



Dear Parishioners:

October is the month we honor our pastor with "Pastor Appreciation Day" and this year we will get to double the celebration with the addition of our new associate pastor, Rev. Britney Toner. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 17th in our new, beautiful Great Hall.

We will not have our regular Wednesday night meal and activities. Instead, we will honor Pastor Geoffrey and Pastor Britney with a "Country-Western" night of family fun, games, music, and great food. The celebration will kick off at 5:30 p.m. EDT and will wrap up around 7:00 p.m. EDT. The church will provide the meat, drinks, and dessert; come dressed in Western wear, bring your favorite "Country-Western" dish, and let's all enjoy the fellowship as we celebrate another tremendous year of love, leadership, and growth with Geoffrey and Britney.

After our meal, we will present Pastor Geoffrey and Pastor Britney with a monetary honorarium showing how much we appreciate their ministry here. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please make your check payable to First United Methodist Church and mark it "Pastor Appreciation." You can give your contribution to Ashley, Heather, any usher, or put it in the collection plate in the upcoming weeks.

We want to make this a very special day of celebration for our church and our pastors, and we encourage your participation. We are truly blessed that God has sent Geoffrey and Britney to us to minister to our individual and collective needs. This is one way we can show our appreciation and love and we need you to be a part.

Yours in Christ,

Judy Williams
Lay Leader

Open Minds
Open Hearts
Open Doors

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 8AM
GREAT HALL



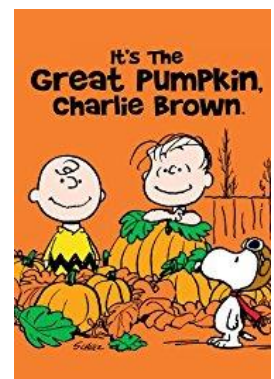
WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY:
PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES
OF JESUS
WEDNESDAYS 10AM
CONFERENCE ROOM



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
5:30PM GREAT HALL



IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN,
CHARLIE BROWN MOVIE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 7PM
FRONT LAWN



Rev. Britney Toner, Assistant Pastor



Dear Friends,

Our youth and children's programs have been learning about the Plagues of Egypt recently. The story is in Exodus, when the people of Israel have been living as slaves in Egypt and the trials they faced. After years of mistreatment, God anoints leaders to help them leave Egypt. Moses and Aaron stand before Pharaoh and say the iconic, "Let my people go!" And what does Pharaoh say? "Nope."

Thus starts the back and forth of miraculous signs of God's powers and the stubbornness of the Pharaoh in his refusal to let the people of Israel leave. Pharaoh won't let the people leave, despite the plagues of bloody water, frogs, gnats, flies, dead livestock, boils, hail, locusts, and total darkness. If we are honest, we can all think of a time we have broken the Lord's commandments because of our hardness of heart.

Perhaps it isn't to the extreme of enslaving an entire group of people, but we have refused the commands of God because we didn't want to suffer loss. Pharaoh would have lost his free labor and stable economy, among other things, but what do we risk when we follow the commands of God?

Living the Christian life is not always easy. The bumper stickers of "Too Blessed to be Stressed" are catchy but more of a hope than an honest reflection of our human experience. Following the motto of "What Would Jesus Do?" is not without difficulties and loss.

We could lose friendships by seeking to live a life not only free of speaking gossip, but also by speaking against gossip heard. We could lose relationships if we choose to live a life of radical devotion to the teachings of Jesus. We could lose our security.

All four gospels talk about losing our lives in Jesus. I surely hope this does not mean a quick mortality for all of us, but I do think it speaks of a loss of a kind of life. A comfortable life in which we indulge in our sinful nature is a life that Christ calls us to leave, God commands we let go.

But, the joy of letting something go, is that we are open to be filled with something even greater. Will you risk the plagues to stick to your stubborn ways or will you risk what you know to find security in the commandments of our loving Savior?

