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2018 FUMC PSJ UMCOR Team



L-R Skip Griffies, Jane Griffies, Merre Dorman, Gary Grace, Anne Grace, Sue McCarthy, and Mike McCarthy



In 2007, the late Diana Wilder (wife of Walter Wilder), invited Skip Griffies to speak to her UMW mission group about his experience serving at the disaster relief warehouse in Baldwin, Louisiana. This facility prepares and verifies relief kits for disaster-stricken areas around the world. Following his presentation, 16 volunteers were interested in attending. Since that time and up through December 2018, 12 teams have traveled to this facility to work in this capacity. The teams have also completed home repairs, built a handicapped ramp, visited and worked in shelters for women and children.

In December 2018, our team traveled to Baldwin, Louisiana's UMCOR Depot and participated in the assembling and packing of 931 flood buckets and 1200 plus health kits, the construction of a handicap ramp for a needy family, planting of a community garden, and for the 12th straight year the setting up the campus Nativity Scene. We hope that this mission will continue to be a vital part of First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe. If you would like to be a

part of this ministry, contact the church office.

UMCOR operates two supply depots, the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot is in Baldwin, Louisiana and UMCOR Depot West in Salt Lake City, Utah. The United Methodist Church also collaborates with a network of United Methodist Relief-Supply Warehouses across the United States. Church donators can send or drop off kits and supplies at the depot nearest to them, assured that their donations will be received and distributed by UMCOR.

The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot is the hub of UMCOR's relief-supply operations. Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers prepare about \$6 million in supplies for shipment from the Baldwin facility. Locally, UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to Baldwin neighbors through food distribution and housing rehabilitation projects, engaging volunteers in these projects that help families and the elderly. At a shelter for survivors of domestic abuse and at a women's teen challenge center for drug and alcohol addiction, our volunteers provide assistance with painting rooms and sorting items in their Thrift Shops and Food Pantries. To help meet the nutritional needs of local children, volunteers distribute food items to parents from the Pre-School Food Pantry at a local Head Start school. Also, Sager Brown Volunteers have opportunity to read to children at some local Head Start Centers.

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

Dear Friends,



Happy New Year! I am confident that 2019 is going to be a great year for us. The Book of Ecclesiastes says that there is a time for everything – to break down and to build up. This year is one of rebuilding. The past few months have been a time of communal mourning. We have mourned the loss of our homes that have been damaged or destroyed, our friends that have had to move away, and our community as we have known it. These losses are so great that we will continue to grieve for many, many years.

However, as we shift to a new year, I believe, as Bob Dylan sang, “the times they are a-changing.” God is calling us to move to a new time. To borrow from Ecclesiastes 3, the time to tear down is coming to an end, and the time for rebuilding is coming. The time for mourning is coming to an end, and a time for dancing is coming. The time of death is coming to an end; it is time for birth and new life.

In the next few weeks, we will be developing a campus wide rebuilding strategy. We have been approved for a large FEMA public assurance grant to defer much of the cost, plus we have been given amazing gifts from all over the country (over half a million!). We hopefully will be able to put our project out to bid in March. This year will be one of rebuilding for our church and we will come back better and stronger.

We also will have an UMCOR operation center in Port St. Joe to help families in our community who do not have the resources to rebuild their homes. I am so excited about what this will mean for our community. We are called to rebuild the homes in our community.

Finally, I believe that we are called to rebuild our lives and to rebuild our community itself. God is calling us to lead our community to a better place. It is time for us to rebuild spiritually and physically.

Our theme this year is REBUILD. The good news is that we do not have to do it alone. The Lord is rebuilding for us and with us. Psalm 127:1 says, “unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it build it in vain.” Let us join the Lord in God’s rebuilding effort for our church, our homes, and our lives.

Peace of Christ,



Geoffrey

January Meetings Schedule

Monday, January 21 5PM SPR Committee

Monday, January 21 6PM Trustees

Thursday, January 24 10AM Finance

Monday, January 28 6PM Church Council

Julie Hodges, Youth Director

Wednesday, January 9th: Community – You can't do it alone	5:30pm Dinner	6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth
Wednesday, January 16th: Escape Room/(youth serve dinner starting at 5pm)	5:30pm Dinner	6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth
Wednesday, January 23rd: Community is like. . .	5:30pm Dinner	6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth
Wednesday, January 30th: Community – Expanding the cool kid table. . .	5:30pm Dinner	6:00 – 7:00 pm Youth

Our winter retreat for our conference (Meltdown) was cancelled due to the hurricane. Luckily we've been invited to join some other Methodist Churches at Blue Lake! Don't let money be the reason you don't go, call Mrs. Hodges for details.



Deadline to register is Sunday, January 13th
(we will not miss any school for this retreat)

Krystal Terry, Children's Director

2018 might have knocked us back a bit, but we are standing stronger than ever in 2019! Our children's ministry is ready to start this year off right as we grow with God!

Wednesday, January 9th: "Goals with God" night at Little Lambs and Kid's Life at regular times

Wednesday, January 16th: Little Lambs and Kid's Life: "How Could God Know What it's Like to be Me?"

Wednesday, January 23rd: Little Lambs and Kid's Life: "Can God be my Friend?"

Friday, January 25th: "Light up the Night and Glow with God!"

-Glow Dance for grades (1st-6th) 6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, January 30th: Little Lambs and Kid's Life: "Does God Want Me?"

