



# The Messenger

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**November 7, 2024**

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"All my life, you have been faithful. All my life, you have been so, so good!" These are lyrics to a song that has been on repeat in my heart for the last several months. Above all, God is good and God is faithful! In thinking about the celebration coming this Sunday, I sit in awe and wonder of the goodness and faithfulness of God in and through the people called "Methodist" here in Long Beach for last 150 years. The history of this congregation includes, two World Wars, Major Hurricanes, the advent of space travel, countless weddings, funerals, and baptisms. Many changes have marked our history yet some things remain the same. Life for First Methodist Church Long Beach started in a railroad box car with no electricity, no air conditioning, no internet, no live-streaming and yet God moved and moved mightily! Thanks be to God for His goodness and His faithfulness! May we yield to His leading all the more for the next 150 years!

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"  
Lamentations 3:22-24

-Ben

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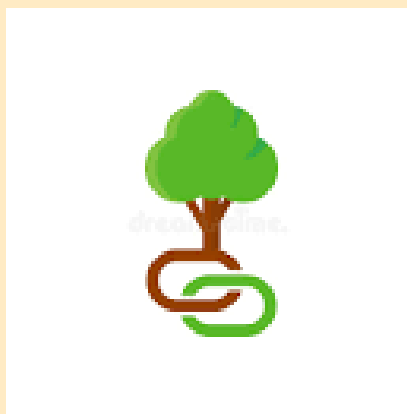
## Announcements & Events

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In an effort to promote safety and well being in the congregation, we have installed two AED's (defibrillators) @ the main campus. They are located in the lobby (just outside the sanctuary) and in the Christian Life Center (on the east wall).

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### **Get connected through Linktree**

Scan the code below to get connected to First Methodist Church Long Beach. You can sign up to get text messages and emails regarding upcoming events and newsletters. You can also access the main campus and The Well websites, as well as much more. If you have any questions contact the church office @ 228-863-9619.





### Methodist Men

Men of the church, join us, Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM in the CLC for a time of food and fellowship. Dinner to be provided.

If you are interested in helping with cooking or set up for the evening, please contact Kevin Bishop at (228) 297-2146. We will be in need of about five people for both cooking and set up. If you will need childcare so you can attend the evening, please contact Kevin by Thursday, November 8th so a nursery can be arranged.



Join us on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for one worship service as we celebrate 150 years of ministry with a special worship service featuring guest minister, Jim Genesse. Afterward, enjoy lunch under the oaks with a delicious menu of pulled pork sandwiches or chicken strips, served with potato salad, chips, baked beans, and cupcakes. There will be fun activities for all ages, so bring your lawn chairs and come ready for a day of fellowship and celebration!



## **Advent Schedule 2024**

In just a few short weeks, our church will enter the season of Advent and we will begin preparing our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. We will have many opportunities to spend this time of year together!

- On Sunday, Dec 1st, The LBHS Madrigals will be singing at both of our services.
- On Sunday, Dec 8th, the First Methodist Women will hold their Annual Christmas Tea at the home of Carolyn Rhoades at 2:00 p.m.
- On the 8th, we will also have a potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) of the main campus. We will wrap the Angel Tree gifts that were provided, and there will also be cookie decorating.
- On Tuesday, Dec 10th and Thursday, Dec 12th, our church has the privilege of hosting the LBMS/Harper McCaughan choirs (the 10th) and the LBHS choir (the 12th). As part of our desire to be extravagantly generous when we can, we will host a reception before each choir.
- On Sunday, Dec 15th, our Chancel choir will lead us in worship with their Christmas Cantata at our 8:30 a.m. sanctuary service. That evening, Mandy Long will host our youth group for a Christmas party.
- On Monday, Dec 16th, our Methodist Women will be sharing a meal together in the CLC at 6:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, Dec 18th, our prayer team will be leading a Blue Christmas service at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our Well band will follow the service with a night of Christmas music in the CLC at 7:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, Dec 19th, we will gather in the CLC and then head out into the community for an evening of Christmas caroling!
- On Tuesday, Dec 24th, we will have our annual Christmas Eve Lunch at 11:00 a.m. Also on the 24th, We will worship together for Christmas Eve with a service at USM at 4:00 p.m. and a service in our sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to celebrating the season of Advent with you!



## **Angel Tree Program**

Soon it will be time for our annual Angel Tree program. Through this program, our church partners with the Long Beach School District to provide Christmas gifts for our local students and their younger siblings whose families need a little extra support this time of year. Tags will be located in the lobby of each campus starting on Sunday, November 24th. We ask that you take a tag with a child's information on it, shop for the requested items on the tag, and bring the gifts back by the morning of December 8th.



Please join us on Saturday mornings from 8:30—9:30 a.m. in the Bridal room @ the main campus to pray for our kids. “We are moms who accept you wherever you are in your Christian prayer life, even if you’ve never had one. It’s a safe place. It’s a learning place where we grow and care for one another. God is there with us, teaching us how to pray openly and honestly to Him for our children and schools.” For more information call/text Haley Rishel at 228-861-4411.

