



## Beginning August 22:

- 5:15PM Fellowship Dinner
- 5:30PM Little Lambs (K3-1st)
- 5:30PM Young Singers (2nd-5th)
- 6:00PM Kid's Life
- 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:00PM Youth
- 7:00PM Choir Practice

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### John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

*Do no harm*  
*Do good*  
*Stay in love with God*

METHODIST MEN MEETING &  
BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 8AM  
GREAT HALL



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12



PSJ SCHOOLS RESUME  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 6PM  
GREAT HALL



## Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,



As we go back to school, in Pastor's Bible Study we will be studying the Book of James. While traditionally called an 'epistle' or letter, scholars note that its true Biblical genre is wisdom literature. This means that it has more in common with Proverbs than with 1 Corinthians. In James, we find little narrative or applications to specific problems, instead we find universal advice on how to stay humble, to watch what we say, and to not show favoritism. What we have in James is a collection of Christian proverbs meant to give us all help in navigating the troubled waters of life.

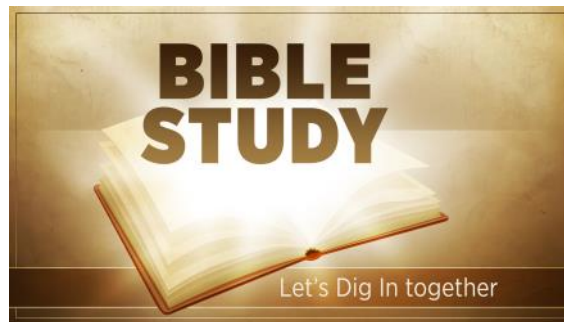
The whole genre of wisdom literature in scripture is a helpful corrective in our Information Age. We have all the knowledge of the world available at our fingertips. We even have Siri and Alexis to respond to our vocal inquiries! We have access to more knowledge than any people in human history, but what has it gotten us? In our Information Age, we have a wisdom deficit. Wisdom and knowledge are not the same thing. Knowledge is about *information*, but wisdom is about *formation*. Knowledge answers the questions of 'what' and 'when', while wisdom answers 'how' and 'why.'

As we go back to school this month, let us recommit to learning. There is a lot of information that we must learn, but let us focus more on wisdom—God's wisdom. As Jesus' little brother says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you (James 1:5)." I am making that my prayer.

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey



### Pastor's Bible Study: James

Starting on August 22, we will be studying the Epistle of James. This little book that is attributed to Jesus's little brother is the most controversial book of the Bible. Martin Luther, the great reformer, said that it was an "epistle of straw" (not a complement). However, John Wesley, the original Methodist, loved this book of the Bible and found it to be the most practical book of the New Testament. While studying this book, we will find what may be the earliest written account of Jesus and his wisdom on watching our tongues, admonitions to not just have faith but works, and other great words of wisdom that the church has cherished for over 2,000 years. You won't want to miss this opportunity to dig deep into Holy God's Word.

## Krystal Terry, Children's Director



What a wonderful summer it has been with our Children's Ministries! We have been super busy this summer with VBS, Wacky Wednesdays, and Summer Camp! Now it's time to start this school year with a bang! We have many programs to offer for children of all ages and we want you to be a part!

**Back to School Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at both services.**

-Children in all grades bring your backpacks to be prayed over.

**Back to School Bash: Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30**

-Children in grades K4-6<sup>th</sup>, join us for a night of food, fun, and fellowship as we kick off this school year with Jesus in our hearts. We will have a bouncy, and ice cream bar, games, music, face painting and more! You won't want to miss!

**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Sprouts/ Grades PreK4-2<sup>nd</sup> after school (Bus will pick up from both schools)**

**Regular Wednesday Night Activities Begin: Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Wednesday Night Dinners at 5:30
- Little Lambs: Grades PreK4-1<sup>st</sup> (5:30-6:15)
- Kid's Life: Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (6:15-7:15)

**1<sup>st</sup> Day of Truth Walkers/Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> after school (Bus will pick up from both schools)**

**His Kids:** Children in grades PreK-6<sup>th</sup> join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 for a high energy children's worship service. Breakfast snacks are served! Children don't forget your Bibles!

