

Matthew 5:13

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## **GOOD TIMES IN JUNE!**









# YOUTH MISSION TRIP **TO BAHAMAS**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL











INDEPENDENCE DAY WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 FIREWORKS 10PM PSJ

ATH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY Stars & Stripes
LET FREEDOM RING Sweet land of liberty
RED WHITE BLUE
PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN
GOD BLESS THE USA

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TO **BUTTER AND EGG CAMP** TROY, AL **JULY 16-19** 



YOUTH MINISTRY TO CAMP JUNALUSKA NC **JULY 20-23** 



DR. GRACE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY SUNDAY, JULY 22 2PM GREAT HALL

> Happy **Birthday** Doc!

# **Rev. Britney Toner, Associate Pastor**



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome I have received as your new associate pastor. It has been a joy to see your smiling faces as I struggle to recall your names. Thankfully, Preacher G instructed the congregation on my first Sunday for y'all to tell me your name one hundred times before testing me on the one hundred and first time. New beginnings remind me that names are important.

As a matter of hazing, I mean welcoming, my first week at the church has been helping with Vacation Bible School. I love this week because it shows that the Christian life can be exciting! Both children and volunteers have sung worship songs and learned Bible stories, all while creating crafts, experimenting in science, immensely enjoying snacks, and sweating in the recreation. Our office halls have been filled with the joy of children's voices and as they come up to talk to me I find myself suddenly grateful that we all wear a name tag.

Beyond being a tool for check in, the paper signs we wear on our neck are so key to this week. VBS is a community event filled with many who do not know everyone at our church. It's a lot easier to get to know a stranger when you are both wearing a nametag. For me, my "Pastor Britney" tag has helped people identify me as the new associate pastor dancing like a fool on stage with the kids. I'll be stopped in the back of the Great Hall and introduced to a smiling face as they read my name tag and I read theirs. Suddenly, we both feel known.

Our names are important. Whether given or chosen, what we are called is special. A name means so much more than letters on a page; a name means I am person. I am worthy of being known, just as you are.

In VBS this last week, the children learned Isaiah 43:2. While they did motions like they are paddling a canoe they shouted with gusto, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." It seems so fitting that the importance of our names comes in verse one:

But now, says the Lord—
the one who created you, Jacob,
the one who formed you, Israel:
Don't fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.

Friends, we are known. We are called by name. We are the Lord's. Amidst all the awkwardness and confusion of VBS and first interactions this summer, let us remember that we are important, our names are special, and we are all children of God.

Blessings and Peace,

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Pastor Britney Toner

# Krystal Terry, Children's Director



It has been an awesome summer with our Children's Ministry at FUMC! VBS was a hit! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that made it extra special this year and for the support of our church family! We have lots of activities for children of all ages to be a part of! Come join us!

Wednesday, July 11th: Wonder Works in PCB/ Grades Completed 1st-5th

-9:30-3:00, Cost: \$15

-Bring a packed lunch in a labeled Ziploc.

July 16th-19th: Camp Butter and Egg/ Grades completed 2nd-5th already registered

Wednesday, July 25th: Picnic and Bonfire at Salinas Park (Bayside)/Grades Prek4-5th

4:30-7:30 (Church bus will leave at 4:30)

Families Invited!

Wednesday, August 1st: Frank Brown Park in PCB/ Grades completed 1st-5th

9:30-4:30, Cost: \$4 plus optional concession stand money Bring a sack lunch in a labeled Ziploc.

\*Children attending Wacky Wednesdays must let Ms. Krystal know the Monday of that week.

Children in grades PreK-5<sup>th</sup>, please join us on Sunday morning for His Kids at 10:00 for a high energy service just for kids! Bring your Bibles and offering!

# Julie Hodges, Youth Director



## Dear Church Family,

Our youth as well as we adults had a wonderfully impactful experience on our mission trip to the Bahamas Methodist Habitat in June. We worked on roofing and repairing an old school building that when complete will be turned into a community center. During our time we not only worked, but we were able to fellowship with the locals. We were met with so much love and kindness. The folks from the community would bring us watermelons, mangos, homemade pies, and drinks. They enjoyed telling us all about their favorite parts of their island. I'm so grateful to you all for the support, donations, and allowing us to fundraise to make this trip possible. I look forward to going again in 2020.

