

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2017

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ATTENDANCE, FEB. 19, 2017

Sunday School.....122
Early Service.....43
10:55 AM Service.....157
Total Worship.....200

USHERS: Chuck Pearson Cody Pearson Connor Williams John Facella
J.B. Harrell Kip Alpe Cohen Trolio Jake Donahoo

COFFEE & JUICE: Good Shepherd Class
SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **READER:** Stacey Monteleone

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR FEB. Laurann Harrell & Donna Forrest

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Brooks & Laura Tinsley (2/26)
Wilkes & Amy Bryan (3/5)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home
Mary Lester John Lester Sue Rushing
Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Jim Trenor
Nina Millard

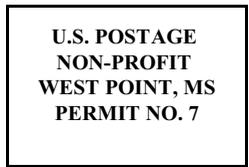
Dugan WP Living Center The Manor at Traceway
Caradine Young Barbara LeBlanc Evelyn O’Hara Wallace
Mary Frances Miller
Ora Trenor

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

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P. O. Box 293 February 21, 2017
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
Feb ruary 21, 2017

This month our worship series has revolved around the word, CALL. The Scriptures have reminded us that we have a calling as a congregation, and God has also called us as individuals to certain purposes.

For the past five years, I’ve had the privilege of serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Mississippi Annual Conference. Next week we will interview 24 people who feel that God has called them to full-time ministry in The United Methodist Church. I cannot tell you how thrilling it is to listen to “call stories” in these interviews—the various ways in which God spoke to them, drew them, and equipped them for the work of ministry. Every pastor who has served, or will ever serve, at First UMC of West Point has had to go through this interview process.

I have a favor to ask of you all as the First UMC family: Would you set aside time next Monday and Tuesday to pray for the 24 ministerial candidates (those being interviewed) and the 50-member Board of Ordained Ministry (the interviewers)? Pray for peace of mind for all who are nervous. Pray for wisdom and discernment. Most importantly, give thanks to God who continues to call His people!

Know how grateful I am for the calling upon each of your lives. Let us listen together for where God will lead us as a congregation this week!

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, February 26, 2017:

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Sympathy... We extend sympathy to Mrs. Mary Anne Weems and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty Jean Hamlin Paulk who passed away on Sunday, February 19. Services will be Friday, February 24 with visitation at 1:00 and the service at 2:00PM at Calvert Funeral Home.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Feb. 20 - Mar. 5 - Ann McClellan & Janet Jameson
Mar. 6 - Mar. 19 - Lynne Posey & Betsy McGlohn

Vacation Bible School - Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School. It will be held June 25th - June 28th from 5:00-8:00PM. The theme this year will be Hero Central. Fifth and sixth graders will meet with Cody in the Bryan Youth Center while everyone else will meet in the church. Please mark your calendar for this event.

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.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I want to take just a moment to tell the Chancel Choir how well they sang "The Church's One Foundation"

on Sunday. That was a very difficult piece and you sounded amazing! It went so well with our scripture and Darian's sermon. Thank you Chancel Choir for all your hard work!

Speaking of hard work, I want to brag on the Children's Choir now! They have been so good this semester. They pay attention, they are polite, and I'm really proud of the ways they have grown. Thank you to all the parents who are teaching their children how to be good Christians!

This week, the Chancel Choir will sing "Majesty" which also has "Holy, Holy, Holy" arranged into it. The lyrics which we all know and love are as follows,

"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!"

Come on Sunday and let our voices rise together early in the morning to our Lord God Almighty! Hope to see you there!

Rachel



Any type of ministry requires that we be intentional in our actions, but this is especially true of ministry with students. We must

have a firm understanding of how each of our different programs affects the faith of students. If we've thought about what our own students are getting out of the youth group, here's a basic breakdown: Sunday school is where we learn the basics. This is essential Christian education. While the basics are incredibly important, if it's the only thing our students are attending then they will be woefully lacking in understanding of their faith. Wednesday nights are where we expand upon that understanding, and our main goal is to equip and

prepare students to take what they've learned here out into the real world. Wednesday nights are focused on application of faith. Sunday nights are also important. This is the night where we take what we've learned from Sunday school and Wednesday nights and actually do it! "Soul Care Sunday" is a learning-by-doing experience where we put the other stuff into practice: prayer, hands on worship, serving the community, and fellowship through small groups. Each of these are important parts of forming a spiritually healthy teen, and that's why we should encourage our teenagers to be there for all of it! Just as important is being intentional about faith in the home. Even if a student never misses a youth event, their growth will be seriously stunted if parents aren't intentionally guiding their teens in faith at home. How can we be intentional about bringing Jesus into our families? You might be surprised at how even the smallest of events (eating dinner, driving them to school, or a family game night), if done with intentionality about Christ, can have huge effects on our teenagers' faith.

Upcoming events

Crew - We've got a guest speaker this Wednesday night at CREW! In keeping with our theme of male, female, love, and relationships, Rebecca Desantis will join us this week to talk about dating. Rebecca is a fantastic member of our church who is sure to bring some wisdom to the table this Wednesday, so don't miss it! After the lesson will hop over to Waffle House for a meal, then we'll find out who the greatest samurai is back at the youth house with a game of Samurai Warrior.

Soul Care Sunday We will meet this Sunday night @5:30 p.m. to bring communion to our home-bound residents. Afterward, we'll be playing a game of Zombie Apocalypse at SKW park. Don't miss it!

The Gathering Unfortunately, we did not have enough students sign up this year to make the gathering. I'm still confident that this would be a great event for our students, and we will definitely be trying again next year. Thank you for your support!

Youth Booster Board

Youth Booster board will meet on March 5th at 12:30 after Sunday Service. We'll be meeting at La Fiesta Brava for Lunch. This meeting we'll be discussing our Summer calendar, the youth ministry mission statement and values, and our long term plan. Attendance is very important, so be there and bring ideas!

In Christ Jesus ,
 Cody Westcott

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 22 - Feb. 28

Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	C.R.E.W.
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	SOYA Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri.	5:00 PM	Youth trip to The Gathering, Jackson
Sat.		The Gathering
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Long Range Planning Committee - FH
	4:00 PM	Confirmation
		No Youth
	6:00 PM	Beth Moore BS
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls
Tues.	9:30 AM	Beth Moore BS
	5:00-7:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