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## Julie Hodges, Youth Director



**Proud to be a United Methodist:**

*"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. . . You must love your neighbor as you love yourself"*  
- Luke 10:27

*"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."* - John Wesley

This has been a summer rooted in missions and service for our youth. They've acted as disciples of Jesus and as ambassadors of our church. Throughout their various activities and projects, I've witness some positive changes in these young people such as healed relationships, the desire to grow in their relationship with our God, and their faithfulness in doing good works. I see this upcoming school year as a new start/ new beginning for many of our students.

I hope you will join us Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at either service (9am or 11am) to hear the youth share their stories of service and faith as they walk you through their video presentation and stand before you to share their summer testimonies.

**Upcoming youth opportunities:**

**Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** - 9am and 11am Blessing of the Backpacks (this is for all students and teachers)

**Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** - Children's ministry Back to School Bash (we need all the youth to help with this event)

**Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** - 9am and 11am Youth Summer Presentation

**Sunday Fun day** (Mystery Day . . . details closer to date.)

**Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Welcome Back Night (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) 5:30pm

**Hungry Howie's Personal Pizza Dinner** served weekly in the youth room, 6:00pm until 7:15pm

**Youth Group**

## Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Welcome to our two newest church members who joined July 15th at the 11:00 service: John Michael and Ada Amelia St. John! Please look for them around church and help make them feel a part of our wonderful, growing First United Methodist Church family.

Our condolences are extended to Pat Lowrey upon the death of her mother, Gladys Edwards 7-7-18; to Earl Ledbetter upon the death of his wife, Karen Ledbetter 7-23-18; to Lisa Mullis upon the death of her husband, Chad Mullis 7-24-18; and to Ann Comforter upon the death of her cousin, Carolyn Weatherly 7-28-18.



Mike & Amy St. John

## The Care Closet, Vic LaFerle



The Care Closet had a great 2nd quarter in 2018. We had sales of \$6,515. This brings our total sales CY1997 thru the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018 to \$313,466. After operating expenses in the 2nd quarter of 2018 we made a net profit of \$3,695 This brings our total profit from CY 1997 thru the 2nd quarter of 2018 to \$208,512. (See Financial Statement below). We were able to donate \$202,824 or 97.2 % of our profit back to our community or Church for many worthwhile community mission projects and the individual needs of the people of our community. I was not only impressed by the fact that the Care Closet was able to donate \$202,824 but to who and where the donations were made to.

A breakdown of the donations is as follows:

Description	Amount	Percentage
Our Community	\$126,545	62.4%
Our Church	\$ 45,129	22.2%
Sub Total	\$171,674	84.6%
Our Conference	\$ 31,150	15.4 %
Total Donations	\$ 202,824	100%

As you can see by the above a very impressive \$171,674 or 84% of all donations made by the Care Closet were donated back to our local Church or our community.

The \$313,466 in sales thru the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2018 equates to over 800,000 items of donated clothing sold or given away at no cost. We currently are receiving over 1,400 items of clothing donations each week. We can't thank the people of our community enough for their unbelievable support we receive from them in donating clothing each week.

The main reason the Care Closet has been such an outstanding success in the past and will continue to be in the future is because of a small group of dedicated people from our church and community who have given so unselfishly of their time and effort in supporting the Care Closet. They are the driving force that makes the Care Closet mission and outreach program such an outstanding success.

### Care Closet Financial Statement

	Total CY1997 thru 2nd Quarter	Total CY 1997 thru 1st Qtr 2018	2018 2nd Qtr 2018
Income Sales	\$306,951	\$6,515	\$313,466
Operating Expense	102,134	2,820	104,954
Net Profit	204,817	3,695	208,512
Donations	199,674	3,150	202,824
Donations % of profit	97.5%	85.3%	97.2%
Total Expense & Donations	301,808	5,970	307,778
Net Balance	\$ 5,143	\$ 545	\$ 5,688

**United Methodist Men**  
**UNITED METHODIST**  
**MEN**

All men of the church August 5 will kick off our 2018-2019 year! Service to our God is through our devotion/service to our family, church, & community. Through these things we can fulfill the Great Commission of "Making Disciples." Come help the men (young and old ) in their attempt to do this! BREAKFAST 8AM AUGUST 5!