Friday, February 1st-Sunday, February 3rd: Winter Retreat at St. George Island

-Grades 3rd-6th who have registered

Sunday, February 17th: Kid's Life Crew will be hosting a Special Valentine Dinner (6:00-7:30)

Ann Comforter, Music Director

And off we go to a brand new beginning! Happy New Year to you all. I am so excited about the direction our music program is going at FUM. We have gotten several fantastic new members for our chancel/sanctuary choir. Thank you Neldys, Paul, Carol, Annette and Ed for giving your talents to our choir. With Hilda, Janis, and Jessica at the piano / keyboard –“organ,” our accompanying is on the awesome level. Dana is beginning our Young Singers program and they will be performing during the service on January 27th. (Make sure you’re there to support our children.) Thank you, Bo Spring Band for sharing your incredible talents with us all.

I’m really excited that Paul Brown has agreed to begin our HANDBELL choir again. There have been several of you who are interested in joining, so be on the lookout for an organizational announcement coming real soon. You will be rehearsing upstairs in the choir room and I am so looking forward to having this choir again, but we need you. After we get settled into our routine again, the choir will begin work on our Easter Tenebrae service, so if you’d like to sing with us on this specific program, more information will be forthcoming.

The Bay Area Choral Society is blessed to have several of our choir members singing with them this year. We began working on “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by duBois last night. Our Dana Langford is directing with our Jessica Beasley accompanying. Singing members from our choir are: Neldys, Carla, Sandy, Neicy, Ann, Mike, Bill H., John, Steve, and Paul. The performances will be in April.

One day at a time and May God bless us all.... Until next time, Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

We rejoice with Lindsay Williams and Raye Bailey on the birth of their son, Relic Neal Bailey, on 12-6-18. Congratulations to the family on Relic's arrival!

Welcome to our church family these new members: Byron Chism on October 7th (photo not available), Paul Brown and Neldys Crespo, Ron and Cindy Ehrhart and Judy Scott, all on December 16th.



Judy Scott



Paul Brown & Neldys Crespo



Ron & Cindy Ehrhart

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 7:00PM AA Meeting	2	3 7:00PM AA Meeting	4	5
6 EPIPHANY 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Church Service 10:00AM Sunday School	7 9:30AM Disciple Class 1:00PM Bridge 3:00PM Staff Meeting	8 7:00PM AA Meeting	9 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	10 7:00PM AA Meeting	11	12 10AM AA Meeting
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20 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Church Service 10:00AM Sunday School	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY 5:00PM SPR 6:00PM Trustees	22 9:00AM FEMA Meeting 1:00PM Caregivers Support Group 7:00PM AA Meeting	23 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	24 10:00AM Finance Meeting 7:00PM AA Meeting	25 Youth Retreat at Blue Lake January 25-27 → 6:00PM Glow Dance	26 10AM AA Meeting
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st- Sharon Cessna
Laura Ramsey
Melissa Farrell
Linda McGlothlin
2nd- Brent Walker
4th- Meredith McNeill
6th- Carl Logan Wilson
Joel Bogaert
Johnny Buckins
Linda Hamilton
Brenda Woodard
9th- Porter Hodges
Sandra Taunton
10th- Casey Flanagan
Jane Forster

11th- Tamara Marsh Flowers
Fred Witten
Karen King
Jane Griffies
12th- George Duren
Bill Kubitskey
13th- Millie Hamilton
14th- Lyn Willis
16th- Fred Willis
Bev Elder
Rick Tyson
20th - Greg Johnson
Mary Margaret Farrell
21st- Mark Gerspacher
22nd- Katie Hoffman
Christy Taunton
Jim White

23rd- Jake Paterson
William Shoaf
Madelyn Shoaf
24th- Karen Stewart
Zeke Stevens
27th- Joel Finlay
Jewell Weldon
28th- Hayden Newman
Sonya Smith
29th- Madolyn Davidson
30th- Madelyn Flanagan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1st - Carolyn & Fred Witten
4th- Bob & Janna Rinehart
16th- Fred & Lyn Willis
19th- Alford & Laura Ramsey

Sunday Worship Service 10AM in the Great Hall.

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.

It's "Resolution Fitness" time now through February on Tuesdays & Thursdays. 9:00AM for our bands and body weight class and 10:15AM for chair fitness.

Methodist Men's Breakfast Sunday, February 3 8AM in the Great Hall.

Alcoholics Anonymous 7PM Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10AM Saturdays, in the Great Hall.

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.

Prayer Shawl Group meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 10AM in the Great Hall. Beginners are welcome to join.

Methodist Care Closet is located at 610 8th Street in the old STAC House. Hours of operation : Closed Monday (for restocking), Tuesday – Friday 9AM–6PM, Saturday 9AM–4PM. The Care Closet is in great need for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, just stop by the Closet.

Free hurricane claim review and advice from local attorneys and specialists in property insurance recovery and claims disputes-Friday, January 18 5-7PM 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, January 9	Menu: Chicken Divan, Mandarin Salad, Rolls, Dessert	Servers: O Bay Class
Wednesday, January 16	Menu: Lasagna, Italian Salad, Dessert	Servers: Youth
Wednesday, January 23	Menu: Pork Chops, Squash Casserole, Corn, Dessert	Servers: Alpha Class
Wednesday, January 30	Chicken Salad, Fruit, Dessert	Servers: Volunteers





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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Young Singers of FUMC of PSJ



Sunday Schedule

9:00AM Sunday School

10:00AM Worship

11:00AM Sunday School

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