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Britney Toner

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

Do no harm

Do good

Stay in love with God

Krystal Terry, Children's Director



Our Children's Ministries have gotten off to a great start this school year! The fun and fellowship is just beginning! Check out the schedule of upcoming events:

Sprouts and Truth Walkers: meets on Tuesdays (Sprouts) and Thursday (Truth Walkers) after school until 5:00. Right now we are learning the story of Moses and will end with the 10 Commandments.

Little Lambs: meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15. Last week we learned about God's forgiveness of our sins and the story of Zacchaeus. The little lambs will be performing a short skit and song based on this story at the 11:00 service on October 28. Details to come.

Kid's Life: meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15. This month's theme nights include:

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd: "Shine for Jesus Night"

Wednesday, October 10th: "The Ten Commandments of Halloween"

Wednesday, October 17th: Pastor Appreciation Night in the Great Hall starting at 5:30. All children and families are encouraged to come and show their appreciation to our pastors. This is a western themed celebration so come dressed in your best western attire! There will be no regular Wednesday night Little Lambs, Kid's Life or pizza dinners.

Wednesday, October 24th: All children are invited to watch *The Great Pumpkin* on the big screen in the pumpkin patch on the church lawn at 7:00pm-8:00pm. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. This event will take the place of Little Lambs and Kid's Life. No pizza dinners will be served.

His Kids: meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00am-10:45am in the children's room. Join us for a time of high-energy praise and worship as we dig into our new curriculum "I Am". Children don't forget your Bibles.

Reminders: Children who don't attend Young Singers from 5:30-6:15, must be supervised on the Gaga playground if they are on church grounds waiting for Kid's Life. Parents of those children, please sign up a night to help.

-Also, please let Ms. Krystal know by 2:00 who will be ordering pizza for Wednesday Nights-\$3.00 for cheese \$3.50 for pepperoni.

Julie Hodges, Youth Director



EVERY SUNDAY 10AM in the youth room we will work through a series called, The Thread. BREAKFAST IS PROVIDED

We've had a great turn out for this series! I'm so proud of the youth for taking responsibility for learning more about our faith! This series helps students discover the life-changing narrative of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelations. It shows them how the thread of the Gospel is woven through every story.

Wednesday, October 3rd - Week 4 of our Be Brave Series (Be Bold): Obstacle Course Night

5:30pm Dinner in Great Hall or Preorder Hungry Howies personal pizza in youth room

6pm - 7pm Youth Group with games and lesson in the youth room

Wednesday, October 10th- Set up Pumpkin Patch

5:00 to 5:30pm YOUTH SERVE DINNER

5:30pm Dinner in Great Hall or Preorder Hungry Howies personal pizza in youth room

6:00pm until 7:00pm Front lawn of the church

Wednesday, October 17th - Pastor Appreciation Family Fun Night

5:30 to 7:00pm Free dinner, fun, games, music, & more in The Great Hall **Bring a dessert**

Wednesday, October 24th - The Great Pumpkin in the Patch

NO REGULAR YOUTH

The youth will host The Classic Charlie Brown Movie, *The Great Pumpkin*

Please plan to help from 6:30 to 8pm. We will be providing popcorn and drinks to all the children

Wednesday, October 31st - HALLOWEEN - NO YOUTH

Retreat Winter: January 18th-21st (MLK weekend)

Lake Junaluska Ski Weekend (\$400.00)

Deposit of \$60 (which will come off the total price of trip) due November 1st

*Pumpkin Patch fundraising money can be used to offset the cost of the total trip but not the deposit. A balance of \$340.00 minus any fundraising money will be due January 7th

The youth Pumpkin Patch fundraiser will run from October 11th - 31st. If you would like to participate and use a portion of the proceeds towards your cost of the winter retreat or summer camp, you must sign up to work the patch for 6 hours (2 shifts) and help unload the pumpkins on Thursday, October 11th at 4pm. The sign-up sheet is by the coffee bar in the lobby.

