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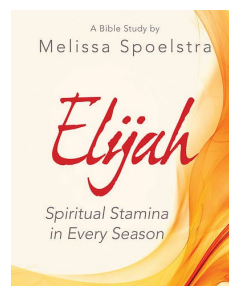
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John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:
Do no harm
Do good
Stay in love with God

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2



LADIES BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS 9:30AM
GREAT HALL



METHODIST MEN'S
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 8:30AM
GREAT HALL



UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22 10AM
GREAT HALL



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 29 10AM
GREAT HALL



Preschool Sunday

Associate Pastor, Britney Toner



Dear Friends -

Welcome to September. We are coming to the close of the summer season and moving into the next southern season: college football season. Watching the games every week gives us something to focus on that is outside of our current situations. It gives us a chance to come together and root for the same team, or come together and jab at our friends who wear the rival colors. College football is a tradition for many of us.

That's the joy of traditions. It is something that we can count on; something that we can come back to time and again. The scores will vary, the players will be different, but the energy is the same. When you call yourself a fan then you are a part of something. You might not be playing on the field, but you are a part of a community.

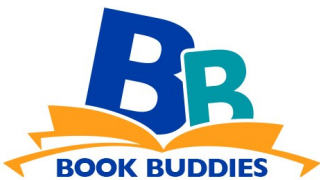
Now, it has been said before that more worship at the altar of football on a Saturday than come worship at the Lord's altar on a Sunday. That is between you and the Lord. But what I want us to think about is this: what does it feel like to be a part of something that draws us in, invites us to cheer together and mourn together, eat chips and salsa together and laugh together?

I don't know if our God is a sport's fan, but I do know that God is inviting all of us to be a part of the team. Maybe you're not one call the plays on a Sunday morning, but there is something all of us can do to be a part of this beloved community of Christ. Even simple acts like turning to someone you don't know and introducing yourself helps to make our team stronger. And a strong team, well a strong team can survive anything together. Thank God!

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Britney Toner
Associate Pastor

Book Buddies Ministry, Ann Tison



Come join the fun and fellowship! We are a group of men and women who volunteer at PSJ Elementary School every Thursday morning. A Book Buddy will listen to one or two students in 3rd grade read and give suggestions and positive reinforcement. Several times a year, we make up goody bags to give to the students. They love the treats and their Book Buddies. This year we begin on Thursday, September 5 at 9:15AM EST in the school office (to sign in).

We really need help – many of our Book Buddies have moved from Port Saint Joe.

I will be in the Lobby after the September 1 church service for more information and to sign up.

Ann Tison 850-227-6450

Liz Lentz, Children's Director

As we begin a new school year Preacher G has reminded us that we're all being called back to school and back to learning. We have created family-friendly programs for our Wednesday evenings by having a place for each family member to belong from 5:00-7:00. In order to accomplish this we have some new additions to our Wednesday evenings. First, we have a new nursery with caring staff for our little ones. We have extended our program for Little Lambs, and they will have some worship arts activities in the coming weeks. For 2nd-6th grade who are not in children's choir we have a hang-time and service activities in the lobby. Finally, we have a new Mom's Group led by Andrea Williams.

- Nursery 5:30-7:00 *NEW nursery next to the kitchen
- Little Lambs (K3-1st grade) 5:30-7:00 *K3-K4 pick up in the new nursery, Kindergarten and 1st pick up in the lobby
- Young Singers or Hang-time (2nd-6th grade) 5:30-6:15, Kids Life 6:15-7:00
- NEW Mom's Group 6:00-7:00 (meet in the lobby)

Wednesday, September 25 is See You at the Pole. Students and families can meet at their school's flagpoles for a time of prayer for our community, nation, and world.

Preschool Sunday is September 29 during our morning worship service. Come see the Methodist Learning Center students sing and see what's they're learning.

See You at the Pole – PSJES is 7:15 and Faith Christian is 8:30, MLC is 9:00.

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



It has been a great first month as the Youth Director! I have started building relationships with the 7th-12th graders and feel that we are going to have an awesome year! We have focused a lot on getting to know each other and I have learned that we have a very diverse group of teens who are all here for the purpose of serving God, helping others and making lasting friendships. We have been playing games and having discussions about each of their hobbies. We have some who love all things music, a few who ride horses, many who play all kinds of sports and some who love yoga and meditation. It is awesome to have a group of unique students! We will be focusing on dealing with Hurt and Pain in September and learning how we can help others as they struggle with different issues.

