



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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7



VETERANS DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY EVENT
6PM
ST JAMES EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



CONSECRATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 14
10AM SERVICE
GREAT HALL
11AM RSVP MEAL
ROTUNDA



THANKSGIVING DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28





Rev. Chelsey Brown, Associate Pastor

Isaiah 41:10

do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.



If I was told what life would be like just after this picture was taken, I don't know how I would have responded. Yes, I look pretty brave and proud in this moment, and I had every right to be. However, I am what you would call a cautious person or better yet a "scaredy cat"! Moments like these did not come often and when they did it was built up with much anticipation and sweaty palms. The months after I rappelled down this cliff, I drove just hours ahead of a "blizzard" that covered most of Alabama and Georgia, met my now husband CJ, gave my first ever sermon during a Sunday morning service, and moved to Wilmore, Kentucky to start my Master's Degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. I believed that life just couldn't get any crazier than that. Boy was I wrong!

Through the years there has been quite a number of joyous moments and many more seasons of sorrow and loss. I have faced the death of loved ones I did not think I could ever bear. I have witnessed communities struggle and fight to stay alive. I have seen our church both from afar and up close at its highs and lows. And just recently I stood by as our dear Sanctuary came crashing down as we continue to move forward in our recovery after Hurricane Michael.

Even when fear and despair try to take ownership of my heart and mind, **Isaiah 41:10** has been at the ready to help me in my weakest of moments. In this life we will face hardships and challenges of many kinds, but we have a **Great Hope in a Mighty God** who continues even now to strengthen, help, and uphold each one of us for all time. Thanks be to God!

In Grace,

Chelsey

Chelsey

Pastor Appreciation Day October 27, 2021



What a glorious evening of celebration and appreciation shown to our pastors, Geoffrey and Chelsey, for all they do and give, to make FUMC the church it is today, glory be to God. We're also blessed with so many talented people, too numerous to name, but we are especially grateful for the delicious fish and hush puppies, fried to perfection by Collins Abrams and his fry buddy, Austin, all courtesy of Hunt's Oyster Bar! We're thankful for the beautiful weather and location, the tremendous turnout, and the wonderful time of fellowship. Thanks to our own professional photographer, Debbie Hooper, we have great photos as a memory of time together.

Judy Williams, Lay Leader



Liz Lentz, Children's Director

Children's Ministry

Little Lambs (Prek3-1st grade) and **Kids Life** (2nd-5th grade) meets at the Methodist Learning Center on Wednesdays 5:30-7:00. We will not meet the week of Thanksgiving break, November 24.

Our 3rd-5th grade children have made **Christmas ornaments** that are being sold as a winter retreat fundraiser. Get yours for \$10 on Sunday mornings or at the Ministry Center during the week. These ornaments make great Christmas gifts!

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

- Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 4 9-11 am
- Christmas Parade on Saturday December 11 at 5:30 pm
- Christmas Caroling and Party Wednesday, December 15 5:30-7:00



Church night at Shoobie's as we said goodbye to William and Nellie

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



Happy Fall Y'all! This is my favorite time of the year! The air is crisp and the fish are biting! This is a great time for all of us to recharge and get ready for the crazy Holiday Season. I am so glad to be teaching the youth and thankful for such a great group!

Our 4 Week Series

Hey Let's face it, life isn't easy. In times of loss, grief, pain, or doubt, it's normal to have questions — and it's okay to ask them. If you've ever tried to make sense of your circumstances, or wished life didn't have to hurt so much, or wondered why God won't fix what you're going through, you're not alone. In this 4-week series, we'll hear about a few people from Scripture who know exactly what it's like. With Esther, David, Peter, Amos, and John, we'll explore hard questions you thought you weren't allowed to ask, like "When people are hurting, **where is God?** When I'm hurting, **does God leave me?** If God is good, **why do bad things happen?** And when life hurts, **is God listening?**"

Each Sunday	Church at 10 am and Sunday School at 11 at the Monument House
Each Wednesday	Dinner and Hangout at 5:30 and Youth Group from 6-7:30
November 1	Lunch at the Red Pirate after Sunday School
November 20	Full Moon Climb at the Lighthouse 6:30 PM – Bonfire and Pizza
Thanksgiving week, our offices will be closed and we will not have youth.	

Winter Retreat Coming Up – Details coming soon

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

In Christ,
Lynn Marshall

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts

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Join us for Sunday Morning Worship!

November 7 - A Gospel Sunday! Join us as we sing the hymns of our faith, and celebrate through communion and praise!

November 14- Consecration Sunday - The Forgotten Coast Young Singers will perform The Circle of Life, with Tim Dutrow on percussion, in collaboration with our Vocal Arts Ensemble! Enjoy this music filled day as our Young Singers lead us in worship and praise!

November 21- Christ the King Sunday- John Sutton will lead us in song and worship!

November 28- Advent Opening! Join us for our first Sunday in Advent. The Christmas Tree bright, the Nativity set, and Christmas Singing and Ringing! Join us for a Special Music Sunday!

Bay Area Choral Society- Tuesday Rehearsals- Bus Leaves Ministry Center - 5:15 p.m.

Bell Choir- Wednesday Rehearsals- Great Hall- 1 p.m.

Forgotten Coast Young Singers- Wednesday Rehearsals- Ministry Center- 4 p.m.

Chancel Choir/ Vocal Arts Ensemble- Thursday Rehearsals - Great Hall- 6 p.m.

Thank you to our wonderful Ushers, Greeters, Communion Stewards, Acolyte, Audio Technician ,Video Technicians, Altar Flower Donors, Musicians, and all who serve to make FUMC PSJ a worship filled service of community and love.

