



# The Messenger

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Vacation Bible School start this Sunday!! This is so exciting and such a fun week! It will be a week filled with music, crafts, bible stories, games, and good food. If you've not signed your child up it's not too late. Also, you're not too late to find a place to serve. This purpose-filled week doesn't just happen on its own. It is a beautiful image of the body of Christ working together to accomplish His good work! The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:27 that "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." I can't wait to spend next week with all of you and seeing God's hand at work in us and through us!

-Ben

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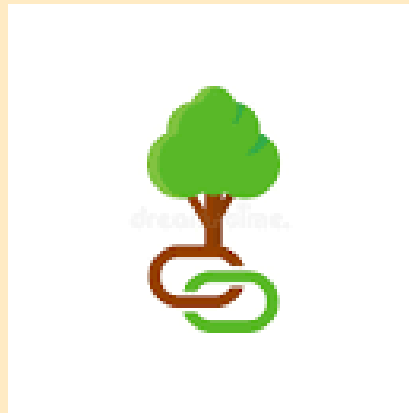
## Announcements & Events

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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.



# Youth Calendar

## JUNE:

- 1ST - YOUTH @5 - BRING A SHIRT TO TIE DYE - HUMAN FOOSBALL (AND MORE) - WEAR CLOTHES THAT CAN GET MESSY
- 4<sup>TH</sup> - NO HEART & SOUL
- 8<sup>TH</sup> - VBS VOLUNTEER DINNER @5 IN CLC
- 11<sup>TH</sup> - NO HEART & SOUL
- 15<sup>TH</sup> - NO YOUTH -HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
- 18<sup>TH</sup> - NO HEART AND SOUL
- 22ND- 26TH - VBS @5:30
- 29<sup>TH</sup> - YOUTH & PARENT MEETING ABOUT M28 @5

\*\*\*M28 JULY 7-11\*\*\*

VBS set up times June 17-21:  
Tues. 3-6, Wed 5-7 (pizza provided),  
Thur 3-6, Fri 9-12, and Sat 9-until



## Celebration of Life for Teresa Burton

A service to celebrate Teresa's life will be held at First Methodist Church Long Beach on Saturday, June 28, 2025, where we will honor her legacy, share cherished memories, and provide an opportunity for family and friends to pay their respects and celebrate the remarkable life of Teresa Burton. Family will gather at 10:30 am, and Public Visitation will begin at 11:00 am followed by a Memorial Service at 12 noon. After the memorial service attendees are welcome to gather for a meal and fellowship in the



### **Blood Drive**

The church will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 15th from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. If you would like to donate blood you can schedule an appointment @ [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). We are also in need of volunteers to work the blood drive and check-in potential donors. If you would like to volunteer to help with blood drive, please contact Lori Cripple @ 228-324-3622 or the church office @ 228-863-9619.

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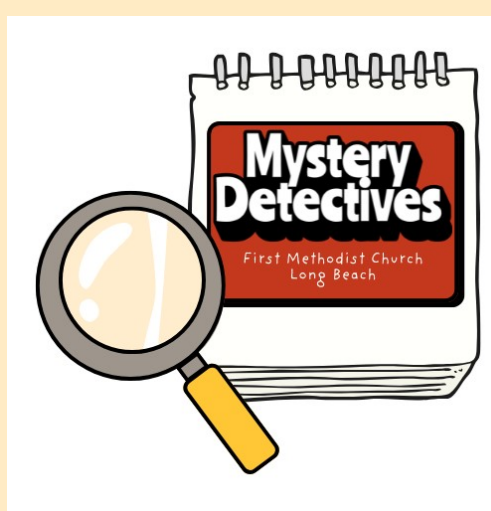


### **O.A.K.S. Luncheon**

The O.A.K.S. Luncheon for June and July are as follows:  
June 25th @ 11:30 a.m.  
July 23rd @ 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for our June and July Luncheons in the Christian Life Center. All are invited and please bring a dish to share.