We have several fun activities coming up as well!

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
September 8	Celebrating Grandparents Day at Cross Shores Nursing Home
September 25	See you at the Pole – National Day of Prayer
Home Football Games	Community Wide Tailgate at Home Football Games 5:30 – Kickoff

Romans 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, **serving** the LORD

Ann Comforter, Music Director

I am so excited for church activities to be back in swing again. I have missed seeing my choir members each week, but I am thankful that they have had a few weeks to regroup and see their families. The church/community children have a golden opportunity this fall. Paul Brown is beginning a high school (grades 7-12) choir with our youth, and they will meet at 6 pm on Mondays in the choir room. Dana Langford will rehearse the Young Singers at 5:30 on Wednesdays. Please encourage your child/grandchild/neighbor to take advantage of these groups. Having spent my entire life as a teacher of music, I have seen many times all of the joy that music can bring to a child. Music also teaches listening skills, group and team cooperation, self-discipline, following directions, and the satisfaction of performance. If your child or grandchild is talented and want something more, Paul will be offering individual voice lessons and Jessica (our choir accompanist) will be offering piano lessons. Contact them if you are interested. The Chancel Choir is alive and well and back in the "choir loft or choir pit" so now is the perfect time to come and join us at 7 pm on Wednesday evening.

Thank you to the Auburn Methodist Church for our new Yamaha MX 88 keyboard. What a wonderful gift that was since we lost ours during the storm.

Until next time ~ Enjoy your September and JOIN A MUSIC CHOIR at the FUM!! Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

We rejoice in the Holy Baptism of Warrick John Alves, son of Jason and Holly Alves on 8-18-19 and the Holy Baptism of Caitlin Michelle Knox and Brantley Cole Knox on 8-25-19. Cole is the son of Coy and Caitlin Knox, grandson of Mike and Tonya Knox and great grandson of Mary Knox and Sara Allen.

Welcome to the newest members of our church family~ Sherry and Larry Poff on 8-25-19. Sherry & Larry are the parents of Caitlin Michelle Knox and grandparents of Brantley Cole Knox.

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Vanesa Ryan and family upon the death of Sara Ryan, Vanesa's mother-in-law on 7-23-19



Jason, John Warrick, and
Holly Alves



Caitlin, Brantley Cole,
and Coy Knox



Sherry and Larry Poff

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	2 Labor Day Holiday	3 10:00AM Staff Meeting 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 7:00PM AA Meeting	4 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 12:00PM Lion's Club 1:00PM Long Range Planning 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st) 5:30PM Young Singers(2nd-6th) 6:00PM Kids' Life 6:00PM Town Hall Meeting 6:00PM Youth 7:00PM Choir Practice	5 7:00PM AA Meeting	6	7 10AM AA Closed Meeting
8 8:30AM Men's Club 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	9 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Youth Choir 7:00PM ACA	10 10:00AM Staff Meeting 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 12:00PM Strong Women Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting	11 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 10:00AM Prayer Shawl 12:00PM Lion's Club 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	12 12:00PM Recovery Team Meeting (12-3) 7:00PM AA Meeting	13	14 10AM AA Closed Meeting
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22 UMW Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	23 First Day of Fall 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Youth Choir 7:00PM ACA *Newsletter Deadline	24 10:00AM Staff Meeting 10:00AM AWFC UMCOR (10-4) 12:00PM Strong Women Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting	25 9:00AM See You at the Pole- MLC 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	26 9:00AM PSJ Chamber Event (9-12) 10AM Staff R/R/R (10-12) 12:00PM Recovery Team Meeting (12-3) 7:00PM AA Meeting	27 PSJ Home- coming Parade & Game	28 10AM AA Closed Meeting
29 Preschool Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	30 9:30AM Christian Believer Class 1:00PM Bridge 6:00PM Youth Choir 7:00PM ACA					

Happy Birthday!
1st Chelsea Flanagan
Geoffrey Lentz
Danice Tyson
Mazie Stone
2nd Cindy Johnson
George Kelley
Jim McGlone
Cameron Smith
Janie Aubrey
3rd David Ashbrook
5th-Henry Balogh
Sara Beasley Flowers
6th-Eddie Creamer
7th-Roy Smith
9th-Bob Rinehart
10thLynn Marshall
Michael Keller
11thVicki Abrams
Michelle Waltz

