



The Messenger

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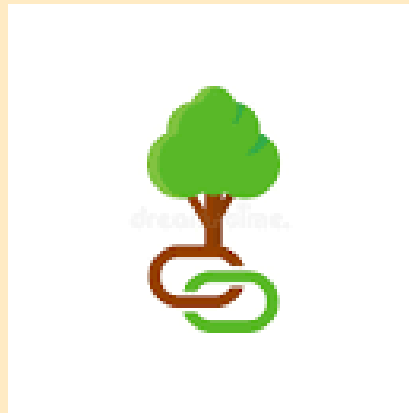
April 3, 2025

Kids. Kids are pretty incredible. From college kids to preschoolers, it is such a privilege to get to be a part of their lives here at our church. They are so very much fun to spend time with, and they have huge questions that help me grow in my own faith. Thank you for the ways you encourage and support our kids. Whether it comes in the form of a card to a college student, a monetary donation to our youth trip or plastic eggs for our Easter egg hunt, time spent leading our students, or time spent in prayer for them, you are showing them that they matter to you and reassuring them that they matter to God. Thank you for being generous people who invest in the lives of others! And if you haven't spent time recently with any of the kids (big or little) in our church, I would highly recommend you do it soon! You won't regret it! -Lori

Announcements & Events



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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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.



Youth Calendar

MARCH:

- 5TH - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @6
- 9TH: YOUTH @5 MEET AT THE CHURCH- VOLLEYBALL AT THE BEACH (IF RAINING WILL STAY AT THE CHURCH FOR GAMES). ***DAYLIGHT SAVINGS***
- 12TH: DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS @5:30 CLC
- 16TH YOUTH @5 - NEW SERIES - STORIES FROM THE GOSPEL - SENIORS WILL BEGIN THEIR SERIES - SEND OFF
- 19TH: DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS @5:30 CLC
- 23RD YOUTH @5
- 26TH DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS @5:30 CLC
- 30TH: YOUTH @5

APRIL:

- 2ND: DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS @5:30
- 6TH: YOUTH @5
- 9TH: DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS @5:30
- 13TH YOUTH @5:30
- 16TH : NO HEART & SOUL
- 17TH: MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @7
- 20TH: HAPPY EASTER - NO YOUTH
- 23RD: HEART & SOUL @5:30
- 27TH: NO YOUTH - FAMILY EVENT CLC
- 30TH : HEART & SOUL @5:30



If you would like to reserve an Easter Lily to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday in memory/honor of a loved one, please contact the church office @ 228-863-9619 or firstmclb@gmail.com. The cost is \$25.00 per lily and we have 30 lilies available on a first come first serve basis. You may pick up your Easter Lily after the 8:30 a.m. service.



First Methodist Women Spring Rummage/Bake Sale

Now is the time to start gathering your “unwanted treasures” for the spring sale which will be Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall. Donations may be delivered:

Monday, April 28th—Thursday, May 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 28th—Wednesday, April 30th 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2nd - No Donations accepted

Bake sale items may be delivered to the CLC on Friday or before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.



On Saturday, May 3rd There will be “to-go” pulled pork sandwich plates available from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$12.00 a plate.



Easter Egg Stuffing

If you would like to be a part of the fun of prepping the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt by helping to stuff them, we will meet on Sunday, April 6th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center at 208 Pine St.



The Methodist Women are hosting a Spring Fling Luncheon and all women of the church are invited.

WHEN: April 8, 2025

WHERE: Christian Life Center Main Campus

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

To ensure we have enough food, Please RSVP to Carolyn Rhoades @ 228-424-4975 or Shirley Gay @ 228-224-1349.

FMCLB Youth M28 Sponsorship Sunday, March 30th and April 6th



Select an egg off the tree (located in the lobby of the Well or Main Campus) on March 30th or April 6th. The number on the egg will be the monetary amount of your sponsorship/donation that will go towards the youth M28 trip this summer. Please be sure to put "M28" in the memo line of your check. Thanks so much for your continued support!



Save the Dates for Summer 2025

June 16-21: Camp Wesley Pines (for upper elementary & middle school students. See Lori Cripple for more information)

June 22-26: Vacation Bible School (for preschool & elementary students)

July 7-11: M28 Camp (for middle school & high school students. See Mary Woodruff or Mandy Long for more information).



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise @ Long Beach Harbor

8:30 a.m. Easter Worship Sanctuary Service with a reception to follow in the Christian Life Center

10:00 a.m. Biscuit Bar @ USM Fleming Auditorium

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt @ USM

11:00 a.m. The Well Easter Worship @ USM Fleming Auditorium

Don't' forget to bring your fresh cut flowers to put on the cross outside the Narthex.



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**.



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Upcoming Sermons

April 6th

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: We Turn Toward Jesus to be Healed and Forgiven"

Luke 5:17-26

April 13th

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: We Turn Toward Jesus and We Don't Look Back"

Luke 9:57-62, Matthew 14:22-26



PC Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Marie Ward, Sherry Alley, Andrew Beets, Adeline Humphrys, Dorothy Tingo, Lynn Jordan Beck, Cory Miller, Spencer Humphrey, 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, Tyna Youngblood, Mark Ernst, John Quinn, 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, David Berry, Leiland Humphrey, Kathy Hogan, Mildred Dilley, Rose Draime, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, Jim Collins, Nan Nabor, Kendra Reed, Glenda Hull, Rocky Ruello, Rosalie Allely, Teresa Burton, Natalie Schmidt, 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.



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.



In Loving Memory

Donations were given in memory of Dick Lyon by Christopher & Kristin Soder and Larry & Beth Lewis..

A donation was been given in memory of Betty Stafford by the First Methodist Women.

A donation was given in memory of Carolyne "Pete" McGee by the First Methodist Women.



We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Mark & Terri Oehmichen and family at the death of Terri's sister, Noel Griffith.

Calendar

Sunday, April 6th

- 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
- 3:30 p.m. Stuff Easter Eggs in the CLC
- 5:00 p.m. Youth in the Youth Hall

Monday, April 7th

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room

Tuesday, April 8th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side-By-Side room
- 11:00 a.m. First Methodist Women Spring Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room

Wednesday, April 9th

- 10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study "The Praying Practice"
In the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, April 10th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor
6:00 p.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room

Saturday, April 12th

10:30 a.m. Open Table @ 19th Street Park

Sunday, April 13th

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 in the Youth Hall

Monday, April 14th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes
10:00 a.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room

Tuesday, April 15th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side room
6:30 p.m. Women's Small Group in the Side by Side room

Wednesday, April 16th

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in Choir room

Thursday, April 17th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary

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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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