Ann Comforter, Director of Music Ministries



Can you believe that it's OCTOBER already? My goodness, my grandmother was right. She said, "the older you get the longer the days become, but the years speed by...." I never understood that statement until I got "older." The year may be speeding by, but GOD is so good to us. There are so many exciting things happening at our Church now. The music of the Church is alive and well and I am so grateful to all of our musicians who give their talents so generously to the Church music. Thank you. The choir has begun rehearsals for our Christmas program scheduled for December 2nd, the first Sunday night. If you like to sing, it's not too late for you to sing with us. We would LOVE to have you.

Dana has the Young Singers singing beautifully and they will sing for the traditional service on October 7th. I hope you will come and listen to their first performance of the year. There are plenty of activities going on at the Church, so come and join in the fun.

GOD is GOOD and May GOD bless us all..... Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Condolences are extended to the family of Maurice "Mish" Fuller. Mish passed away September 28. His memorial service was held on Sunday, September 30 at 3PM in the sanctuary.

Our FUMC family has continued to grow over the past month! We welcome Randy Howell who joined 8-26-18, Diane & Milt Elliott and Lisa & Randy Pridgeon who all joined 9-2-18, and Sandra & Rick Godfrey who joined 9-16-18. Please extend the right hand of friendship to all these new members when you see them around the church!



Randy Howell



Dianne & Milt Elliot



Randy & Lisa Pridgeon



Rick & Sandra Godfrey

Bernadette Hackett, UMW President



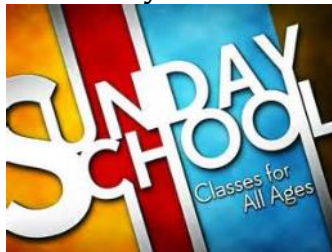
UMW News:

Hello everyone, with fall upon us and school in full swing, I know that everyone is very busy. Those of us in UMW have been very busy now and throughout this past year. I thought I would share an event that we were engaged in this past May. UMW District has decided to engage in providing "shoe box" Christmas gift boxes to children in Methodist missions throughout the world. Our UMW Unit here at PSJ participated in this project. We filled 59 boxes with an array of new clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and, fun toys. We shared a covered dish supper in fellowship as we prepared these gifts. Over the next few months, in my article for this newsletter, I will share the work we are doing so that you might all get to know what UMW actually does and how we utilize the funds we raise. Please consider joining our organization; we truly need your help. You will love our fellowship.

Have a very blessed fall season,

Bernadette Hackett, President UMW of PSJ

Sunday School



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

His Kids Children's Class ages 4 – 6th grade-children's room (fellowship hall)

Revive Youth Class 7th-12th grades – youth room (fellowship hall)

Alpha Adult Class – Upstairs Room 1 – They are studying the parables of Jesus.

Oh Bay Adult Class – Upstairs Room 5 – They are currently studying Revelation

Marie Jones Adult Class – Parlor – They are currently studying the book of Jude.

Pidgeon-Rish Adult Class – Conference Room - They are using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies

Traditional Service Posts

October Lay Readers:

- 7 Caleb ZurHeiden
- 14 Cathy Cox
- 21 Jim Terry
- 28 Fred Flowers



October Sanctuary Hosts/Hostesses:

- 7 Leonard Costin
- 14 Cathy Cox
- 21 Suzy Eppley
- 28 Linda Gerald



October Communion Servers :

- 7 Norm & Rita Carmack,
Mike & Amy St. John



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

October 3 Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Tiramisu

October 10 Menu: Chicken, Wild Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Yeast Roll, Cobbler

October 17 Menu: Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish

October 24 Menu: Pork Loin, Potatoes, Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Cake

October 31 Menu: Fish, Grits, Slaw, Hush Puppies, Banana Pudding

Servers: O Bay Class

Servers: Youth

Servers: Alpha Class

Servers: Judy Williams, Bill & Sue Kubitsky&

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 9:00AM Contemporary Service 10:00AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional Service	15 9:30AM Disciple IV 1:00PM Bridge FALL BREAK 10/15-16	16 9:00AM Bands & Body Weight Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 10:15AM Chair Fitness 8:00PM AA Meeting	17 PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY 10:00AM Bible Study 5:30PM Pastor Appreciation Dinner & Celebration 7:00PM Choir Practice	18 9:00AM Bands & Body Weight Fitness 10:15AM Yoga 10:15AM Chair Fitness 3:00PM Truth Walkers Gideon Banquet 8:00PM AA Meeting	19	20
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Happy Birthday:

