. Welcome Rachel Hillman!

Voice/ Piano/ Band Instrument Instruction

Please contact us at FUMC PSJ if you are interested in private music lessons! Now is a GREAT time to dive into lessons. No matter the experience, age, or skill level MUSIC IS FOR YOU! Zoom and In person options are available.

Contact Paul Brown , [Paul@psjumc.org](mailto:Paul@psjumc.org) or [Pbmus2018@gmail.com](mailto:Pbmus2018@gmail.com)

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**John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:**

*Do no harm*

*Do good*

*Stay in love with God*

## November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 All Saints Day/ Communion Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship Service <i>*Daylight Saving Time Ends-set your clocks back 1 hour</i>	2 9:00am Morning Prayer 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	3 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	4 9:00am Morning Prayer 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life	5 9:00am Morning Prayer	6 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Choir Chime Rehearsal	7 7am-Youth Fall Retreat 10:30am Vocal Arts Ensemble
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<b>22 Christ the King Sunday</b> 10:00am Worship Service	<b>23</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer	<b>24</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer	<b>25</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer  <b>12:00pm GC Recovery Community Meeting</b>	<b>26 Thanksgiving Day</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer  	<b>27</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Choir Chime Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 10:30am Vocal Arts Ensemble
<b>29 First Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00am Worship Service	<b>30</b> 9:00am Morning Prayer 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting					

**PSJ THANKSGIVING BREAK (offices closed) 11/23-27** →

### 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  
 Guerry Magidson

### Happy Anniversary:

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

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

## Announcements

**Daylight Saving Time** ends Sunday, November 1 at 2am. Don't forget to set your clocks and watches back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

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

**Upper Rooms** are located in the outdoor alcove of the church (bulletin board area).

**Daily Morning Prayers** 9:00am on Facebook or our website.

**Sunday Church Services** 10:00am on campus and on Facebook and our website.

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**Charge Conference** The PSJ FUMC Church Council will meet for our annual Charge Conference in conglomeration with several other churches Thursday, November 12 7pm via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent to council members prior to the conference.

**Veteran's Day Tribute** hosted by storyteller Robyn A. Rennick Wednesday, November 11 6-7pm in the Great Hall.

**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.

**The Methodist Care Closet** is open Fridays 12-4 and Saturdays 9-12. We will be moving many of our racks of clothes outside to help social distancing inside the store. Temperature and masks for ages 6 and older will be required. Shoppers inside the store will be limited to 15 at a time. Bathrooms and dressing rooms will not be available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Cathy Cox at [cathystewartcox@gmail.com](mailto:cathystewartcox@gmail.com) or call 227-6028.

**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.

**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.

**Communion Sundays** For in-person worshipers, we will have your communion kit on your seat when you come in so we don't have to break social distancing guidelines. We ask that you hold them in your hand during the Prayer of Great Thanksgiving, then we will all partake of them together. If you have any concerns about practicing communion in this manner, you are out of town, or cannot attend participate for health reasons, it is okay not to participate in it and receive "spiritual communion" instead. \*Spiritual communion is a little known practice of the church that was developed during the Black Plague. Spiritual communion is when we are unable to take communion for various reasons, especially during a pandemic. All we have to do is long to take communion and pray for union with God in Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit will give us all spiritual benefits of Holy Communion. Here is a prayer to help you with this practice:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

For on-line worshipers in the area, we will be serving the communion kits to the passengers of vehicles lined up at the church drop off area from 11:00am-11:30am. Pastors Geoffrey and Chelsey will be wearing N-95 masks and using gloves to distribute the holy meal.

## Pastoral Care



**Condolences** are extended to Brian Marshall upon the death of his brother, Dave Marshall 10/16/20.

**Condolences** are extended to the family of Maitland Davidson 10/19/20.

**Condolences** are extended to David Bogaert upon the death of David's sister, Suzy Rudes 10/21/20.

**Condolences** are extended to Patty Crooke upon the death of her sister-in-law, Norma Finklea 10/22/20.

**Condolences** are extended to Susan Magidson upon the death of her mother, Lynn Lum 10/25/20.

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### Veteran's Day Tribute Wednesday, November 11 6pm



## A Veteran's Day Tribute

Storyteller Robyn A. Rennick

Brings to life the story of Elsie F. Perch who served in the Army Nursing Corp in North Africa and Anzio, Italy. Her courage and sacrifice underscores that "Freedom is often paid for with a fearsome price." Stirring, inspiring, thought-provoking, unforgettable.





Presented in Person at  
First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe  
November 11, 6:00 – 7:00 pm EST  
FUMC Vocal Arts Ensemble will be singing  
(Masks required inside)  
Facebook Live @ First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe


## 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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