In June, we also co-hosted with the CCDF and Oak Grove, a United Methodist Church youth group from Midway, NC. Their youth (and some of ours) worked on construction projects and yardwork for folks around our community. At night we enjoyed hosting activities such as a bonfire, cookout with kayaks, movie night, and we even had an ice cream competition. We hope to continue to host more groups in the future.

## July Fellowship Opportunities and Camp:

 $Tuesday, July\ 10:\ Blue\ Springs\ State\ Park$ 

Tuesday, July 17: Sweat Day in PSJ

Friday, July 20 - Monday, July 23: Lake Junaluska, NC whitewater rafting camp

Tuesday, July 31: Guy's fishing Trip / Girl's PC shopping trip

## Ann Comforter, Director of Music Ministries

Summer's here and in full force. Our beloved Chancel Choir is taking a few weeks off to visit grandchildren and enjoy their families and they will be truly missed. We will be enjoying special music by our soloists for the month of July, and we'll begin with Tamara Marsh Flowers on July 8.

On a very special note, Dr. Wesley Grace will be celebrating his 95th birthday this month. His daughters, Carol and Joni, along with Ann and the Chancel Choir are planning a birthday celebration for him on Sunday afternoon, July 22from 2:00 - 4:00PM EST in the Great Hall. Please make plans to come and say hello to this man who has given his entire adult life to our Church, choir, and this community. Pass the word to your friends in the community. His daughters have asked that no gifts be given, but cards would be appreciated, so let's show how much we appreciate and love Dr. Grace. If you'd like to help with the reception, contact Ann Comforter, and I will share how you can help.

Until Next time, stay cool. GOD IS GOOD and is Blessing us at the FUM. Ann (Welcome, Britney Toner!)

(p.s. I miss Hilda Duren being at the organ and am looking forward to the day when she returns fully well.) As I try to fill her incredibly "large shoes," thank you all for your encouragement. Hilda is hard to replace!!)

# Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

We welcome into our growing FUMC family Lydia Crim, Madeline & Danny Hollon and the Cates Family-Carla, Mike, John Michael and Cory-who joined at the 9:00 service on June 4th and to Rita & Norm Carmack who joined at the 11:00 service on June 24th!



Carla, Mike, John Michael, & Cory Cates



Madeline & Danny Hollon



Lydia Crim



Rita & Norm Carmack

We extend our condolences to Kerry Sayers on the death of his mother, Ann Sayers, 6-1-18; to Nancy Buzzett on the death of her brother-in-law, Andy Reese, 6-3-18; to Danice Tyson on the death of her twin brother, Dan Odom, 6-9-18; and to Mimi Minnick on the death of her father, Robert W. Minnick Jr. 6-22-18

## Bernadette Hackett, UMW President



UMW News:

Happy Summertime Everyone. Everyone is on Summer break and that is true for UMW. My husband and I are preparing our "5th Wheel" for our yearly trip up north to spend a month with our 12 year old grandson. This year we will be "liberating" him from his Connecticut home and taking him on a vacation in the Shenandoah Valley. We will say how it is the best vacation ever. I know that because we always say that. We will hike, boat, swim, shop, play, horseback ride, and do all that touristy stuff. We will build campfires and tell scary stories. We will be making memories. Happy summer memories to all of our church family. UMW will be back in force again in August.

Blessings, Bernadette Hackett Nagy, President of UMW of PSJ.

## **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

Pridgeon-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**

## July Lay Readers:

- 1 Ashley Shoaf
- 8 Colby Burke
- 15 Rex Buzzett
- 22 Leonard Costin
- 29 Tamara Marsh Flowers



# July Sanctuary Hosts/Hostesses:

- 1 Leonard Costin8 Melinda Williams
- **15** Suzy Eppley
- 22 Linda Gerald
- 29 Scouts