2nd- David Hopkins
3rd- Ellison Newman
Natalie Sabiston
4th- Caroline Allen
Michael Barnes
6th- Richard Ramsey
Jonathan Rentfro
7th- Lisa Baggett
8th- Britney Toner
9th- David May
11th- Alma Wynn

12th- Cindy Belin
Elinor Pickard
Katrina Richards
Carly Windolf
13th- Nancy Buzzett
Allen Cox
Sonya Finlay
14th- Charlotte Willis
15th- Mike Williamson
16th- Cully Kerigan
17th- Greta Freeman
Gail Alsobrook
18th- Kim McFarland
Susan Norred
20th- Sylvia Barbay

22nd- Delores Windolf
23rd- Sarah Franklin
Luke Lentz
24th- David McGhee
25th- Renee Shoaf
Kimberly Shoaf
Ricky Sherrill
26th- Bernadette Nagy
28th- Sandra McInnis
Teri Palmer
29th- Walter Wilder
David Bogaert
Taft Taunton
30th- Samuel Littleton
Burgandy Little
Dave Russell
31st- Margarette Schremp



Happy Anniversary:

6th- Andy & Kimberly Shoaf
7th- Ed & Sarah Franklin
9th- Randon & Anna Hicks
Kevin & Sylvia Guidry
10th- Mike & Nikki Barrett
21st- Ronald & Brenda Miller
22nd- Greg & Jerrie Todd
Don & Regina Washabaugh
24th- Ed & Dot Creamer
29th- Wes & Katie Burke

Announcements

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, October 7 4PM on the Front Lawn. All pets welcome.

PUMPKIN PATCH SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the counter by the coffee bar in the lobby. Sue McCarthy (912) 713-7196 will be managing the volunteers. The patch will be open 9AM-7PM October 12-31.

BIBLE STUDY Proclaim the Excellencies of Jesus. The class will meet at 10AM September 19-October 24. Cost is \$10.

CONFIRMATION CLASS Confirmation in The United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation, it gives teens and tweens the opportunity to reflect on the most basic tenants of our faith and gives them a safe environment to ask questions and grapple with the divine truths and mysteries proclaimed by the church of Jesus Christ. We will begin a new confirmation class! This is for anyone grades 6th – 12th. If you would like your child to attend the weekly confirmation classes and then be a confirmed member of our church in the spring, please contact Julie Hodges 850-340-1255.

FALL FITNESS CLASSES

Band & Body Weight Fitness - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9- 10AM in the Great Hall.

Chair Fitness - Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:15-11AM outside on the Rotunda

Yoga - Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:15 -11:15AM in the Great Hall.

GET TO KNOW PASTOR BRITNEY Our associate pastor wants to get to know you! She'll be at No Name Cafe every Tuesday 4:30-6:00PM 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

BLESSING BAGS PROGRAM In partnership with Gulf County School District, Port Saint Joe Elementary School, and Highland View Baptist Church, the FUMC-PSJ has begun a ministry called the Blessing Bags Program. This program will provide identified children weekend bags that are filled with meals and snacks that are child-friendly, shelf-stable and easily consumed. There will be many opportunities to volunteer for this new ministry of our Church: Stocking shelves, packing bags, delivery to PSJES, and food/monetary donations. If you would like to volunteer, contact : Ena Norton (850)814-6445 and Vicki Abrams (904)472-8949.

WINNING WOMEN FOR CHRIST FALL RETREAT October 19-21 Epworth by the Sea Conference Center, St. Simons Island, GA. Winning Women Retreats are non-denominational . For more information, contact Mazie Stone 227-1628.

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 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 Danice Tyson 850-899-0149 dotyson@gmail.com to reserve a seat.

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.

CARE CLOSET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Methodist Church Care Closet, located on 4th 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.

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.

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

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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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