



Matthew 5:13

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE



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

PSJ SCALLOP FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 4-5
GEORGE CORE PARK

ANNUAL
Scallop Festival

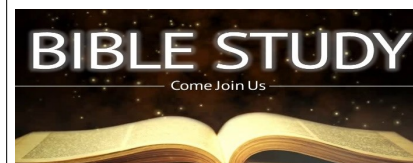


Port St. Joe, Florida

LABOR DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY-
GALATIANS
WEDNESDAYS 6PM
GREAT HALL



SEE YOU AT THE POLE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
7:30AM PSJES & PSJHS



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,



The Teacher in Ecclesiastes says that there is a season for everything: A time to tear down and a time to build up. For us — both times are coming soon. The church has approved the demolition of the Sanctuary and Education wings of the church and chosen a contractor through a bidding process to do the work, which will begin on September 13. There will be several weeks of asbestos and lead abatement before the demolition will take place. We plan to hold a service of some kind near the demolition date to help our community grieve the loss of such a sacred place. Since around 1950 our community has had its most sacred moments there and since hurricane Michael we have been grieving this loss.

The good news is that we are finalizing a beautiful new church plan to go in the original spot that incorporates the original architectural themes and beauty. Around the same time as demolition, our new project should go out to bid with the rebuilding of our church following in the months to come. So many people have worked so hard to get us to where we are. I am thankful for the Building Committee and their hard work and our FEMA Administrator Dr. Karl Burgher's relentless pursuit of our FEMA grant and insurance settlement. We are a blessed people. We have been through a difficult season of destruction and sickness, but seasons change. They always do. And I believe that a new season of growth and life is just around the corner.

Peace of Christ,

Geoffrey

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES



A Study on Galatians

Spiritual Fruits for Transformational Living

Pastor's Bible Study

Starting September 8th

in the Great Hall

Wednesdays at 6:00pm EST



Liz Lentz, Children's Director



Children's Ministry

Sunday School for all ages! Join us for Sunday School at 11:00.

- infants-preschool in the nursery
- kindergarten-5th grade in the hallway in front of the church kitchen

Little Lambs and Kids Life meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00. We meet at the Methodist Learning Center, 218 Long Avenue (across from St. Joe Gas). Snack supper is provided for all children for \$3.

You Version Bible App Plan for Parents: Join other parents virtually in a study titled *Imperfect Parenting* a 6-day study on the You Version Bible App. Download app and contact Liz Lentz to join the group. September 19-24th

See you at the Pole is Wednesday, September 22 before school. The students will lead a time of worship and prayer at the school flag pole at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

Lynn Marshall, Youth Director



SEPTEMBER SERIES Have you ever wished you had a little bit more power — or influence — or control? Whether you dream about ruling the world or just wish you could get a little respect once in a while, the desire to be in charge is something we've all experienced. But in this 4-week series, we'll hear about a few kings from the Bible whose stories show us power isn't always easy to yield. Through their failures and successes, we'll discover that **when you make mistakes**, God can help make things right; **when you think you know best**, be humble instead; **when you're not sure who to listen to**, ask God for guidance; and **when obedience is difficult**, stay close to Jesus.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Church Service — I would like to invite all youth to our service at 10 am every Sunday and Sunday School at 11 AM!

Wednesday Night Youth Supper and Youth — 5:30 -7:30 STAC House



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE YOUTH WHO HELPED MOVE
BLUE SKIES SUPPLIES!



SUMMER CAMP 5K!

Paul Brown, Director of Music and Worship Arts



PAINTING

PHOTOGRAPHY

DANCE

MUSIC

ACTING

Let us worship the Lord our God! Join us for Sunday morning worship September 5th, 12th, 19th, and the 26th!

We welcome Carolyn Allen to the Choir and Melanie Martin to Bell Choir! We are blessed and lifted by your presence and wonderful service!

The Forgotten Coast Young Singers are singing their way to their first offertory service, October the 3rd, FUMC PSJ. Join us for weekly rehearsals! Wednesdays- Ministry Center- 4-5:15 p.m. followed by Little Lambs, Kids Life, and Youth Group. Transportation is provided to all activities from Young Singers.

We are excited to welcome back our Bell Choir this Sunday, September 5th! Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, 1 p.m. - Great Hall.

Come and sing with us on Thursday nights, 6 p.m. - Great Hall! We are blessed to sing in our worship ensemble as we continue to navigate through the pandemic. From classical literature to contemporary music, there is room for you and your voice!

The Bay Area Community Chorus opening rehearsal is on Tuesday September 21st, Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola. This community chorus is comprised of members from Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Cape San Blas, Indian Pass, Apalachicola, East Point, and more. Transportation is provided to rehearsals from FUMC PSJ via bus - 5:20 p.m. We invite you to join us as we prepare for an exciting Christmas Concert, featuring Jazz Artist, Singer Songwriter- Rachel Hillman, and Bob Malone, renowned Pianist and Composer.

We would love for you to join us in our ensembles! Bell Choir, Chancel Choir- Vocal Arts, Young Singers, Bay Area Choral. There is a space for you!

