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The Vision

Our vision is our intended destination or goal. The vision of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

The Mission

Our mission is the roadmap for achieving our vision. The mission of First Methodist Church Long Beach is to connect, coach, and commission people to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

The Messenger

May 21, 2026

As we approach Memorial Day, we pause to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice reminds us of the words of Jesus in John 15:13: *“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* While Memorial Day is often filled with gatherings, travel, and celebration, it is also an opportunity to reflect with gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy and the cost at which they came.

As a church family, let us also remember those in our community who carry the weight of loss on this holiday. May we be people who offer encouragement, compassion, and prayer.

Heavenly Father,

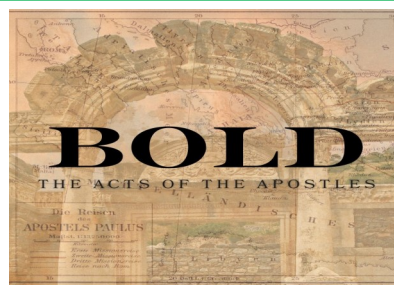
We thank You for the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives in service to our nation. We pray for the families who remember loved ones with both pride and sorrow during this Memorial Day season. Bring comfort to the grieving, peace where there is conflict, and wisdom to those who lead our country.

Help us never to take our freedoms for granted, but instead live with gratitude, humility, and love for one another. May we, as your people, be instruments of peace and hope in our homes, churches, and communities.

Above all, we thank You for the eternal hope we have through Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us so that we might have life.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Ben Barlow



Upcoming Sermons

May 24, 2026

Stephen Stoned

Acts 6:8-8:3

May 31, 2026

To Samaria

Acts 8:4-25



Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Sharon Haulk, Lynn Jordan Beck, Joyce St. John, Pete Seyfarth, Jay Reagan, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, David Serrato, David Berry, Mildred Dilley, Jesse Draime, Maddy Devlin, Patricia Badeaux, Linda Bass, Bob Bullard, Anne Ladner, Paul Hicks, Jim Collins, Glenda Hull, Natalie Schmidt, Dawn Rhoades, John Fales, Becky Collins, Lauren Sullivan, Corbin Altese, Penny Tripp, Jim Westmoreland, Billy Stafford, Gary Cook, Carol Cook, Dan Tisdale, Farra Wicks, and Linda Robinson.



Donations have been given in memory of Nancy Ruff by Tommy & Jamie Carroll, Melissa Francis, Mike & Kathy Cook, John Blake, Betsy Bullard, and Fred & Kaye Rendfrey.

Donations have been given in memory of Fay Castiglia by Barbara Donald, Mike & Kathy Cook, Thomas & Constance McKay, William & Shirley Wilson, and Ben Stone.

Donations have been given in memory of Susan Foy by John Blake, Richard & Grace Gingles, James & Rebecca Collins, Larry & Beth Lewis, Gregory & Jo Ellen Tappan, and Betsy Bullard.

A donation has been given in memory of PC Havens by John Blake.

A donation has been given in memory of Marie Ward by Betsy Bullard.



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May 31st Malaina

June 7th Jacen

June 14th Jack

Calendar

Sunday, May 24th

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, May 25th

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

Tuesday, May 26th

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

Wednesday, May 27th

10:00 a.m. Respite Ministry in the Side by Side rm.
11:30 a.m. O.A.K.S. Luncheon in the CLC
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in the Choir rm.
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

Thursday, May 28th

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

Sunday, May 31st

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
5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in the SBS Room

Monday, June 1st

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

Tuesday, June 2nd

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

Wednesday, June 3rd

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

Thursday, June 4th

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



Youth Group

7th-12th Graders

- May 24** - No Youth - Memorial Day weekend
- May 31** - Youth Group
- June 7** - No Youth - **VBS Volunteer Dinner**
- June 14** - No Youth - **VBS Night 1**
- June 21** - No Youth - Happy Father's Day!
- June 28** - Youth Group
- July 6-10** - Summer Trip to M28
- July 12** - Youth Group
- July 19** - Youth Group

Youth Group is from 5 - 7 PM in Heritage Hall. Enter in the door with the mosaic cross painted on it! Pick up is in the Christian Life Center.



Vacation Bible School: **JUNE 14-18, 2026**

Free Event at First Methodist Church,
208 Pine Street, Long Beach
Nightly from 5:30 - 8 PM, dinner included
Register now for Kids in PreK- 5th Grade
and for Volunteers!

Summer is fast approaching which means it's time to volunteer for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be the week of June 14th-18th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Our volunteer dinner will be Sunday, June 7th. We are so excited about this year's theme. Get ready for Mission Shine: Project Light 589! Our kids will be learning all about how Jesus is the Light of the World and how we can shine His light for others to see! It's going to be such a fantastic week! Registration forms are in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622.



4th-6th Graders
5-7 PM on Sundays

- May 24** - No In-Betweens - Memorial Day weekend
- May 31** - In-Betweens - This will be our last gathering until August 2!

VBS: June 14-18!

Students in 4th & 5th grades can register to participate. Current students in 6th grade can register to volunteer!

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In-Betweens meets in the Side-by-Side room in Moore Hall at 208 Pine Street. Enter on the side facing the park! Pick up in the Christian Life Center on the parking lot side.



Decorate for Vacation Bible School!

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Help us turn our church into an out of this world experience! You don't have to be crafty, just willing to help!

- Monday, June 8 from 5-7 PM
- Tuesday, June 9 from 1-5 PM
- Wednesday, June 10 from 5-7 PM
- Thursday, June 11 from 1-5 PM
- Friday, June 12 from 9 AM - 12 PM
- Saturday, June 13 from 9 AM until we're done!

Meet us in the Christian Life Center to decorate. We'll have materials and instructions ready for you!

Attention Youth Group Students Attending M28 this summer, July 6-10, 2026:

Please make your M28 payment if you've not already done so! If the payment is a hinderance to you, reach out to Emily! Some scholarships are available.

Cost: \$225 total

- **First payment: \$125 by May 1**
- **Second payment: \$100 by June 1**

Students will need additional spending money for 4 fast food meals during travel and the camp store.



O.A.K.S.
Older Adult Kindred Spirit

First Methodist Church
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The O.A.K.S. Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 27th @ 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. Our program will be Talia Lock, Superintendent of the Long Beach School District. Please come and share fellowship and your favorite dish.

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