



Matthew 5:13

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

The Pumpkin Patch will be open soon at First United Methodist Church. This is our Youth fundraiser and we would appreciate your support. We will have a variety of pumpkins for sale. The patch will be open weekdays from 3 – 7pm and weekends from 11 – 7pm.

If you need pumpkins during off hours, please call Lynn Marshall at 850-340-0278.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

When pumpkins arrive- Please bring a wheel barrow and help us unload the trailer

Every day in October

Monday – Friday 3-5 and 5-7

Saturday and Sunday 11 – 2, 2 – 5 and 5-7

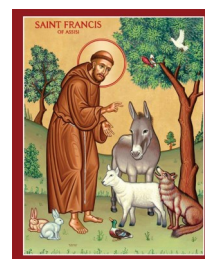
Contact Lynn to sign up.



COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4
10AM GREAT HALL
11AM DRIVE UP OPTION



BLESSING OF THE BEASTS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 4PM
CHURCH FRONT LAWN



PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS
STAY TUNED! TBD
CHURCH FRONT LAWN



SONGWRITERS SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11
10AM WORSHIP SERVICE
11AM SONGWRITERS SET
GREAT HALL



PSJ FALL BREAK
OCTOBER 19-20
OFFICES CLOSED



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
10AM GREAT HALL



*Open Minds
Open Hearts
Open Doors*



Judy Williams, Lay Leader

Dear Parishioners,

October is the month we honor our pastors, Geoffrey Lentz and Chelsey Brown, 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 25 church service, we will present Geoffrey and Chelsey 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 place it in the drop box at the Ministry Center at 510 4th Street. You can also put it in the collection baskets during church service 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 Chelsey 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,

October Meetings

Finance Meeting Thursday, October 22 10am in the conference room of the Administration Building, 510 4th Street.

Church Council Monday, October 26 6pm in the Great Hall.

Liz Lentz, Children's Director
Children's Ministry

Join us on Wednesdays for **Little Lambs** (PreK3-1st grade) and **Kids Life** (2nd-5th grade) at 5:30. We are meeting at the Methodist Learning Center, 218 Long Avenue (across from St. Joe Gas). Children can be picked up on the playground between 7:00-7:30. A donation of \$3 per child can be made during at drop-off or pick-up to pay for the supper that will be provided to all children.

For the month of October our **Mission Project** will focus will be on sending cards. Join us after church on Sunday, October 11 for making and sending cards to encourage our church family.

Tuesday, October 27 we will have a **3-5th grade craft making fundraiser event**. The children will be picked up from school and we will be making crafts in the Great Hall at the church from 3:00-5:00. These crafts will be sold as a Winter Retreat Fundraiser. Contact Ms. Liz to sign-up for this event.

Ghosts on the Coast is Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm. This year our church will have a booth, so we need candy donations and volunteers to help pass out candy on the day of the event. Candy donations can be dropped off at the Ministry Center, 510 Fourth Street on Monday-Thursday or in the Great Hall on Sunday mornings. See Ms. Liz if you would like to help pass out candy.

First night back for Little Lambs and Kid's Life:



Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



OCTOBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES OVERVIEW:



Many of our favorite movies, from Toy Story to Moana, tell the stories of characters who are on a journey to discover who they are and what they were created to do. The stories in Scripture are like this too, but with one big difference: in the Bible, humans aren't the main characters – God is. In this series, we'll explore the stories of people like Cain and Abel, Elijah, Naomi, Ruth, Esther, and some of the earliest Jesus-followers in order to see that who we are can best be understood in the context of who God is. When we discover who our Creator is, we can better understand who we were created to be. Because of who God is, we can trust how God has made us, we can do difficult things, we can embrace the unknown, and we can take risks for others.

WEDNESDAYS 5:30 -7: 30 PM STAC House. Youth will be at the FUMC Pumpkin Patch when it opens. We will have dinner and lesson and work in the Pumpkin Patch

EVERY SUNDAY 10 - 11 AM In Person Worship Service

CONFIRMATION – For those who already took the majority of the classes in the Winter of 2019, we will have a recap, personal interviews with Geoffrey and finish up with a one day retreat, Bonfire and cook out. I will be sending out a schedule and we will set up the one on one interviews as well.

SUNDAY FUNDAY Be on the lookout for Sunday Funday Activities that will be planned several Sunday afternoons.

If you ever need anything, please call me at 850.340.278 or e-mail lynn@psjumc.org

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts



WOW! It is hard to believe FALL is here! From singing to animals to carving pumpkins, OCTOBER is sure to be a month of BLESSINGS! FUMC PSJ has several guest musical artists with us this month, and we could not be more excited! It takes a village, and we ARE that village. From the 850 and around, I am blessed to have so much love, support, and service from so many in this amazing community.

Let's Worship and Give Thanks for a Beautiful Fall Season!
With Great Thanks and Prayer, Paul Brown.

BLESSING OF THE BEASTS Join us Sunday, October 4 at 4 pm near the steps for the blessing of our dear animals, and community singing of All CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING. 10/4/2020.

SONGWRITERS SUNDAY! Join us Sunday, October 11 at 10 am in the Great Hall or FB Live for this music filled service! Guest Artists Jerry Sally, John Sutton, and the Bo Spring Band will lead us in a morning of Song and Worship! 10/11/2020.

SPOTLIGHT LOCAL ARTIST Jeremiah Beasley Join us Sunday, October 18 at 10 am for worship lead by local artist Jeremiah Beasley. Between his mother's talent on piano as our staff pianist, and his MONTANA vocals and acoustic soul, you won't want to miss! Let's Celebrate and Worship this LAITY SUNDAY! 10/18/2020.