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Summer is fast approaching which means it's time to volunteer for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be the week of June 22nd-26th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. We are so excited about this year's theme: Mystery Detectives! Our kids will be discovering truths about who Jesus is and who we are to him! It's going to be such a fantastic week!

Please use the links to sign up to volunteer or register your kids. You can also find the forms in the lobby.

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If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.



Dear Congregation of FMCLB,  
As the school year winds to a close, I wanted to thank you for all of the support you have shown Long Beach High School during my time here. From helping provide Christmas for students in need, to backpack buddies to pancakes and so much more, you all have truly blessed the staff and students of my school. I cannot thank you enough for that, nor can I tell you adequately how much I appreciate it. As my time at LBHS comes to a close, it is nice to know the school and students have a supporter such as you all.  
Gratefully, Justin Sutton



2025 YTD Budget Receipts  
+LIG \$399,386

2025 YTD Budgeted  
Expenses \$389,061



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!





## Upcoming Sermons

**June 22nd**

“The Mystery of the Star”

Matthew 2:1-12

**June 29th**

“The Mystery of the Man Born Blind”

John 9:1-15

**July 6th**

“The Mystery of the Empty Tomb”

Luke 24:13-34

**July 13th**

“The Mystery at the Well”

John 4:1-30

**July 20th**

“The Mystery of the Robbery”

Luke 10:25-37



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, 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, Gary Smith, Jerry Bowlin, Joanne Jenkins, John Miller, Jay Reagan, Genia Humphrey, Emily Romano, Cindy Tredway, Steve Burton, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, David 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, Rosalie Allely, Nancy Ruff, 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](mailto:firstmclb@gmail.com).



**Shine on**..... All the volunteers that have signed up to help with Vacation Bible School this year!



**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 call the church office @ 228-863-9619 or [firstmclb@gmail.com](mailto:firstmclb@gmail.com)

There are several open dates on the Flower calendar for the Sanctuary:

June 29

July 13 & July 27

August 24 & August 31

September 7 & September 14

October 12 & October 26

December 14

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## *Calendar*

### **Sunday, June 22nd**

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### **Monday, June 23rd**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### **Tuesday, June 24th**

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side rm.

### **Wednesday, June 25th**

- 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

### **Thursday, June 26th**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### **Sunday, June 29th**

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Seashore Mission Lunch Food Prep CLC

### **Monday, June 30th**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 10:30 a.m. Depart Church for Seashore Mission Lunch

### **Tuesday, July 1st**

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

### **Wednesday, July 2nd**

- 10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in Moore Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

### **Thursday, July 3rd**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

### **Friday, July 4th**

**Office Closed**

### **Sunday, July 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

### **Monday, July 7th**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting in the Library

### **Tuesday, July 8th**

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side by Side rm.

### **Wednesday, July 9th**

- 10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in Moore Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

### **Thursday, July 10th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's Parlor

**Sunday, July 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, July 14th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the Side by Side room  
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the CLC

**Tuesday, July 15th**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Side-By-Side room  
1:00 p.m. Blood Drive in the CLC

**Wednesday, July 16th**

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room  
6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class  
6:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in Moore Hall  
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

**Thursday, July 17th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

**Sunday, July 20th**

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, July 21st**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
6:00 p.m. Methodist Women in the CLC

**Tuesday, July 22nd**

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

**Wednesday, July 23rd**

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room  
11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC  
6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class  
6:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in Moore Hall  
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

**Thursday, July 24th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

**Sunday, July 27th**

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, July 28th**

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

**Tuesday, July 29th**

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

**Wednesday, July 30th**

10:00 a.m. Side by Side Ministry - Respite room  
2:00 p.m. Seashore Mission Lunch Food Prep CLC  
6:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Squad in Seekers Class  
6:00 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group in Moore Hall

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

**Thursday, July 31st**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC  
10:30 a.m. Depart Church for Seashore Mission Lunch  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bridal Parlor

\*\*\* The next newsletter will go out on August 7, 2025.\*\*\*

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**Our Mission**

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

**Our Vision**

Our church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

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