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FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE

Class of 2019

*Congratulations
Port Saint Joe High School
Class of 2019:*

*Alyson Antilla
Joel Bogaert
Katie Dykes
Jaden Grantland
Jacob Kennedy*

*Please join us in celebrating our seniors
during the May 19 service, and after-
ward at a reception in the Great Hall.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MAY 5 8AM
GREAT HALL



MOTHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 12



Mother's Day

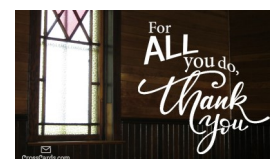
MUFFINS FOR MOMS
SUNDAY, MAY 12 9-10AM
DOWNSTAIRS LOBBY



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
MAY 19 10AM



FUMC STAFF
APPRECIATION SUNDAY
MAY 26 10AM



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, MAY 27



Associate Pastor, Britney Toner

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!



Hopefully in your head you shouted "He is risen indeed!" This is our proclamation and our joy in this new season of the church. Lent doesn't just mark the end of fasting and repentance; it also is a time that ushers us into feasting. The Easter season is fifty days of celebration!

But, what are we celebrating?
Eating chocolate again.
Ending of cold weather.
Something about new life.
All of the above.

Correct! D; all of the above! Easter is a time of celebrating many things. Nothing tasted quite as magnificent as the Reese's Egg I would eat on Easter morning after giving up chocolate for Lent. April especially was filled with windy and unpredictable weather, turning Egg Hunt picnics into indoor chaos. But yes, there is something about new life.

The stripped altar of the Black Friday service reminded us that our Lord was stripped of all dignity and died a criminal's death, sacrificing ultimate purity for our ultimate redemption. The white on the altar of Easter celebrates not just that sacrifice, but that not even the grave could keep Jesus Christ. Our God is conqueror of all and is alive! Our God, the definition of perfect love, is offering us new life. We are an "Easter people," believing that there is no person nor situation beyond the resurrection power of our God. Our God was alive in the garden that Easter morning and is alive with us now. Celebrate!

*Because he lives
I can face tomorrow
Because he lives
All fear is gone
Because I know he holds the future
My life is worth the living just because he lives*

This Easter hymn is one that offers hope. Somedays it might feel like a proclamation of state, and other days it might feel more like a prayer. One thing we can be certain of is that our God is alive, we are alive, and there is new life worth celebrating. We only need to look.

Blessings,

Pastor Britney

May Meetings Schedule:

Building Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 14 6:00-7:30PM in the Great Hall.

SPR Meeting Sunday, May 19 11AM in the Choir Room.

Julie Hodges, Youth Director



Wednesday, May 1st: Regular Youth (meet in the lobby)
5:30pm Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

Wednesday, May 8th: Regular Youth (meet in the lobby)
6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

Wednesday, May 22nd: End of Year Celebration – smaller Windmark Pool
If you need a ride, let me know, otherwise meet at the pool
5:30 to 7pm Bring \$5 to cover pizza, drinks, and dessert

Special Sundays:

May 12th – Youth will pass out flowers to all of the women of our church

May 19th – Graduation Service @ 10am and cake afterwards in the lobby

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“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

I leave this month as the youth director to focus more on my teaching career, however I will continue to be a member and volunteer of our church. I’ve had the pleasure of teaching many of the youth from the time they were in the first grade and look forward to continuing to teach them in my art classes at the high school. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve the youth of FUMC these past three years.

Yours faithfully,
Julie Hodges

Krystal Terry, Children’s Director



I can’t believe we are already in the month of May! This year has flown by! Though our church has been through some very hard times, our children’s group has stayed strong! We are so #blessed! As we wind down this school year, please mark these important dates on your calendars.

Wednesday, May 8th: Regular Little Lambs and Kid’s Life...special night of fun and fellowship!
Little Lambs (5:30-6:15) Kid’s Life (6:15-7:15)

Sunday, May 12th: Mother’s Day- Muffins for Moms hosted by FUMC children at 9:00 in the Lobby.

