



- 5:15PM Fellowship Dinner
- 5:30PM Little Lambs (K4-1st)
- 5:30PM Young Singers (2nd-6th)
- 6:15PM Kid's Life (2nd-6th)
- 6:00PM Pastor's Bible Study
- 6:00PM Youth (7th-12th)
- 7:00PM Choir Practice

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

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

LABOR DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3



MEN'S BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 8AM
GREAT HALL



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:
THE BOOK OF JAMES
WEDNESDAYS 6PM
GREAT HALL



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



UMW SUNDAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 9 & 11
UMW LUNCHEON 12PM



Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Senior Pastor



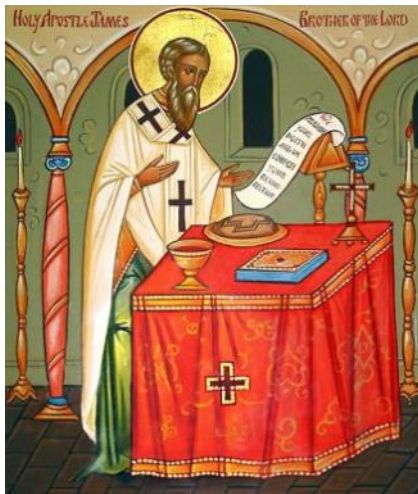
Dear Friends,

The book of James ends the same way it begins: with a call to prayer. It starts by asking us to pray a prayer that God will certainly answer – a prayer for wisdom. Then it ends by asking us to pray a prayer for healing for those in our midst who are suffering or sick. What is so striking about this prayer for healing is that it is communal. It includes the hands of the elders and the prayers of the faithful. In this prayer, sins are confessed to one another and forgiveness is offered and received. The ones who have wandered from the faith are sought out and brought back home and sinners are restored in love.

This is James' definition of what the church is to be. We are a therapeutic community where wholeness and reconciliation are found. Often we come to church dressed up pretending like things are great in our lives so that we fit in, but that is not James' vision. He sees the church as a hospital for the soul where the wounded find healing. The chief effect of pain is isolation. When we are in pain we feel alone and like no one else cares or knows. As the church, we are all called to reach out our hands, hearts, and prayers in love to each other and be a place where the wounded are made whole as we make witness to our Lord who was acquainted with grief and pain and on the cross joined us in that place so that we are never alone.

Peace of Christ,

Geoffrey



We are studying the Epistle of James on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday nights at 6PM in the Great Hall. 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



School is back in full swing and so our Children's Ministries! We have had a great few weeks and look forward to what's to come! Children of all ages, please come join our programs! We have something for everyone!

Sprouts and Truth Walkers: Meet on Tuesdays for Sprouts (ages PreK-2) and Thursdays for Truth Walkers ages (3rd-6th). We are learning Bible stories from the Old Testament

Little Lambs: Meet on Wednesday nights 5:30-6:15 for grades PreK4-1st in the Children's room for high energy praise time, a lesson, and craft.

Kid's Life: Meet on Wednesday nights 6:15-7:15 for grades 2nd-6th. Our theme nights for this month include: Popcorn with Preacher B, Science Night, Bible Game Night, and Works of Art Wednesday.

His Kids: Meet on Sunday mornings for a time of high energy praise and worship, a lesson, prayer, and snack. All children in grades PreK4-6th are invited to join us!

*Remember that personal pizzas are offered for children on Wednesday nights. Please let me know by 3:00 on Wednesdays who is ordering. (\$3 for cheese and \$3.50 for pepperoni)

*A special thank you to all of our devoted volunteers who make our programs possible each week! We appreciate you!

Julie Hodges, Youth Director



EVERY SUNDAY 10AM in the Youth Room

Wednesday, September 5 - Be Brave: Be Strong

5:30PM Dinner in Great Hall or Preorder Hungry Howies personal pizza in youth room 6- 7PM Youth Group with games and lesson in the youth room

Wednesday, September 12- Be Brave: Country Club pool

5:15PM Dinner in Great Hall or Preorder Hungry Howies personal pizza (leave from the church parking lot @ 5:45 - return to the church by 7:15PM)

Wednesday, September 19 - Be Brave: Be confident

5:30PM Dinner in Great Hall or Preorder Hungry Howies personal pizza in youth room 6:00 - 7:15PM Youth Group with games and lesson in the youth room

Wednesday, September 26- service project: Foster Care Kits

Dear Parents,

I'm so excited for this school year! There will be some changes to our program and I want to take this opportunity to share them with you and your youth.

