

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2017

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Received to date, Budget 65,530.64
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ATTENDANCE, FEB. 12, 2017

Sunday School.....147
Early Service.....45
10:55 AM Service.....206
Total Worship.....251

USHERS: Eugene Bailey Michael East E.C. Jones
Bubba Atkins Bill Atkins Bob Wyman

COFFEE & JUICE: Good Shepherd Class

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **LAY READER:** Stacey Monteleone

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR FEB. Laurann Harrell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Marc & Laura Stewart (2/19)
Wilkes & Amy Bryan (2/26)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home
Ora Trenor Mary Lester Sue Rushing
Doris Bruce Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith
Nedra Clemons John Lester Jim Trenor
Liv Brand

Dugan WP Living Center The Manor at Traceway
Caradine Young Barbara LeBlanc Evelyn O'Hara Wallace
Mary Frances Miller
Ora Trenor

The 10:55 Worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 February 14, 2017
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

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April Acker, CDC Director, 494-6811



THE WINDOW
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
February 14, 2017

Looking Towards Lent

In two weeks we will embark on the Lenten season, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 1. Lent is a reflective time for us to take up disciplines that help us grow closer to God. One of these disciplines of our congregation will be a Lenten offering that the Mississippi Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church has adopted for this year: Imagine No Malaria.

Even though malaria has not been a problem in the United States in over 60 years, did you know that malaria continues to kill a child every two minutes in parts of Africa? The saddest part of the story is that malaria is such a preventable disease. For only ten dollars, one bed net can protect up to four people from malaria. Our bishop, James Swanson, Sr., has challenged the denomination in Mississippi to raise enough money for 100,000 nets by the time we meet for Annual Conference in June.

This Sunday, February 19, during the worship services we will share a short video with you about Imagine No Malaria. When Lent begins, every family in the church will receive a devotional packet and a calendar with suggestions of how to contribute to this great cause. As is the tradition at First UMC, our adult and children's Sunday school classes will pair for fund-raisers throughout the season. I am so excited about this opportunity for outreach that reaches around the world. Be on the lookout for more information! If you would like to read more about Imagine No Malaria, visit the conference's website at www.mississippi-umc.org/inm

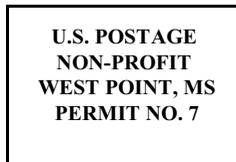
I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday!

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, February 19, 2017

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

And the Lord Added... We welcome Mrs. Charlotte Portera into the membership and fellowship of FUMC. Please be sure to welcome Charlotte.



What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Feb. 6 - Feb. 19 - Holly & Bennie Hitt

Feb. 20 - Mar. 5 - Ann McClellan & Janet Jameson

BAGS & TAGS - Many individuals in our community need BAGS. Backpacks for school, bags for going to foster care, suitcases for Adults going into treatment. Clean out your closets and dig under your beds...Bring any kind of bag, suitcase, satchel or pouch to the church **during the month of February**. Drop them in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship hall. Sometimes our clutter makes another person's heart flutter! Our children will make inspirational tags to go on the bags. Bags will be blessed at the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28**. For more information contact Martha Allen at 295-0873 or the church office.

SAVE THE DATE...

The Camp Lake Stephens Day Camp will be held July 17-21, 2017. Last year the camp was extremely successful, and the children had a wonderful time. We must have 20 to sign up in order to have the camp. The cost is \$125 but the church will pay \$25 per camper. Make sure you put this date on your calendar. I know this year's camp will be outstanding. Deadline to sign up is **April 15**. More information will be available after I communicate with Lake Stephens in April. Contact Gail Foote if you have questions.

VINTAGE GROUP...

