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CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE



Lets Celebrate!

HURRICANE MICHAEL RECOVERY CELEBRATION

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A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE RECOVERY OF
OUR COMMUNITY AND THE GOOD DAYS
AHEAD OF US!

OCTOBER 27TH - NOON (EASTERN TIME)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF
PORT SAINT JOE

1001 CONSTITUTION DRIVE
PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!

METHODIST MEN'S
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 8:00AM
GREAT HALL



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 6PM
ROTUNDA



GUEST SPEAKER,
BISHOP DAVID GRAVES
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 10AM
GREAT HALL



PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 9AM
FRONT LAWN AREA



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 10AM
GREAT HALL



UMCOR CELEBRATION DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 12:00PM
GREAT HALL & ROTUNDA



*Open Minds
Open Hearts
Open Doors*

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz



Dear Friends,

How do you plan to commemorate the anniversary of Hurricane Michael? October 10 is a day that none of us will ever forget. I suspect that as the day approaches it will trigger anew many terrible memories and awaken the grief that lies barely under the surface. I am planning on being proactive, and have a plan in place to help me through this anniversary. I am not going to look at pictures of the damage. I am not going to watch footage of the storm coming in and buildings being destroyed. I am going to try my hardest to not go over the catalogue of personal damages, lost heirlooms, and community losses. Maybe there will be years to do that kind of thing in the future.

But this year, I have decided that for me the only way to approach this day is with celebration. I plan to have a party. I will be out of town on a Celtic Spiritual Pilgrimage during the anniversary. I had this trip on my calendar for over a year and almost canceled it, but decided that it might just be the best way to commemorate that day. I know that our community is planning a celebration at the Lighthouse Park called *Rise Up*. I hope it is a great celebration.

We have a lot to celebrate:

I plan to celebrate how our community has become a family bound by something deeper than a zip code.

I plan to celebrate how we became a community where neighbor helps neighbor despite our differences.

I plan to celebrate all of the people who came from all over to help clean out our homes and take down our trees.

I plan to celebrate having a new house and new furniture.

I plan to celebrate the Long Term Recovery efforts and UMCOR.

I plan to celebrate life; we are all survivors.

We have come so far since that day, and no doubt we have a long way to go. God has brought us through the sea and through the storm to a better place. I want to encourage you not to spend too much time remembering the trauma and loss, but instead celebrate how far we have come and the strength we have found. Let's celebrate!

Peace,

Alabama-West Florida Resident Bishop, David Graves



Friends,

As we draw closer to October 10, the anniversary of Hurricane Michael, a multitude of emotions race through my head. Some of you watched from afar and experienced the uncertainty if friends or loved ones were safe, while some of you were quite literally in the eye of the storm. It took days to assess the safety of our clergy and their families, as well as the condition of United Methodist churches along the Florida Panhandle. Our conference leadership team and I visited the area as soon as it was deemed safe to enter. If you did not see the devastation in person, there are simply no words to express the destruction and chaos that Hurricane Michael left behind. It was a helpless feeling. As your Bishop, I am supposed to have answers and plans to lead you through times of despair but even the best plans cannot prepare you for a category five hurricane.

As I reflect on this past year, I am so humbled to see the progress in the panhandle communities. It will take years to rebuild but little by little, we have come so far. For that progress, I give thanks and celebrate the thousands of people who contributed their gifts, service and witness. From clergy in surrounding areas who quickly mobilized supplies and figured out delivery logistics; to our clergy in the damaged areas who put their own personal needs aside to help their church members and communities; to conference staff and the Hurricane Michael recovery team; I am reminded of the need for this connection. If you simply gave \$10 or donated a toothbrush, you made a difference. I've said it before and I will say it again: we are at our best in the worst of times.

We have a long-term commitment to this area, that we will walk alongside these communities until there is no longer a need. We still need your help. We invite you to pray with us, make a donation and send teams. More information can be found at www.hurricanemichaelrecovery.org. The local church is where our vital ministries are. Join me in making this recovery process a priority. I give thanks to your church for your participation and leadership.