Skip Griffies "We Need You"

**Sunday School**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00-10:45AM:**

- His Kids Children's Class** ages 4 – 5th grade-children's room (fellowship hall)
- Revive Youth Class** 6th-12th grades – youth room (fellowship hall)
- Alpha Adult Class** – Upstairs Room 1 – They cover a different topic each week. No homework!
- Oh Bay Adult Class** – Upstairs Room 5 – They are currently studying Revelation
- Marie Jones Adult Class** – Parlor – They are currently studying the book of Ephesians
- Pidgeon-Rish Adult Class** – Conference Room - They are using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies
- Adult Bible Study-Library** – They are studying Hebrews, Faith that Roars. Class will resume in September.

**Traditional Service Posts**

**August Lay Readers:**

- 5 Kerigan Pickett
- 12 Janis Tankersley
- 19 Cindy Belin
- 26 Mike Giere



**August Sanctuary Hosts/Hostesses:**

- 5 Leonard Costin
- 12 Melinda Williams
- 19 Suzy Eppley
- 26 Linda Gerald



**August Communion Servers :**

- 5 Boyd & Mitzi Bulger, Bob & Linda Wiley



**Dinner begins at 5:15PM. Dinners are \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 per family**

- August 22**                      **Menu:** TBD                      **Servers:** Oh Bay Class
- August 29**                      **Menu:** TBD                      **Servers:** Pridgeon-Rish Class

## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  7:00PM Choir Practice	2 10:00AM Finance Meeting 10:00AM Yoga  8:00PM AA Meeting	3	4
5 8:00AM Men's Club 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service	6 1:00PM Bridge	7 10:00AM Yoga  8:00PM AA Meeting	8  7:00PM Choir Practice	9 10:00AM Yoga  8:00PM AA Meeting	10	11
12 <b>BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY</b> 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service  *Blessing of the Backpacks	13 <b>PSJ SCHOOL RESUMES</b>  1:00PM Bridge 3:00PM Staff Meeting	14 10:00AM Yoga  8:00PM AA Meeting	15  6:00PM Back to School Bash 7:00PM Choir Practice	16 10:00AM Yoga  8:00PM AA Meeting	17	18
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### Happy Birthday!

- 2nd- Bonnie Wynne
- 3rd- Jaclyn Kerigan
- 5th- Jim Norton  
Patricia Lowery
- 6th - Tripp Barrier  
Barbara Parrilla  
Regina Washabaugh
- 7th - Janie Adkison
- 8th - Bob Windolf  
Joe Rentfro  
Forest Halualani
- 9th - Anna Reid  
Blair Aubrey
- 11th - Phil Lanford  
Benny Roberts  
Jim Spence

- 12th - Caroline Rish  
Kathleen Rish
- 13th- DeAnne Berry  
Lillian Jae Hicks  
Madeline Jones  
Steve Newman  
Jim Spence  
Steve Whealton
- 14th - Carol Rish  
Megan Todd
- 15th- Jim Roberts
- 19th- Tad Russell
- 19th - Helen Sauls
- 18th- Everett Rentfro
- 19th- Susan Magidson
- 20th - Lee Cathey
- 21st - Lisa Ray  
Matt Terry
- 22nd Helen Carlsten  
Krystal Terry  
Bill McGee

- 23rd- Tyler Guthrie  
Zoe Gerlach
- 24th - Jeffrey Furr  
Bob Rinehart
- 26th- Liz Lentz
- 27th - James McNeill, III  
Heather Jones  
Pamela Herring  
Marty Spence
- 28th - Christian Hess  
Ronald Miller
- 29th - Ann Barrier  
Emma Dailey  
Karen Hicks  
Pat Gentry
- 30th- Matthew Taylor  
Ava Sowell  
Courtney Knox
- 31st- Rory J Gerlach  
Allison Gerspacher  
Madison Taylor



