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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

August 27, 2026

I'm so excited about our launch of Life Groups starting the week of September 13! Life Groups are part of our overall Discipleship Pathway. Below you will find a graphic to help you discover your pathway to becoming a disciple who knows Jesus and makes Him known!



## Upcoming Sermons

**August 30, 2026**

Peter Preaches to Gentiles

Acts 10:34-11:18

**September 6, 2026**

Gentile Disaster Relief

Acts 11:19-30

**September 13, 2026**

Peter's Jailbreak

Acts 12:1-24

**September 20, 2026**

Sent Out On Mission

Acts 13:1-52

**September 27, 2026**

Through Many Troubles

Acts 14:1-28

**Calendar**

**Sunday, August 30th**

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, August 31st**

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

**Tuesday, September 1st**

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

**Wednesday, September 2nd**

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

**Thursday, September 3rd**

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

**Sunday, September 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, September 7th**

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

**Tuesday, September 8th**

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

**Wednesday, September 9th**

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

**Thursday, September 10th**

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

**Sunday, September 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  
5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in the SBS room

**Monday, September 14th**

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

**Tuesday, September 15th**

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

**Wednesday, September 16th**

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

**Thursday, September 17th**

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

**Sunday, September 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  
5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in the SBS room

**Monday, September 21st**

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

**Tuesday, September 22nd**

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

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

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

**Thursday, September 24th**

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

**Sunday, September 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  
5:00 p.m. In-Betweens in the SBS room

**Monday, September 28th**

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup

**Tuesday, September 29th**

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup

**Wednesday, September 30th**

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup  
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir in the Choir room

**Thursday, October 1st**

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup  
4:00 p.m. Prayer Group in the Bride's parlor

**Friday, October 2nd**

9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup

**Saturday, October 3rd**

8:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake Sale

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**Acolyte Schedule**

August 30th Collins  
September 6th Malaina  
September 13th Jack  
September 20th Raylee  
September 27th Ellie

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We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Norma Seyfarth and family at the death of her husband, Pete Seyfarth.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Iantha Hines.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to Mike and Christi Tate and family at the death of their son, Michael Tate.

We wish to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family & friends of Dr. Don Rayner.

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Donations have been given in memory of Iantha Hines by Betsy Bullard, First Methodist Women, Evelyn Terry, John Blake, and Jennifer Cuccaro.

A donation was given in memory of Marie Ward by John Blake.

A donation was given in memory of Pete Seyfarth by John Blake.

A donation was given in memory of Susan Foy by John Blake.

A donation was given in memory of Nancy Ruff by Carl & Kimberly LaRosa.



Janis Slade, Shorty Haulk, Sharon Haulk, Lynn Jordan Beck, Joyce St. John, Jay Reagan, Pam Serrato, Ryan Serrato, David Serrato, David Berry, Mildred Dilley, Jesse Draime, Ensleye 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, Leah Hayes, Bruce Mathes III & Alexis Stephens, Dan Tisdale, Diane Johnson, Adam Dugger, Richard Gingles, & Farra Wicks.



A heartfelt thank you to FedEx for your generous backpack food donations for the children! Your kindness and support are helping ensure that children have nutritious food and the resources they need. We truly appreciate your commitment to making a difference in our community.

College Ministry

Our college students are back on their campuses and would love to hear from you! Here are 5 reasons you should get connected with a college student:

- 1. It reminds them they're not forgotten. College students can feel far from home and disconnected from their church community. A handwritten note reminds them they are thought of and that they matter.
- 2. It provides encouragement during a challenging season. A timely card or letter can give a student a much-needed boost when they're having a difficult week.
- 3. It keeps students connected to the church, bridging the distance between campus life and our local church. It communicates that being away at college doesn't mean they've been forgotten or left behind.
- 4. It creates a tangible expression of ministry. Sending an encouraging note, birthday message, or small care package can be a simple way to demonstrate Christ's love in a very personal way.
- 5. It can build a lasting personal relationship between you and a college student that will be a blessing for both of you!

If you would like to get connected with a college student, scan the QR code.



Jesus fed the 5000, but he started with the fish and loaves of a boy in the crowd! Maybe he wants to start with you to feed our students this Sunday!

Sign up to feed dinner to our students by scanning the QR code!



Backpack Buddies

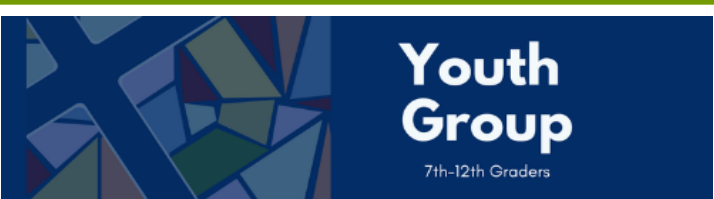
If you are looking for a way to serve children in our local community, consider joining the Backpack Buddies team! Backpack Buddies of Long Beach is a community organization feeding food-insecure children in the Long Beach School District on the weekends. They receive their bag with individually wrapped items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to take home on Friday afternoon for the weekend. There are many ways to participate in the program. You can help by:

- unboxing the food to prep for our packing sessions
- pack the bags that are delivered to the schools each week
- \* deliver bags to schools on a rotational basis.

If you would like volunteer, scan the QR code



The O.A.K.S. Luncheon will be September 23, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center. All are invited! Please come and share fellowship along with your favorite dish.



- Aug 30: Youth Group
- Sept 6: NO Youth Group – Labor Day
- Sept 13: Youth Group
- Sept 20: Youth Group
- Sept 27: Youth Group
- Oct 4: NO Youth Group – Fall Break
- Oct 10-12: Beach Retreat @ Panama City Beach
- Oct 18: 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.



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

- Aug 30: In-Betweens
- Sept 6: NO In-Betweens (Labor Day)
- Sept 13: In-Betweens
- Sept 20: In-Betweens
- Sept 27: In-Betweens
- Oct 4: NO In-Betweens (Fall Break)

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.

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Now is the time to start gathering your “unwanted treasures” for the Fall sale which will be Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and Moore Hall. Donations may be delivered:

**Monday, September 28th - Thursday, October 1st** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 28th - Wednesday, September 30th** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 2nd** - No Donations accepted

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



Pulled Pork Sandwich plates will be available from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. \$12.00



**Save the Date!**

Our annual Charge Conference/District Rally will be Sunday, November 1st at 5:00 p.m. The location will be announced at a later date.