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# Youth Fall Schedule

## October:

- 20th: - Youth @5 - Fun Bowling night at Park 10 Lanes
- 23rd: - 5:30 Heart and Soul \*\*Youth Planning Meeting during Heart and Soul time\*\*
- 27th: - Trunk or Treat!
- 30th: -5:30 Heart and Soul

## November:

- 3rd - Youth @ 5
- 6th - 5:30 Heart and Soul
- 10th - NO YOUTH - 150th Celebration
- 13th - 5:30 Heart and Soul
- 17th - Friendsgiving -details to come
- 20th - 5:30 Heart and Soul
- 24th - NO YOUTH - Happy Thanksgiving
- 27th - NO Heart and Soul - Happy Thanksgiving



### **O.A.K.S. Luncheon** Older Adult Kindred Spirit

The O.A.K.S. Luncheon will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m. in the CLC. All are invited for food and fellowship. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



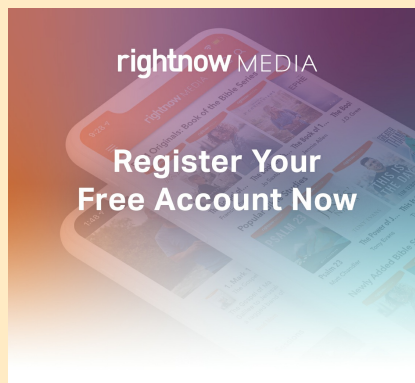
## Changes to the Church Directory

If you are accessing our church directory from your computer, the new url is <https://fmclb.ctrn.co>.

If you are accessing the directory from your phone through an app, it is called Online Member Directory.

If you are already signed up for the directory: Make sure you are logged out of the app. When you are on the home screen, tap the 3 line menu in the upper left corner. On this page tap +add new directory. Enter fmclb for the mobile code. Your username and password will be the same.

If you are a new user, once you have the new app opened, click + Add New Directory. You will next enter the mobile code for our church which will be fmclb. If you have questions about getting a username and password set up, please contact Lori Cripple at [lcripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com)!



I'm excited to share that our church now has unlimited access to **RightNow Media**—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources (it's been called the "**Netflix of video Bible studies**"). This extensive library has **more than 20,000 videos** from leaders like Francis Chan, Jennie Allen, Matt Chandler, Dr. Tony Evans, and many more. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include **free discussion guides and handouts**.



To get started, simply use the scan code above and create your free

account, and start browsing more than 20,000 inspiring videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing to you and your family!

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## Upcoming Sermons

**November 10th**

**10:00 a.m. One Service**  
150th Celebration

**November 17th**

**"Say it Out Loud"**  
Psalm 107



PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Marie Ward, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Spencer Humphrey, Pam Upton, Louise Travis, Candy Claeys, Dawn McGinn, Cindy Gates, John Bull, Joyce St. John, Harry Brax, Pete Seyfarth, Charles & Lisa Oliver, Imogene Hoffman, Pam Buell, Johnny Kersnac, Linda Robison, Ricky Bullock, Jake Dehut, Tyna Youngblood, Mark Ernst, John Quinn, Rick Beeson, Gary Smith, Jerry Bowlin, Joanne Jenkins, Betty Stafford, John Miller, Jay Reagan, Genia Humphrey, John McCardle, Emily Romano, Cindy Tredway, Steve Burton, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, Sissy Meadows, David Berry, Leiland Humphrey, Kathy Hogan, Mildred Dilley, Rose Draime, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, April Ross, Jim Collins, Nan Nabor, Kendra Reed, Glenda Hull, Warren Poarch, Betty Stafford, Rocky Ruello, and Leo LaCour.

\*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 863-9619 or by email to [firstmclb@gmail.com](mailto:firstmclb@gmail.com).

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**The 2025 Altar Flower calendar** is in the lobby @ the main campus If you would like to sign up to place the flowers in the sanctuary.

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### **In Loving Memory**

A donation was given in memory of Lois Jones by Norman & Mildred Dilley.

Donations were given in memory of Merle Burman by Norman & Mildred Dilley, Gerald & Nora Van Pelt, Maureen & Everett Rice, Mark & Julie Puro, Allen & Debbie Palmer, and Jim & Becky Collins.

Donations were given in memory of Bill Denmark by Norman & Mildred Dilley and Jim & Becky Collins.

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### **Acolytes**

November 10th Malaina

November 17th Owen

November 24th Raleigh

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## FINANCIAL REPORT



YTD General Budget Receipts: \$606,023.46

YTD Expenses (actual expenses  
\$605,787.92  
less \$50,939.80 Line-item gifts):  
\$554,848.12

Net receipts: \$51,175.34

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### *Calendar*

#### **Sunday, November 10th**

##### **150th Celebration**

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

#### **Monday, November 11th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

#### **Tuesday, November 12th**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side-By-Side room

6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry Dining-in (CLC)

#### **Wednesday, November 13th**

10:00 a.m. Side-By-Side Respite Ministry

5:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in the Side by Side

5:30 p.m. Youth Heart and Soul

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, November 14th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

#### **Saturday, November 16th**

8:30 a.m. Mom's in Prayer in the Bridal Parlor

#### **Sunday, November 17th**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday school/Discipleship groups @ both campuses

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM & Online

5:00 p.m. Youth Friendsgiving

#### **Monday, November 18th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

6:00 p.m. First Methodist Women Mtg. in the CLC

#### **Tuesday, November 19th**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side-By-Side room

6:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship group in the Side by Side room

#### **Wednesday, November 20th**

10:00 a.m. Side-By-Side Respite Ministry

11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon

5:30 p.m. Heart & Soul in the Youth Hall

5:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in the Side by Side

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in the Youth Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir in the Choir room

#### **Thursday, November 21st**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC

4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

**Saturday, November 23rd**

8:30 a.m. Mom's in Prayer in the Bridal Parlor

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**Our Mission**

Make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our Vision**

To be a church that makes disciples that Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus,  
and Serve Like Jesus.

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