12th Tony Beard
Jaden Grantland
13thMargaret Roberson
14th Julia Chrencik
Sylvia Guidry
Anna Till
Lee Wiley
15thAlex Flanagan
16thLeisa Pickett
17thHarold Mathis
Andy Smith
Eric Davis
18thPhyllis Altstaetter
Kayla Dailey
18thDean Stevens
Lila Rentfro
Stephanie Beard
19thCarla May
20thJason Shoaf
Hannah Simpson

21st Mike Barrett
William Leverett
Charlie Norton
22ndVictoria Kinlaw
Jacob Kennedy
Gena Loseto
23rd Kelsie Avent
Luke Gould
24thChaes Tharpe
Carol Cathey
Ryenne Wich
Noah Wich
26thLindsay Furr
27thLinda Jackson
Scott Smith
28thPaula Pickett
Robert Ramsey
Chuck Guilford
29thJohn Miller
Bob Berry
30thGarrett Avent

Happy Anniversary!
5th Joe & Stephanie Rentfro
9th Steve & Dosie Brightwell
12th Jim & Marty Spence
13th Benny & Ann Roberts
14th Fred & Lyn Willis
16th John & Bernadette Nagy
20th Angelo & Susan Jardina
27th Jason & Ashley Shoaf
29th Al & Donna Ray

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.

Ladies Bible Study *Elijah...Spiritual Stamina* is beginning on Wednesdays September 4-October 16 9:30-11AM. Everyone welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors! Study books are \$15.00 and are located in the church office.

Pastor's Bible Study Starting on September 11, Pastor Britney Toner will lead an exciting study of the Book of Judges. This dramatic and often scary book is a perfect aid to help us in our own time where "each one does what is right in one's own eyes." Come and be a part of this special Bible Study that Rev. Toner will prepare and present as part of her ordination requirements.

Housing Resource Fair Need information on home loans, housing programs, support with weatherization, home repair or utilities? Free and open to individuals and families from all communities. Saturday, September 14 9:00AM-4:00PM Centennial Hall 300 Allen Memorial Way Port St. Joe. Kid friendly & free food.

Attendee Contact Information The church is undergoing an effort to update contact information in its database. For the next few Sundays and during Wednesday night dinners, we will be providing the master log in the Great Hall and lobby. Please take a moment to check your information and make updates if needed. Please initial the log by your profile with or without changes so we are aware that you have reviewed and confirmed data. You may also email diann@psjunc.org with each name for your family profile, current address, current phone number(s), preferred family email address, and an indication which family members are members of our church.

Nursery worker or volunteers needed for Wednesday morning Bible study. Contact Liz Lentz if you can help 850-549-8929.

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Methodist Men's Breakfast Sunday, September 8 8:30AM in the Great Hall. All men invited to attend.

Blessing Bags Ministry has begun and as always donations of food items on the list are welcome. Items can be dropped off in the Church Lobby. Please contact Ena Norton for list of food items.

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.

The Care Closet is need of local volunteers on store days to help at the check out counter. The shifts are Thursdays and Fridays 9 - 12:30 and 12:30-4, and Saturdays 9-12:00.If you would like to be part of our fun team please contact Cathy Cox at 227-6028 or cathy-stewartcox@gmail.com.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) 7PM 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.

For help with addiction problems (drugs/alcohol) call Mark4Ministries (Steve Brightwell) 412-716-0426.

Caregivers Support Group 1PM fourth Tuesday of each month. All people in need of support are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the Senior Citizen's Center until renovations are completed at the church.

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. September meetings: 9/10 and 9/24.

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

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

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 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, September 4	Menu: Chicken Salad, Croissant, Fruit	Servers: O Bay Class
Wednesday, September 11	Menu: Tacos, Black Beans, Corn, Dessert	Servers: Youth
Wednesday, September 18	Menu: Pork Chops, Squash Casserole, Lima Beans	Servers: Alpha Class
Wednesday, September 25	Menu: Chicken and Rice, Black Eye Peas, Dessert	Servers: Volunteers



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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 way 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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