Spaces are still available for the Vintage trip to Nashville, TN, April 20-22. Highlights of the trip include staying in Gaylord Opryland Hotel, visiting the Country Music Hall of Fame, taking a tour of the city by trolley, and taking in the Grand Ole Opry. The estimated cost is \$450 per person (double room) plus food. A deposit of \$75 is due on Feb. 24. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bailey at 295-6219.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS... The First Christian Church, The Episcopal Church and the Church

House of the Refuge have teamed together to feed the church's shut-ins and the needy. They have asked us, FUMC, to take part in this ministry they are calling Christ at Home. The new outreach group has decided to research if we have enough volunteers to commit to this ministry. We will cook and deliver 50 meals every third Wednesday of the month. We need a team to cook and a team to deliver. We need women and men to help deliver. We will take full time and part time volunteers! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Gail Foote or the church office at 494-1658. Thank you for your consideration of this ministry.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! This Sunday, the Chancel Choir will be singing "The Church's One Foundation", a song most everyone knows and we all love. I

admit that it is one of my favorite hymns and I enjoy singing it often. As we are preparing to sing this, I decided to look up the history of the hymn and what it meant to the composer. Here is something I found on Challies.com.

"The Rev. Samuel John Stone was well aware of the effectiveness of singing when he wrote and published *Lyra Fidelium* in 1866. As a curate in the small town of Windsor, England, he was aware of his parishoners' habit of using the Apostles' Creed in their private prayers. But he was concerned that many of them did not grasp the meaning of what they said. The prose felt too academic, disconnected from the average worshipper, and lacking a devotional spirit.

It was in this context that he wrote *Lyra Fidelium*, which consisted of twelve hymns, one for each article of the Apostles' Creed. With each hymn he included a short "summary of truths confessed" in that article, along with a list of the Scripture passages supporting it. "The Church's One Foundation" was the hymn he wrote for article 9 of the Creed, which affirms belief in "the holy catholic church" and "the communion of saints." I h

ave sung this hymn for many years but never realized where it came from. I encourage you to come

on Sunday and listen to the hymn as we affirm our faith in Christ together.

Rachel



"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Those are the words Moses spoke to Israel in Deuteronomy as he prepared to dive into a long and important speech. Studies have shown time and time again that, unsurprisingly, teenagers learn by example. Parents, you have been given a high calling by God! The best way to teach your children God's word is to live it out as you walk, when you sleep, and yes, even when you begrudgingly stop hitting that snooze button and roll out of bed in the morning. This month our youth have been going through a series on maleness and femaleness, and we'll end it this week with a lesson on relationships. For better or for worse, students learn the most about relationships from their parents! It's easy for parents to get so caught up in nurturing relationships with their children that they forget to take time to nurture relationships with other people too (spouses, that means it's time for date night!). This week I hope you'll take the time to teach our students about relationships by nurturing your own, whatever that may mean in your context. The things teens learn from their parents inevitably mold their own relationships for the rest of their lives.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." -Proverbs 22:6

CREW is Wednesday night @5:30. This week we'll be looking in Genesis to learn about real love and how that kind of love looks in relationships. We will eat at the Wednesday Night Supper before Youth this week.

Soul Care Sunday

This Sunday our students will help take Communion to some of our home-bound residents. This is a great opportunity for students to gain experience and knowledge from our elderly members while serving

and participating in the Lord's holy communion. We will eat dinner at 5:30, provided by the East family, before serving communion. Afterward, we'll be playing a huge game of Zombie Apocalypse at Sally Kate Winters Park.

The Gathering

The Gathering is February 24th-26th. The cost per student is \$65, which is due by this Wednesday, February 15th.

Youth Booster Board

Youth Booster Board will meet **March 5th** at 12:30pm after Church. We'll meet up at La Fiesta Brava for lunch to discuss the summer calendar, the youth ministry mission statement and values, and our long-term plan for achieving the mission statement. Attendance is very important, so be there and bring your ideas!

In Christ Jesus,
Cody Westcott

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 15 - Feb. 21

Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	Wednesday Night Supper - FH
	5:30 PM	C.R.E.W.
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	SOYA Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.		Loaves & Fishes
	6:00 PM	Bunco Group
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Confirmation
	5:30 PM	C.R.E.W.
	6:00 PM	Beth Moore BS
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle @ Judy Rice's home
Tues.	9:30 AM	Beth Moore BS