### Happy Anniversary!

- 1st - Rocky & Ann Comforter  
Boyd & Kay Kline
- 3rd - Al & Carol Cathey
- 4th- Guerry & Susan Magidson
- 10th- Steve & Dana Langford
- 11th - Jim & Cindy Belin
- 12th- Rick & Danice Tyson
- 15th - Angel & Bonnie Carrete
- 16th- Jim & Lynda White
- 17th - Greg & Linda Johnson  
Allen & Cathy Cox
- 18th - Wayne & Sandra Taunton
- 21st - Matt & Beth Roberson
- 26th- Walt & Melinda Williams  
Brian & Lisa Reilly
- 28th- Mac & Beckie Fulcher  
Rex & Nancy Buzzett  
Dave & Margo Russell

## Announcements

**GET TO KNOW PASTOR BRITNEY** Our associate pastor, Rev. Britney Toner, wants to get to know you! She'll be at No Name Cafe every Tuesday morning 9:30-11:30AM to meet with people. No planned study, just Christian fellowship. Stop by and grab a coffee with her! Let her know you're coming by calling the church or by emailing her: [britney@psjumc.org](mailto:britney@psjumc.org)

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** will be Sunday, August 12 at both services. There will be a special time of prayer for students and teachers going back to school. Don't forget your backpacks!

**PUMPKIN PATCH COORDINATOR NEEDED** Even though its July, the Pumpkin Patch Youth Fundraiser is approaching. Mrs. Julie needs some help this year coordinating the Patch during the school day since she is at the high school full time. Please contact Julie Hodges at 340-1255 if you feel led to chair this fundraising ministry.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Summer meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month only. Beginners are welcome to join. For more information, contact Susan Julian at [sjuliangofish@yahoo.com](mailto:sjuliangofish@yahoo.com) or 229-5460.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:00PM-2:30PM in the Conference Room. This group is open to all caregivers as well as their patients.

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Tuesdays, Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Conference Room.

**PASTORAL CARE BOARD** This board is mounted in the downstairs hallway and helps us keep up with our homebound who need visiting, members who are in the hospital or rehab, and members who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. If you know of a person that needs a visit from a pastor, please call the church office and give the name to Heather Jones @ 227-1724.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** Items for our area food pantry may be placed in our food donation receptacle, located downstairs main building

**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.

**BRIDGE GROUP** Mondays at 1PM in the lobby. Please contact Carol Meulener to reserve a seat 609-273-5108 [cmeulener1952@gmail.com](mailto:cmeulener1952@gmail.com) or Danice Tyson 850-899-0149 [dotyson@gmail.com](mailto:dotyson@gmail.com).

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** UMM meet the first Sunday of each month at 8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. No RSVP required.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** UMW meet third Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall: Mission Group I at 9:30AM. Mission Group IV at 6:00PM. All ladies welcome to attend. For more information contact Bernadette Hackett, President at 850-340-0612.

**IT'S ELECTRIC** Actually, it is electronic. And the "it" is not the electric slide, but electronic giving. Did you know that you can give electronically, not only to the church operating fund but also to the building fund? Furthermore, many in our church have chosen to automate some or all of their giving. This has proved helpful during summer vacation season, and is often easier for the giver. You can sign up at [psjumc.org](http://psjumc.org) and if you have any questions contact Ashley Shoaf, financial secretary.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We need volunteers to help in the operation of the Care Closet. The Methodist Church Care Closet, located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Port St. Joe, sells donated clothing at very reasonable prices. The profit from clothing sales is given back to our community or church for many worthwhile community or mission projects. Anyone interested in donating a few hours a month to help us by either participating in our Tuesday work day or in selling clothing, Friday 9:00 to 12:00 or 12:00 to 3:00 Saturdays 9:00 to 12:00, should contact Vic LaFerle 227-5855 or the church office.

**YOGA CLASS** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10AM in the Great Hall, taught by certified yoga instructor Lisa Canfield. Classes are free and open to everyone.

**UMCOR VOLUNTEERS** Packets and application forms are outside Ashley Shoaf's office. Deadline for return of these and initial payment is **August 20**. Any questions or if you are interested in participating in this mission trip, contact Skip Griffies 850-340-1767.

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*Open Minds  
Open Hearts  
Open Doors*

## 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-Worship on the Water (Contemporary)

10:00AM-Sunday School

11:00AM-Sanctuary Worship (Traditional)

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