Director of Music

Paul Brown

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Methodist Learning Center: 218 Long Avenue

Monument House (church annex): 1007 Monument Avenue

Methodist Care Closet: 214 Williams Avenue

Two Fish Food Market: 212 Williams Avenue

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy Birthday, Geoffrey! 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	2 6:00pm Choir Practice	3	4 Scallop & Music Festival-George Core Park Sept 4-5
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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
 Bill Brown
 9th- Bob Rinehart
 10th- Lynn Marshall
 Michael Keller
 11th- Vicki Abrams
 12th - Tony Beard
 Jaden Grantland
 13th- Margaret Roberson

14th- Julia Chrencik
 Sylvia Guidry
 Anna Till
 Lee Wiley
 15th- Alex Flanagan
 16th- Leisa Pickett
 17th- Harold Mathis
 Andy Smith
 Eric Davis
 18th - Phyllis Altstaetter
 Kayla Dailey
 18th- Dean Stevens
 Lila Rentfro
 Stephanie Beard
 19th - Carla May
 20th- Jason Shoaf
 Hannah Simpson
 21st - Mike Barrett
 William Leverett
 Charlie Norton
 22nd- Victoria Kinlaw
 Jacob Kennedy
 Gena Loseto
 23rd - Kelsie Avent
 Luke Gould

24th- Chaes Tharpe
 Carol Cathey
 Ryenne Wich
 Noah Wich
 26th- Lindsay Furr
 27th- Linda Jackson
 Scott Smith
 28th- Paula Pickett
 Robert Ramsey
 Chuck Guilford
 29th- John Miller
 Bob Berry
 30th- Garrett Avent

Happy Anniversary:

5th- Joe & Stephanie Rentfro
 12th- Jim & Marty Spence
 13th- Benny & Ann Roberts
 14th- Frank & Carol Weber
 Fred & Lyn Willis
 16th- John & Bernadette Nagy
 20th- Angelo & Susan Jardina
 27th- Jason & Ashley Shoaf
 29th- Al & Donna Ray

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

Announcements

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

The 11 o'clock Senior Sunday School Class has decided to continue the name Pridgeon-Rish. Approximately half of our current membership were members of that longtime class at our church. We also use the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies quarterly and utilize a teaching rotation, both of which Pridgeon-Rish used. Join us in continuing the great legacy that was Pridgeon-Rish at FUMC/PSJ. We meet in the SW corner of the Great Hall.

Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30-6:00pm in the Great Hall.

UMW Our United Methodist Women's Unit has been inactive since March of 2020 due to Covid. Normally we do not meet during the summer. In the fall, if we are to become active once again we will need some women to step forward to lead this effort. Several of our Executives Board Members have resigned. I will no longer be able to serve as President due to my responsibilities at the Care Closet. Most of the Board members are still willing to be active members we just need some other women to step forward to take leadership roles. If this is a mission you have a heart for please give this matter prayerful consideration. If you would like further information please call me at 850-227-6028 (Cathy Cox).

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.

Pastoral Care



We rejoice in the Holy Baptisms of:

William Levi Tusing, Lillian Rae Martin, and Kaelyn Julia Martin on August 8
Marshall Wayne Whitfield, Lindsay Lee Carnes, and Benjamin Austin Carnes on August 15

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 needs you or someone you know may have.

FUMC Pastoral Care College Ministry Chairperson is Carla May 850-227-5512 or carla091962@hotmail.com. FUMC College Ministry is an outreach program of our church Pastoral Care Committee. In this program, each college student is assigned a sponsor/volunteer member of our congregation, who will keep in touch with their assigned college student throughout the school year. These volunteer/sponsors will send greeting cards, church-supplied gift cards, and will be an additional source of encouragement for the college students. If you would like to volunteer, are currently attending college, or will attend college in the fall and would like to participate in FUMC College Ministry, please contact Carla May.

Vicki Abrams, Methodist Caring Ministries



Book Buddies Volunteers: The new school year has started and Port St Joe Elementary Principal Mr. McFarland and host fourth grade classroom teacher, Mrs. Glass, are ready for **Book Buddies** to return to listen and read with one or two students for one hour per week. Through this reading and listening time with students, Book Buddies are able to form friendships and become informal mentors. They are also able to share a hobby, song, activity or a special book. Book Buddies also bring joy to their students at special holidays and end of school year.

Please take the first step to make a difference in a child's life by calling Amy St. John at 360-280-1167 (cell). You never know what impact you may have in a child's life or fun you will have. Target date to start is the week of September 20, 2021. Since Mrs. Glass's retirement year let's make it fun!

Blessing Bags The Methodist Caring Ministries is excited to announce that beginning the week of August 30, our Blessing Bag Volunteers will pack and delivery Blessing Bags to students at Port St Joe Elementary School and Port St. Joe Middle/High School. This is a wonderful partnership between Gulf District Schools and First United Methodist Church. I want to say a special thanks to Lindsay Williams, PSJES who serves as the liaison between FUMCPSJ and Gulf District Schools.

Two Fish Food Market As of August 30, Two Fish Food market is serving 169 families living in Gulf County, including several families who live in Mexico Beach. This Ministry continues to be a blessing to our community and to our Volunteers. I want to thank our Church congregation for their generous gifts. If you would like to be a part of this fun and beneficial ministry, please contact Loretta Costin or Vicki Abrams.

Methodist Care Closet



Our Ministry is need of Volunteers. We have a core group of very faithful workers but we really need more and particularly people who perhaps can not commit to a regular schedule but who would be willing to work as substitutes when needed.

Our donations have remained very steady but two of our more popular items — purses and costume jewelry — are in short supply.

The Care Closet is located at 214 Williams Avenue and is open Thursday-Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-1pm.

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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