Sundays @ 10AM:

Sunday mornings at 10am starting September 9, we will be working through a series called, The Thread. 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. If your student has not been attending Sunday School, September 9th would be a great time to start!

The Wednesday Night Schedule (6 to 7PM):

Wednesday nights will look a lot different this year and I'm excited about the changes! First, we will offer your students the option to order a personal pizza from me at school by noon from Hungry Howies (\$3 cheese or \$3.50 pepperoni) The pizza will be delivered for your student at 5:30 in the youth room. This will give the youth a time to hang out, check in on each other, and eat. We will spend one Wednesday a month working on a mission project, one night of fun and fellowshiping (with a shorter message), and the remaining nights we will be doing different topics from teen Bible series that are relatable to this age group (7th grade - 12th grade).

Confirmation:

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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 1.

*Pumpkin Patch fundraising money can be used to offset the cost of the total trip but not the deposit

Balance of \$340.00 minus any fundraising money will be due January 7.

Fundraisers:

I don't want anyone to miss out on retreats or other excursions because of finances, so our fundraisers are very important. This school year we will have three fundraisers that will offset the cost of the above retreats. The first fundraiser: Pumpkin Patch will run from October 11 - 31.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on Sunday mornings as a substitute for Sunday School, Wednesday nights during youth, or for any of the retreats or excursions, please let me know and I will gladly add you to the list of volunteers.

Many Blessings,

Julie Hodges Youth Director 340-1255

Ann Comforter, Director of Music Ministries



Life is GOOD again for me!! The Chancel Choir is back in the choir loft after a much needed break for these dedicated musicians of the church. Hilda Duren's hand is as good as new and she is playing beautifully and the church is so very fortunate to have her and extraordinary talents. We are blessed to have Jessica Beasley to help with the accompanying this summer. So with Hilda Duren, Janis Ramos and Jessica Beasley sharing their amazing talents, I see good things happening with the music of the Church.

Dana Langford has the Young Singers organized and ready to go. The YS will be sharing the stage with the Bay Are Choral Society during December. Keep watching for more information.

Life is GOOD and GOD is GREAT..... Happy September! Ann

Margo Russell, Pastoral Care Chairperson

Welcome to Randy Howell who joined our FUMC Family 8-26-18 at the 9:00 service! Please watch for Randy around the church and make him feel welcome.

Our church was blessed to witness the baptism of Simon Paul Tompkins on 8-5-18. Simon is the son of Shannon Stallings and Prentiss Tompkins, proud sisters are Virginia, Essie, and Naomi.

Did you know our church has a college student ministry program?? Sponsors keep in touch with our college students during the school year through notes, emails, or social media and the church provides each student with a \$20 gift certificate to McDonald's at the beginning of the year. Our college students include Isabel Bogaert, Colby Burke, Cory Cates, Cole Cryderman, Maddie Flanagan, Lizzie Furstenberg, Allison Gerspacher, Megan Hubbard, Reid Kennedy, Joseph Kerigan, Mikayla Lloyd, Dell Pickett, Kerigan Pickett, Gabby Raffield, Kathleen Rish, and Ryan Rish. Thanks to Susan Norred who helped organize this ministry again this year and to these sponsors who volunteered to encourage our college students: Helen Carlsten, Jill Davis, Linda Hamilton, Susan Norred, Gayle Putnal, Trina Richards, Joe & Julie Sieber, Kim Stewart, Mazie Stone, Krystal Terry & Kids Life, and Ann Tison.



Simon Paul Tompkins & Family



Randy Howell

Bernadette Hackett, UMW President



UMW News:

Hi Everyone! Welcome back from summer vacation. We are so excited to invite you to attend UMW Sunday. The service is scheduled for September 23 and will be led by UMW members at both services. We are hard at work planning a service that will celebrate the work that UMW does to help women, children, and families locally and throughout the world. We do this work in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and for the Glory of God. We thank all of you for the prayers and support you give us. We could not meet the needs of the greater Community without the help of our church family. Please plan to join us on September 23rd at 9AM or 11AM Service. Have a very blessed September, as we welcome fall, with its beautiful cool breezes and beautiful sunsets.

BERNADETTE HACKETT, PSJ UMW President

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 – Class will resume September 16.