Wednesday, May 22nd: End of the Year Pool Party at Windmark Phase 2 Pool (5:00-7:00)
This is for all Little Lambs and Kid’s Lifers, Parents are invited to attend

Sunday, May 26th: Ms. Krystal’s last day

June 24th-28th: Vacation Bible School from 9:00-12:00

July 22nd-27th: Blue Lake Summer Camp

Ann Comforter, Music Director

I just want to take a few minutes to say THANK YOU to the First United Methodist Church for an amazing April. I guess I should say "people," but it's the people who make our Church so amazing. The music of April was incredible with chancel choir soloists sharing their talents during the communion time in addition to our regular anthems. We were able to enjoy our Young Singers, Bay Area Choral Society and the Chancel Choir.

I love HOLY WEEK noon services. We heard some amazing preachers speak and share their thoughts, and it was very good to see and visit with friends from other churches. Sharing lunch with our community friends is always special to me. None of this could take place without our VOLUNTEERS who stepped in to help with anything that needed to be done. Personally, I'd like to say a big thank you to our Chancel Choir members and soloists Jessica Beasley, Paul Brown, Neldys Crespo, Tamara Flowers, Mike Giere, Dana Langford, and Sandy McInnis for always saying "yes" when I need something. We have heard for years that it "takes a village" to raise a child. I can say that "it takes a village" to have a Church and we have a Church. We have a wonderful Church that is filled with LOVE and special people who care about each other and want to help. We all have a place, no matter how "small" we think it is. You never know what someone may be going through and a simple "hello" can make someone's day.

We are so blessed in so many ways. Love and Blessings to you all, and May GOD Bless the music of the Church and all who love it.

Until next time--- HAPPY MAY.

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Condolences are extended to Joel Norred upon the death of his niece, Brandis Paul, 5/1/19.

Please welcome our newest members!

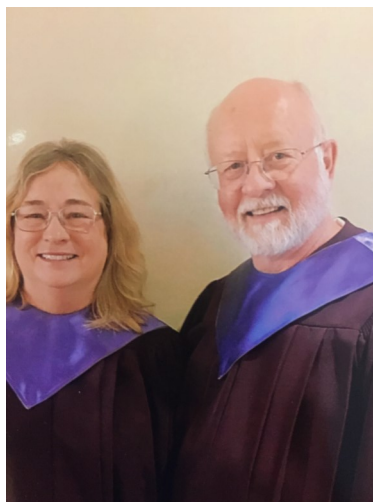
David and Trish Warriner joined Sunday, April 7.

Ed Grimes and Annette Henry Joined Sunday, April 7.

Tom Buttram joined Sunday, April 28.



Trish and David Warriner



Annette Henry and Ed Grimes



Tom Buttram

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29 9:30AM Disciple Class 1:00PM Bridge 5:00PM SPR Meeting	30 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 11:30AM FEMA Rebuild Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	1 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs 5:30PM Young Singers 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 6:15PM Kid's Life (1st-5th) 7:00PM Choir Practice	2 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 7:00PM AA Meeting	3	4 10AM AA Closed Meeting 7PM 8th Grade Dance
5 8:00AM Men's Club 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	6 9:30AM Disciple Class 1:00PM Bridge 3:00PM Staff Meeting	7 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 11:30AM FEMA Rebuild Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	8 10:00AM Prayer Shawl 5:00PM Fellowship Dinner 5:30PM Little Lambs 5:30PM Young Singers 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00PM Youth 6:15PM Kid's Life (1st-5th) 7:00PM Choir Practice	9 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 3:00PM Strong Women's Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting	10	11 10AM AA Closed Meeting
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00AM Muffins for Moms 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	13 9:30AM Disciple Class 1:00PM Bridge 3:00PM Staff Meeting	14 8:00AM Garden Club District Meeting 11:30AM FEMA Rebuild Meeting 6:00PM Rebuild Committee Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	15 7:00PM Choir Practice	16 6:00PM MLC Graduation (Garden Club) 7:00PM AA Meeting	17	18 10AM AA Closed Meeting 10AM Bridal Shower
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26 CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY APPRECIATION SUNDAY 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Church Service 11:00AM Sunday School	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 11:30AM FEMA Rebuild Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	29 9:00AM Band Fitness 10:15AM Chair Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 6:00PM Chancel Choir	30 8:00AM-5:00PM Great Hall reserved for private function 7:00PM AA Meeting	31	

Happy Birthday!