#### **July Communion Servers:**

1 Jason & Ashley Shoaf, Stuart & Renee Shoaf







			July 2018			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9.00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service	2 1:00PM Bridge	3 10:00AM Yoga	Happy 4th	5 10:00AM Yoga	6	7
		8:00PM AA Meeting	10:00PM PSJ Fireworks	8:00PM AA Meeting		
9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service	9 1:00PM Bridge	10 10:00AM Yoga Youth to Blue Springs State Park	9:30AM Wacky Wednesday- Wonder Works PCB	12 10:00AM Yoga	13	14
				8:00PM AA Meeting		
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	6:00PM SPR Meeting	8:00PM AA Meeting		8:00PM AA Meeting		
22 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service 2:00PM Dr. Grace's Birthday Party (95)	10:00AM Staff Meeting 1:00PM Bridge 5:00PM Trustees	24 10:00AM Yoga 1:00PM Caregivers Support Group	4:30PM Wacky Wednesday- Picnic & Bonfire Salinas Park	26 10:00AM Yoga	27	28
	6:00PM Church Council	8:00PM AA Meeting		8:00PM AA Meeting		
29 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service	30 10:00AM Staff Meeting 1:00PM Bridge	31 10:00AM Yoga Youth Fishing Trip (Guys)/PCB Trip (Girls) 8:00PM AA Meeting	1 AUGUST 9:30AM Wacky Wednesday- Frank Brown Park PCB 7:00PM Choir Practice			

Happy Birthday!

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1st-	Janet Lanford
	Sherry Steadham
2nd-	Margo Russell
3rd-	Jeremy Baxley
	Nancy Widener
4th-	Janine Cannon
	Paul Sabiston
5th-	Shirley Rich
	Mel Thompson
6th-	Dru Flowers
	Pam Gould
	Morgan Jones
	Sandie Kennedy
7th-	Kathy Capps

8th-	Wesley Ramsey
9th-	Tracy Wilson
	Rock Salzer
	Eunice Gunter
10th-	Curt Black
11th-	Jimmy Vaughn
	Carolyn Witten
	Tim Wilder
12th -	W. T. Crews III
	Debbie VanVleet
15th-	Alison Long
	Dagny Langford
16th-	Mike Knox
	Christina Beard
	Ellie Wich

Bobby Joe Hanson

Betty Vickers

Morris Palmer

Kim Mathes

18th -

19th-

	Wayne Stevens
	Brian Cathey
	Ann Barnett
23rd -	Kristina Furstenberg
24th-	Lynn Furr
	Debbe Wibberg
	Gretchen Balogh
25th-	Wesley Grace
	Cheryl Johnson
	Susan Kubitskey
	Carol Gnagey
	Amber Davis Williams
27th-	Brian Marshall
	Karen Ledbetter
28th-	Rick Taylor
	Barbara Terry
29th-	Emily Baxley

Anna Beard

Jason Witten

Michael Cooley

22nd-

30th-



25th-

Happy Anniversary!		
1st-	Rick & Libia Taylor	
8th-	Ralph & Margaret	
	Roberson	
	Linson & Elinor Pickard	
10th-	Roy & Frann Smith	
12th-	George & Hilda Duren	
	Justin & Alyson Gerlach	
	Scott & Millie Hamilton	
16th-	Jimmy & Mary Elizabeth	
	Vaughn	
18th-	Chris & Courtney Knox	
19th-	Harvey & Dawn	
	Hennington	
20th-	Zach & Julie Hodges	
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Brad & Rebecca Pridgeon

### Announcements

THANK YOU Thank you Krystal Terry and all of the VBS Volunteers for making this year the best Vacation Bible School yet!

**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 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 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 or cmeulener1952@gmail.com. For the month of July, contact Danice Tyson 850-899-0149 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. No meeting in July.

**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. Meetings will resume in August.

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 and if you have any questions contact Ashley Shoaf, financial secretary.

**VBS DONATIONS NEEDED** You can help with Vacation Bible School by donating items! There is a sign-up sheet on the lobby bar of items needed for VBS. All items can be dropped off to Krystal at the church by June 15. Thank you so much for your help.

**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 to12:00 or 12:00 to 3:00 Saturdays 9:00 to 12:00, should contact Vic LaFerle 227-5855 or the church office.

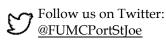
**YOGA CLASS** Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10AM in the Great Hall, taught by certified yoga instructor Lisa Canfield. Classes are free and open to everyone.

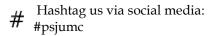
EVENING YOGA CLASS If you are interested in taking yoga Thursdays at 5:30PM, please contact Lisa 850-227-5659.

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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