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Monument House (church annex): 1007 Monument Avenue

Methodist Care Closet: 214 Williams Avenue

Two Fish Food Market: 212 Williams Avenue

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 All Saints Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:30pm Sunday School 6:00pm Ghosts on the Coast	1 All Saints Day 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	2 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	3 10:00am Prayer Shawl 1:00pm Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 5:00pm Moms Group 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	4 6:00pm Choir Practice	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall Back! 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:30pm Sunday School 3:30pm Charge Conference-Blountstown	8 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	9 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning	10 1:00pm Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	11 Veterans Day 6:00pm Veterans Day Event-Episcopal Church	12	13
14 Consecration/Stewardship Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 11:00am Consecration Meal 5:30pm Sunday School	15 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	16 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning 6:00pm Europe Trip Informational Dinner	17 10:00am Prayer Shawl 1:00pm Bell Choir 4:00pm Young Singers 5:30pm Dinner 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	18 6:00pm Choir Practice	19	20
21 Christ the King Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:30pm Sunday School	22 Thanksgiving 11/22-11/26	23 Break	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 5:30pm Sunday School Beginning of Lectionary Year C	29 9:30am Disciple I Study Group 2:00pm Exec. Staff Meeting	30 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Worship Planning				

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
 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

Pastor's Bible Study Join us for Pastor's Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Great Hall. Beginning Wednesday, November 3 we will have a three week study on excerpts from *Spiritual Classics: Selected Readings on the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines*. Join us for a deeper look into these historical and spiritual classics of our faith and how the brightest lights of the Christian tradition learned and reflected upon the twelve core spiritual disciplines.

Veterans Day Service Thursday, November 11 6pm at St. James Episcopal Church 800 22nd Street in Port St. Joe.

Consecration Sunday will be celebrated on November 14. We will have a catered lunch following the 10am service. Please fill out the RSVP card in the bulletin with the number of people in your party. Also respond if you cannot attend, as we want to make sure we have your correct contact information. It is going to be a great Sunday! You may also contact the church office to RSVP.

Oberammergau/Best of Italy Interested in going to Europe with Pastor Geoffrey and other church members? There will be an informational dinner held in the Great Hall on Tuesday, November 16 at 6pm. Please RSVP to Liz 850-549-8929. Trip dates are September 22-October 2022.

Church Offices will be closed Thanksgiving Week (November 22-26).

Sunday School for All Ages!

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.



Courtney Knox, Methodist Learning Center Founder and Director, has stepped down after five years of tireless, loving service to the children of our church and community. On October 25, we presented Courtney with a lovely arrangement to show our gratitude and appreciation of her hard work. We will miss you, Courtney!

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God



Vicki Abrams, Methodist Caring Ministries



"Households enrolled: We now have **over 200 families enrolled** to shop 2 x per month. During the month of September, about half of our enrolled families did not shop. In previous months, we learned some families had been away for the summer while others no longer needed this support. We will continue to follow up as appropriate. There is a core group of households that shop twice per month with many others shopping only once per month. Another number stands out; 33% of enrolled members have a Wewahitchka address. This represents Howard Creek, Overstreet, and Wewahitchka proper. Transportation barriers may contribute to these families shopping only once per month.

Volunteers: Loretta and I cannot say enough about the **Two Fish Volunteers**. There is a dedicated group of around 25 volunteers who serve each week, logging more than 300 volunteer hours during the month of September. That is valued at more than \$8,500.00. We are thankful **David Warriner** has come home from NC - he is one of the dedicated stockers! We also want to thank **Kristen Tusing** for her volunteer work while Kristen and the children were at their home in St Joe Beach during Matt's deployment. At the end of this week, they will relocate with Matt to Abilene where Matt is now serving as a federal prosecutor. **Thank You Kristen!**

Sign-up Genius - Volunteers are using the Sign-up Genius app to schedule their volunteer time. After just a few weeks of using in October and now scheduling November, I call it a success! Judy Williams has shared with me one of the data reports available from Sign-up Genius that will track our volunteer hours. We may be able to eliminate pencil and paper check-in by using this technology. **Thank You Judy** for your guidance with this app.

Congregational Support - When we join the United Methodist Church, we promise to support our Church through our prayers, presence, gifts and service (I think one other has been added since my confirmation), but the point is the Methodist Caring Ministries (MCM) and Two Fish Market would not be possible without the prayers, presence, gifts and service of our Congregation. Whether it is through prayer, monetary gifts, food donations and/or volunteerism, we know our Church is behind this most important Mission of FUMC. I want to thank you and ask you to continue to be in prayer for our the MCM, The Care Closet, Blessing Bags and Two Fish Food Market and be sure to thank our Church and Community members for their support!

Community Partnership - We have entered into a community partnership with **Centennial Bank** for volunteer support. In the next couple of weeks, we will provide an orientation to several employees who will participate in their corporate community give-back by volunteering at Two Fish Food Market. In addition, they have also provided a monetary donation. I also want to thank **Tom and Mary Gibson** for their most generous donation. This donation will have a major impact on the Methodist Caring Ministries budget. Thank You my friends!



Blessing Bags

Our dedicated volunteers, Amy & Mike St. John, hard at work delivering Blessing Bags to our community children!

Methodist Care Closet

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

Ginny Priebe, upon the death of her husband, Fred Priebe 10-3-21.

Sara Allen, upon the death of her sister, Wynell Burke 10-7-21 as well as her brother, Charles Tharpe 9-27-21.

Mike Whitfield, upon the death of his brother, George Whitfield 10-24-21.

We welcome new members

Rob and Jane Sumner

James, Susan, Madison and JP Brannan

FUMC Pastoral Care Team members are Sue Meyer osuemeyer@gmail.com and Mitzi Bulger mitzi.bulger@gmail.com. Please reach out to these members for any pastoral care needs you or someone you know may have.

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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