With Deep Appreciation,
Bishop David W. Graves

***Bishop Graves will be our Guest Speaker during the October 13 church service.**

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

On Wednesdays our children are learning that God calls us to welcome others just as Jesus does. Jesus welcomed the Samaritan woman at the well, the blind man, and even Zacchaeus. Also, on Wednesday evenings our Little Lambs have been so blessed to have Ms. Kara Rish teach music during worship arts time. For the month of October the Little Lambs will be making crafts during worship arts.

On Sunday, October 6 after church the children and youth are going to the nursing home to sing and visit residents.

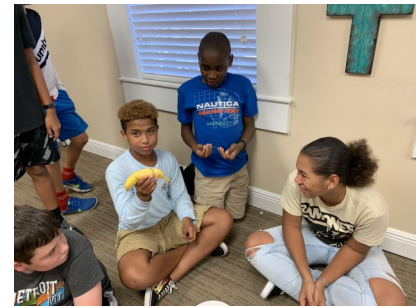
Save the date! Winter Retreat at Blue Lake is January 31-February 2. This retreat is for children in grades 3rd-6th. The early bird cost is \$115 per child (due December 13). More details to come.



Little Lambs singing *Jesus Loves Me*



Kid's Life enjoying a Bible game with a banana!



Lynn Marshall, Youth Director

I cannot believe it is already October. We have so many things happening this month. We will be hosting a tailgate at the home football games. These have been so much fun! We also will be visiting the nursing home again and spending time with some people from the Assisted Living. We will doing a new series called THE HAVES AND THE HAVE NOTS. It will be great delving into the Bible and seeing what Jesus thinks about all of that!

This month, we will have our pumpkin patch fundraiser. This is a great time for field trips to the pumpkin patch as well as a great photo opportunity for your family pictures. We will need volunteers to help unload the pumpkins as well as work at the pumpkin patch for a few hours. I will have a sign up sheet out for you to sign up. We will need pallets and wheelbarrows. More details to come on our Facebook page.

The new name of our group will be called 180 Youth. This name was decided on by the students and they have picked out a logo that we are working on now.

Each Sunday	Sunday School at 11
Each Monday	Highschool Singers at 6
Each Wednesday	Dinner at 5. Hangout at 5:30 and Youth Group at 6
October 6 th	Visiting Cross Shores Nursing Home with children and Youth
October 9 th	Youth Serve Dinner
October 16 th	Pumpkins should arrive (We will know closer about what time
October 20 th	Highschool Singers will perform at Church service
October 24 th	Gideon Dinner - Youth will serve the dinner as a fundraiser
October 17 -31	Pumpkin patch will be open
Community Wide Tailgate at Home Football Games 6:00 - Kickoff	

What a great day we had at Cross Shores Nursing Home!



Paul Brown, Youth Choir Director

Thank you all so much for enrolling your children in FUMC High School Singers!! The group is off to a GREAT start! We will be focusing on the two pieces, *Rise Up with Music*, and *Sing Alleluia* for our first performance. Our first performance will be on October 20, at 10 am service, students reporting at 9 am; so please keep that Sunday morning date open in your schedule.

We will also be performing November 24, along with the other choirs at FUMC, 10 am service, singing *Look at the World*. Students will report to the choir room at 9am .

I would LOVE for the group to sing for the Church's Candlelight Service . I will be in touch with an exact date and time for that performance! I am also hoping the group will be up for caroling!

I know several in the group are wary of our numbers, but I am MOST proud of all who have been attending and singing so well. It only takes 2 to create harmony, and we have 8! Please encourage your students to be looking over the two pieces, *Rise up with Music*, and *Sing Alleluia*. Thank you all so much for your support, dedication, and energy. It means A LOT to have a group of parents backing up our music arts!

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

FUMC has launched another year of the College Student Ministry! Our church purchases \$20 gift cards at the beginning of the school year for our college students. Each student is assigned a sponsor who sends the gift card, then continues to keep in touch with the student throughout the school year. The purpose of this ministry is to let our students know that their church family is thinking of them and keeping them in our prayers. Eighteen gift cards to Subway were purchased this year. I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Susan Norred for helping me get this ministry organized again this year and to each of the sponsors: Helen Carlsten, Jill Davis, Linda Hamilton, Madeline Hollon, Lisa Kelley, Susan Norred, Gayle Putnal, Kim Stewart, Mazie Stone and Ann Tison. Some of these sponsors have multiple students!