- Catie Beth Bulger
Stan Roberson
Deborah Tuttle
Pam Perrin
- Don Washabaugh
Boyd Pickett
Ashley Shoaf
- Chris Black
Ann Comforter
Colby Burke
- Al Ray
- Dana Langford
- Donna Thompson
Tim Kerigan
- Billy Wayne Harris
Nancy Smith
Debi Taylor
Jacob Gentry
Rick Youngblood
Maggie Shoaf

- Bonnie Carrete
- Matthew Berry
- Marv Gnagey
- Joseph Kerigan
- Becky Black
Dawn Hennington
- Kevin Barnes
Charlie Lanford
Desmond Webb
- Chad Thompson
Finley Taunton
- Mike Davis
Eleanor Shoaf
Aaron Farnsley
- Maya Barnes
Walt Williams
- Becky Belin McDaniel
Ken Hicks
- Ed Franklin
Angelo Jardina

- Joy Ashbrook
Leah Richmond
Michelle Perrin Childs
- Bill Norton
Victor LaFerre
Erika Balogh
- Alford Ramsey
Joel Norred
- Ena Norton
- Perry Adkison
Kendall Hicks
- Jordan Dailey
Jacob Jones
Bobby Wiley

Happy Anniversary!

- David & Marjorie May
- David & Joy Ashbrook
- Glenn & Linda Elders
John & Sandra McInnis
- Joe Sieber & Julie Coleman
- Bruce & Judy Thesenga
- Coy & Caitlin Knox
- Phil & Janet Lanford
- Bill & Linda McGlothlin
- Greg & Brenda Woodard
- Bill & Karen Stewart
- Joe & Barbara Parrilla
Danny & Janis Tankersley
- Joel & Susan Norred
Mike & Tonya Knox

SPR Meeting Sunday, May 12 11AM in the Choir Room.

REBUILD Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 14 6PM in the Great Hall.

May 8 will be our last Wednesday Night Dinner and regularly scheduled Wednesday night programs until August 14. Choir will continue to meet at 7PM.

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day- Muffins for Moms hosted by FUMC children at 9:00 in the Lobby

Sunday, May 26 we will be celebrate the careers of our Youth Director, Julie Hodges and our Children's Director, Krystal Terry with light refreshments after the 10AM service.

Church Job Openings-Think you might be interested in working at this wonderful Church or know of someone who might? We have several positions coming open: Director of Children's Ministry, Director of Youth Ministry, Church Architect, and Financial Manager. Bill Brown has the details to include Job Descriptions. His cell number is 850-637-5491 and email is wbrown3d@cox.net.

VBS-It's that time to start thinking about VBS again! This year we will be discovering where God's love can take us in our Mission to Mars and Beyond! The dates for VBS are June 24-28 from 9:00-12:00. As you know, it takes a village to host VBS so we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering any during that week, please contact Krystal at the church or email krystal@psjumc.org. Also, check out the list of supplies that can be donated on the table by the elevator. Thanks for your help!

Spring to Summer Fitness Classes in the Great Hall: The Band Class begins at 9:00AM sharp and go till 10AM - please arrive a bit early to get situated (find a band, a mat, block and stretch your calves - a carpet sample if you want one) Chair Class 10:15-11AM on the Rotunda. Yoga Class is held 10:15-11:15AM. All Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Strong Women's Support Group - Dr. Pamela Valentine, a therapist from Tallahassee with specialization in women's trauma, will come to the Great Hall on the second and fourth Thursday of May from 3-5PM to discuss topics related to trauma. For more information, email Pastor Britney at brtiney@psjumc.org. Dates: 5/9 and 5/23.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous 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 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 10AM in the Great Hall. Beginners are welcome to join.

Next Methodist Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, May 5 at 8AM in the Great Hall.

*Open Minds
Open Hearts
Open Doors*

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)



Wednesday Night Dinner



Dinner begins at 5:00PM. Donations are welcome.

Wednesday, May 1 Menu: Chicken Salad Croissant, Fruit, Dessert

Servers: O Bay Class

Wednesday, May 8 Menu: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Servers: Youth

Wednesday Night Dinners will resume in August





5:00PM Fellowship Dinner (Great Hall)
5:30PM Young Singers (Choir Room)
5:30PM Little Lambs (Monument Room)
6:00PM Kids Life (Monument Room)
6:00PM Youth (Constitution Room)
6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study (Great Hall)
7:00PM Choir Practice (Great Hall)


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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Sunday Schedule

9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

11:00AM Sunday School

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