Traditional Service Posts

September Lay Readers:

- 2 Sandra Taunton
- 9 Porter Hodges
- 16 Judy Williams
- 22 Jim Penrod
- 30 John Nagy



August Sanctuary Hosts/Hostesses:

- 2 Leonard Costin
- 9 Cathy Cox
- 16 Suzy Eppley
- 22 Linda Gerald
- 30 Boy Scouts



September Communion Servers :

- 2 Buddy & Linda Gerald,
Sherry Steadham & Barbara Parrilla



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

September 5 Menu: Pork Loin, Potatoes, Broccoli, Yeast Roll, Cake

September 12 Menu: Fish, Slaw, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Banana Pudding

September 19 Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Strawberry Short Cake

September 26 Menu: Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Yeast Roll, Apple Pie

Servers: O Bay Class

Servers: Pridgeon-Rish Class

Servers: Alpha Class

Servers: Judy Williams, Bill & Sue Kubitsky, & Friends

September 2018

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- Happy Birthday:**
- 1st- Chelsea Flanagan
Geoffrey Lentz
Danice Tyson
Mazie Stone
 - 2nd- Cindy Johnson
George Kelley
Jim McGlone
Cameron Smith
Janie Aubrey
 - 3rd- David Ashbrook
Jay Rish
 - 5th- Henry Balogh
Sara Beasley Flowers
 - 6th- Eddie Creamer
 - 7th- Roy Smith
 - 9th- Bob Rinehart
 - 10th- Lynn Marshall
Michael Keller

- 11th- Vicki Abrams
- 12th - Michelle Waltz
- 13th- Tony Beard
- 14th- Jaden Grantland
- 15th- Margaret Roberson
- 14th- Julia Chrencik
- 15th- Sylvia Guidry
- 16th- Anna Till
- 17th- Lee Wiley
- 15th- Alex Flanagan
- 16th- Leisa Pickett
- 17th- Harold Mathis
- 18th - Andy Smith
- 18th - Eric Davis
- 18th - Phyllis Altstaetter
- 18th- Kayla Dailey
- 18th- Dean Stevens
- 19th - Lila Rentfro
- 20th- Stephanie Beard
- 19th - Carla May
- 20th- Jason Shoaf
- 21st - Hannah Simpson
- 21st - Mike Barrett
- 21st - William Leverett
- 22nd- Charlie Norton
- 22nd- Victoria Kinlaw
- 23rd - Jacob Kennedy
- 23rd - Gena Loseto
- 23rd - Kelsie Avent
- 24th- Luke Gould
- 24th- Chaes Tharpe
- 24th- Carol Cathey
- 24th- Ryenne Wich
- 24th- Noah Wich
- 26th- Lindsay Furr
- 27th- Linda Jackson
- 27th- Scott Smith
- 28th- Paula Pickett
- 28th- Robert Ramsey
- 28th- Chuck Guilford
- 29th- John Miller
- 29th- Bob Berry
- 30th- Garrett Avent

- Happy Anniversary:**
- 5th- Joe & Stephanie Rentfro
 - 9th- Steve & Dosie Brightwell
 - 12th- Jim & Marty Spence
 - 13th- Benny & Ann Roberts
 - 14th- Frank & Carol Weber
 - 14th- Fred & Lyn Willis
 - 16th- John & Bernadette Nagy
 - 20th- Angelo & Susan Jardina
 - 27th- Jason & Ashley Shoaf
 - 29th- Al & Donna Ray

Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEOFFREY!!! Geoffrey's birthday is Saturday, September 1.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY IV We will be offering Disciple Bible Study IV *Under the Tree of Life* starting Monday, September 10. It is open to all who have completed Disciple I. It will meet on Mondays from 9:30AM to 12:00PM. Books are \$40 and are in the church office.

BIBLE STUDY Beginning Wednesday, September 19 FUMC will host a Bible Study, Proclaim the Excellencies of Jesus. This six week study will be a video study with Ann Hillyer of Hashem Ministries. The class will meet at 10AM September 19-October 24. Cost is \$10. To sign up, contact Leigh Sayers sayersleigh@aol.com, call the church, or place your name in the notebook on the coffee bar. Please request nursery care, if needed.

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FALL FITNESS CLASSES BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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 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

BLESSING BAGS PROGRAM In partnership with Gulf County School District, Port Saint Joe Elementary School, and Highland View Baptist Church, the FUMC-PSJ will begin a backpack ministry the week of September 20 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 Carol Meulener to reserve a seat 609-273-5108 cmeulener1952@gmail.com or 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.

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.

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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