We would like to welcome to our church family our newest member, Renee Valentine! Please look for Renee at church and make her feel at home.

Our condolences are extended to Kaye Harbin and family upon the death of Kaye's mother, Dorothy Louise Watkins Garbett, on 9/4/19 and to Lisa Kelley and family upon the death of Lisa's mother, Patricia P. Davis, on 9/24/19.



Renee Valentine

Skip Griffies, United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men Next meeting October 6 8AM.

Tickets will be available at the next meeting for Butts on the Bay Event! This event will be on January 11, 2020. Butts will be \$35. we plan to have competitors cooking ,live music, activities for children, and sandwich/ bake sale.

October 17 will be our first ever Fall Athletes Breakfast. This includes not only athletes, but coaches, band members, ROTC, cheerleaders and their sponsors. This event will be held in the Great Hall. Help is needed on Wednesday the 16th to set up, then Thursday to cook and serve hopefully close to 250 people! A breakfast for Spring Sports is planned for spring of 2020!

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class 10:30AM Staff Meeting 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 7:00PM AA Meeting	2 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers(2nd-6th) 6:00PM Kids' Life 6:00PM Pastors Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 7:00PM Choir Practice	3 7:00PM AA Meeting	4 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class	5 10AM AA Closed Meeting
6 8:00AM Men's Club 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School 6:00PM Blessing of the Animals 6:30PM Sunset Sunday	7 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Youth Choir 6:30PM ACA	8 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class 10:30AM Staff Meeting 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 12:00PM Strong Women Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting	9 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 10:00AM Prayer Shawl 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers(2nd-6th) 6:00PM Kids' Life 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 7:00PM Choir Practice	10 12:00PM Recovery Team Meeting (12-3) 4:00PM Rise Up- George Core Park (Lighthouse Park) 7:00PM AA Meeting	11 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class	12 Stronger than the Storm Celebration - Veteran's Park (Beacon Hill) 10AM AA Closed Meeting
13 Bishop Visit to PSJ 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School 6:30PM Sunset Sunday	14 FALL BREAK 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Youth Choir 6:30PM ACA	15 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class 7:00PM AA Meeting	16 Pumpkins Arrive! 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers(2nd-6th) 6:00PM Kids' Life 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 7:00PM Choir Practice	17 Blast on the Bay 10/17-10/20 Pumpkin Patch Opens 12:00PM Recovery Team Meeting (12-3) 7:00PM AA Meeting	18 Songwriters Festival 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class	19 10AM AA Closed Meeting
20 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Blast on the Bay Gospel Brunch (this is a non-FUMC ticketed event) 6:30PM Sunset Sunday	21 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Youth Choir 6:30PM ACA *Newsletter Deadline	22 Pumpkin Patch Field Trips 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class 10:30AM Staff Meeting 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 12:00PM Strong Women Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting	23 Pumpkin Patch Field Trips 10:00AM Prayer Shawl 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers(2nd-6th) 6:00PM Kids' Life 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 7:00PM Choir Practice	24 Pumpkin Patch Field Trips 10AM Pastor & Staff Resiliency Training (10-12) 12:00PM Recovery Team Meeting (12-3) 6:00PM Gideon Banquet 7:00PM AA Meeting	25 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class	26 Private Wedding 10AM AA Closed Meeting
27 UMCOR Celebration Sunday & Pastor Appreciation Day! 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School 12:00PM Lunch & Celebration 6:30PM Sunset Sunday	28 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class 1:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Youth Choir 6:30PM ACA	29 10:30AM Staff Meeting 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4)	30 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers(2nd-6th) 6:00PM Kids' Life 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 7:00PM Choir Practice	31 12:00PM Recovery Team Meeting (12-3) 6:00PM Ghosts on the Coast - Downtown PSJ 7:00PM AA Meeting	10:00AM LIFFT Exercise Class	