CHOIR CHIME OPEN REHEARSAL- FALL HALLOWEEN FELLOWSHIP We hope you can join us on Friday, October 30 at 10 am for our Choir Chime Fall-Halloween Fellowship! Enjoy a rehearsal from our chimers and enjoy food, costume, and community! Meet us on the Rotunda! 10/30/2020.

CURRENT ENSEMBLES VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE- Leads FUMC PSJ in Sunday Morning Worship. VAE meets regularly on Saturday mornings, 10 am for rehearsal! Contact Paul Brown at Paul@fumcpsj.org to join !

CHOIR CHIME ENSEMBLE- We are back to ringing! Choir Chimers are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas Services! Come and get a sneak peak on October 30 for our Fall Fellowship!

WORSHIP ARTS! From pre k - 12th grade the ARTS ARE FOR YOU! Join us Wednesday Nights for fall activities of PUMPKIN CARVING & PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECTS, STORY TELLING and MORE!

PRIVATE LESSONS For Voice instruction, and or band instrument lessons please contact Paul Brown at Paul@fumcpsj.org Available IN PERSON and ZOOM! For Piano instruction, please contact Jessica Beasley, staff pianist, at 904-557- 0118.

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00am Morning Prayer	2 9:00am Morning Prayer 9:00am Care Closet reopens	3 10:30am Vocal Arts Ensemble
4 Communion 10:00am Worship Service 4:00pm Blessing of the Pets	5 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Morning Bible Study Charge Conference paperwork deadline	6 9:00am Morning Prayer	7 9:00am Morning Prayer 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	8 9:00am Morning Prayer	9 9:00am Morning Prayer	10 10:30am Vocal Arts Ensemble
11 Songwriters Sunday 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Songwriters Set	12 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Morning Bible Study	13 9:00am Morning Prayer	14 9:00am Morning Prayer 12:00pm GC Recovery Team Board Meeting 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	15 9:00am Morning Prayer	16 9:00am Morning Prayer	17 10:30am Vocal Arts Ensemble
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25 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 10:00am Worship Service	26 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Morning Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council	27 9:00am Morning Prayer 3:00pm Kids' craft making event	28 9:00am Morning Prayer 12:00pm GC Recovery Community Meeting 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Little Lambs 5:30pm Kid's Life 6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	29 9:00am Morning Prayer	30 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Choir Chime Rehearsal & Fall Fellowship	31 10:30am Vocal Arts Ensemble 5:00pm Ghosts on the Coast

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

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

Announcements

Prayer Requests Email 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.

Blessing of the Beasts Sunday, October 4 4pm on the Front Lawn of the Sanctuary.

Pastor's Bible Study 6pm in the Great Hall. We are studying 1, 2, and 3 John. We are reviewing the background information that we attempted to study during the quarantine and dig deep starting in Chapter 3. Bring your Bible and mask. This study will also be available via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85632086834>

Monday Morning Bible Study 10am in the Great Hall. We are studying Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid*. Books will be available for purchase. We will be learning about some of the great fears of people in our society and how to live by faith with courage and hope. We will have guide books available, bring your Bible and a mask. This study will also be available via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87411948141>

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.

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.

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 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



Birthday Celebration Trina Richards will be celebrating her 95th birthday on October 12. Trina's family has asked that her church family "shower" her with cards of congratulations and well wishes.

Trina's address: 7128 Jump Street, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763.



Condolences are extended to the family of Bo Phillips. Bo died September 6.

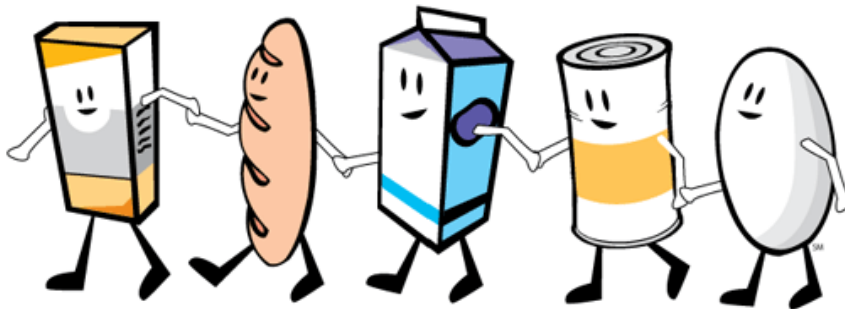
Condolences are extended to Wayne Pate. Wayne's father, Frank Pate, died September 22.



The Care Closet is reopening on a limited basis Friday, October 2nd from 9-4. 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. Until we can be fully staffed with volunteers we will only be opened on Fridays.

We will start accepting donations again on September 28th.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Cathy Cox
at cathystewartcox@gmail.com or call 227-6028.




Blessing Bags Ministry and Two Fish Food Pantry


In March, when Gulf District Schools closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, The Blessing Bags Ministry quickly realized that we needed to adapt to continue to meet the needs of children and families in our community. With help from PSJES administration, generous donors, and many amazing volunteers, we were able to begin home delivery of Blessing Bags within two weeks of school's closing. Since then, we have made bi-weekly deliveries to the homes of 80 children/38 families, and we have partnered with our Two Fish Food Pantry to deliver fresh produce to 25 of those families who live in remote areas of the county. We would like to thank the following volunteers for their commitment to this ministry: Wendy and Bill Reynolds, Paula and Kerigan Pickett, Lynn Marshall, Julie Moore, Erika Norton, Brandy Lister, Heather Burris, Amy Pitts, Lindsay Williams, Judy Williams, Mike and Amy St. John, Alford and Laura Ramsey, Linda BeHage, and Liz, Luke, and Eliza Lentz.


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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