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January 20, 2016

Florida Department of State
Corporate Division
Clifton Building 2661 Executive Center Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PORT ST. JOE, INC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Organization for the above referred non-profit corporation. Please file the original, certify the copy, and return the certified copy to me at your earliest convenience.

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the filing fees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Charles Costin', with a large, sweeping initial 'C'.

Charles Costin

Enclosures

First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe, Inc.

Church Constitution

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The articles of incorporation of First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe, Inc. Incorporated are as follows.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this corporation is First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe, Inc. (hereafter referred to as "FUMC").

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation is at 1001 Constitution Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The registered agent of this corporation at that address is GEOFFREY LENTZ.

ARTICLE III – TERM & PURPOSE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence and its commencement shall be effective from date of filing.

FUMC is a nonprofit religious corporation. It is organized as a local United Methodist Church exclusively for religious purposes, supports the doctrine of the United Methodist Church, and declares itself and all of its property subject to the law, usages and ministerial appointments of the United Methodist Church.

The Corporation is to be operated exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of its charter, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue

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Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (C) (2) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE IV-DIRECTORS/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Directors of FUMC shall be the Board of Trustees who shall be elected in accordance with the By-laws and The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

ARTICLE V-NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Trustees and their offices are as follows:

Walton E. Williams, Jr Chairman and secretary
1007 Marvin Avenue
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Carolyn B. Witten
604 20th Street
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Diann M. Farnsley
2387 Constitution Drive
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

W.L. McGlothin
406 5th Street
Mexico Beach, FL 32410

William J. Kennedy
1612 Monument Avenue
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

William D. Russell
512 Windmark Way
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Christy Taunton
10777 CR 30-A
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

D. Boyd Pickett

108 Sunset Cr.
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Ralph Roberson
214 7th Street
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

ARTICLE VI-REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is Geoffrey Lentz and his address is 1001 Constitution Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456.

ARTICLE VII-INCORPORATOR

The name and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

GEOFFREY LENTZ
1001 Constitution Drive
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

WALTON E. WILLIAMS
1007 Marvin Avenue
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

ARTICLE VIII – CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have members. Upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation, the members of the former unincorporated local First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe, Florida shall be members of this corporation. Only those members of the FUMC who are members of the Charge Conference, as defined in the Book of United Methodist Church (hereinafter “the Discipline”), are entitled to vote at a meeting of the members; provided, however if the District Superintendent convenes a Charge Conference as a Church Conference, all members of the Corporation present shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE IX - POWERS

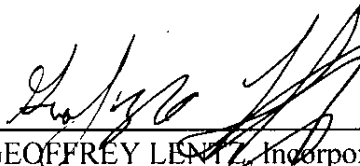
The business of this corporation shall be conducted in conformity with the Discipline as the same now exists or as may be hereafter amended, changed or modified, and the bylaws shall include the Discipline and no bylaws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the Discipline.

In addition to the powers and duties granted herein and by the Discipline, FUMC assumes for itself all the rights, powers, and privileges and immunities which are now, and which may be during the existence thereof be conferred by law upon corporations with a similar character, provided the same are not inconsistent with the Discipline.

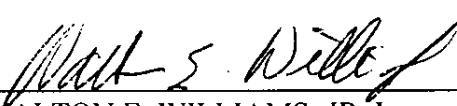
ARTICLE X - TERM

The FUMC shall exist in perpetuity. If for any reason FUMC shall be abandoned, discontinued, or cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter shall expire or be terminated, the title to all of its property shall be vested in a be the property of the Alabama West Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, pursuant to the Discipline, provided it is then an organization qualified under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned subscribing incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal this 21st day of January, 2016, for the purpose of forming this Corporation, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida and I hereby make and file in the office of the Secretary of State, State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation and certify that the facts herein stated are true.

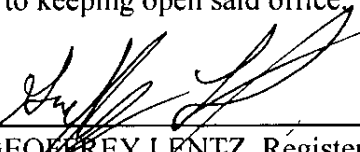


GEOFFREY LENTZ, Incorporator



WALTON E. WILLIAMS, JR., Incorporator

HAVING BEEN named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office.




GEOFFREY LENTZ, Registered Agent
1001 Constitution Drive
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF GULF

BEFORE ME personally appeared **GEOFFREY LENTZ and WALTON E. WILLIAMS, JR.** to me well known to be the individual described and who executed the same for the purposes therein expressed. I submit this document and affirm that the facts are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 21st day of January, 2016


Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 1/7/18