Happy Birthday:

2nd- David Hopkins
3rd- Ellison Newman
Natalie Sabiston
4th- Caroline Allen
Michael Barnes
6th- Richard Ramsey
Jonathan Rentfro
7th- Lisa Baggett
8th- Britney Toner
9th- David May
11th- Alma Wynn

12th- Cindy Belin
Elinor Pickard
Katrina Richards
Carly Windolf
13th- Nancy Buzzett
Allen Cox
Sonya Finlay
14th- Charlotte Willis
15th- Mike Williamson
16th- Cully Kerigan
17th- Greta Freeman
Gail Alsobrook
18th- Kim McFarland
Susan Norred
20th- Sylvia Barbay

22nd- Delores Windolf
23rd- Sarah Franklin
Luke Lentz
24th- David McGhee
25th- Renee Shoaf
Kimberly Shoaf
Ricky Sherrill
26th- Bernadette Nagy
28th- Sandra McInnis
Teri Palmer
29th- Walter Wilder
David Bogaert
Taft Taunton
30th- Samuel Littleton
Burgandy Little
Dave Russell
31st- Margarette Schremp

Happy Anniversary:

6th- Andy & Kimberly Shoaf
7th- Ed & Sarah Franklin
9th- Randon & Anna Hicks
Kevin & Sylvia Guidry
10th- Mike & Nikki Barrett
21st- Ronald & Brenda Miller
22nd- Greg & Jerrie Todd
Don & Regina Washabaugh
24th- Ed & Dot Creamer
29th- Wes & Katie Burke

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.

Youth Choir Mondays 6:00-7:00PM in the Choir Room.

New Exercise Class: LIFFT (Lower Impact Fun Fitness Team) will meet Tuesdays and Fridays at 10AM in the Choir Room, beginning October 1. This class will include resistance training, as well stretching for flexibility and balance, and is led by Lorene Lindsay-a certified personal trainer.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6 6PM on the Rotunda Come for a prayer together and blessing for your pets. Stay and watch the sunset with us.

Sunset Sundays - There are few better ways to celebrate where we live than by watching the sun set over the water. Each Sunday night in October we will join together on our Rotunda to watch together the beauty of God's creation. So bring your lawn chairs, apple cider, and (fingers-crossed) cooler weather blankets and join us 6:30-7:30PM on October 6, 13, 20, & 27.

Bishop David Graves will be our guest speaker during our 10AM service on Sunday, October 13.

Do you love to bake? We would like to form a "cookie committee" for baked goods (cookies, breads, muffins, loaf cakes). The committee would welcome new UMCOR teams with baked goods from our congregation. Contact Sue Kubitskey, Missions chairperson, for more information susan@hotmail.com 850-647-6030.

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.

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. October meetings: 10/8 and 10/22.

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



Judy Williams, Lay Leader

October is the month we honor our pastors, Geoffrey Lentz and Britney Toner, with "Pastor Appreciation Day" and though this has been a year of many changes and challenges, we want to take time out from our very busy schedules and thank them for their outstanding leadership and guidance as we "rebuild our lives, our church, and our community".

After our October 27 church service, we will present Geoffrey and Britney with a monetary honorarium showing how much we appreciate their ministry here. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church and mark it "Pastor Appreciation." You can mail in your contribution, or give it to Diann or Heather. You can also put it in the collection plate in the upcoming weeks.

We want to make this a very special day of celebration for our church and our pastors, and we encourage your participation. We are truly blessed that God has sent Geoffrey and Britney to us to minister to our individual and collective needs. This is one way we can show our appreciation and love and we need you to be a part.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Williams".

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 Pridgeon-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, October 2	Menu: Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert	Servers: O Bay Class
Wednesday, October 9	Menu: Chicken and Dumplings, Dessert	Servers: Youth
Wednesday, October 16	Menu: Beef Tips, Rice, Cabbage, Dessert	Servers: Alpha Class
Wednesday, October 23	Menu: Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Dessert	Servers: Volunteers
Wednesday October 30	Menu: Lasagna, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert	Servers: Volunteers



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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