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ATTENDANCE, MAR. 12, 2017

Sunday School.....93
Early Service.....40
10:55 AM Service.....135
Total Worship.....175

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

COFFEE & JUICE: United Methodist Women

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **READER:** Rebecca DeSantis

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAR. Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Andy & Rebecca DeSantis (3/19)
Kevin & Ashleigh Flurry (3/26)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home

Mary Lester John Lester Sue Rushing
Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Jim Trenor
Randy Jones Beverly Campbell

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

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

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 March 14, 2017
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THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
March 14, 2017

This time last year, as I prepared to move but didn’t yet know where I was moving, I stumbled upon two books that made moving far easier.

A professional organizer from Japan named Marie Kondo wrote *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* and *Spark Joy* to help people declutter. As I struggled with what to pack, what to give away, and what to throw away before moving, Marie Kondo offered a fresh perspective for my cluttered mind.

She writes that instead of asking what to throw away, we should ask what we want to keep.

Whether we’re moving or simply spring cleaning, it’s easy to focus on the question, “What needs to go?” Marie Kondo helped me to focus instead on what I wanted to keep—what mattered the most to me. She offered step-by-step instructions on how to sift slowly through items and ask one question of each piece: “Does it spark joy?”

Spark Joy.

Isn’t that a lovely phrase? I find myself using asking that question now even when I’m shopping and considering whether to buy something. It’s also helpful as I’ve embarked on a new round of spring cleaning!

We began the Lenten season with Jesus declaring, “Where you treasure is, there you heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). It’s easy for us to focus on what we want to change about ourselves, what we want to get rid of, habits that we’d like to break. Yet Jesus asks us to consider what our treasures are: what sparks joy for us.

As we continue through this holy season, may we discover that Christ is our greatest treasure. As we clean out and declutter our homes, may we make room in our hearts for the Savior who calls us His treasure, too.

all good things to each of you,
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What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Mar. 6 - Mar. 19 - Lynne Posey & Betsy McGlohn
Mar. 20 - Apr. 2 - Stacy Hays & Rebecca DeSantis

FERNS, FERNS, FERNS... The Word of Life, Young Adult and Youth Sunday school classes are selling FERNS again this year for the *IMAGINE NO MALARIA* Lenten project. Cost of ferns are:
 Boston Hanging Ferns - \$15
 10 inch Kimberly Queen - \$15
 Jumbo Kimberly Queen - \$30
 Deadline to purchase is Monday, March 27. Sign up at the table by the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. **Pick up will be on Saturday, April 1 from 9AM to Noon.**

March Madness for 3rd thru 6th graders
 First United Methodist and First Baptist are partnering to create an exciting and rewarding experience for students in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades called *March Missions Madness*. This event will take place March 24-25 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The theme is "It's All about Jesus." The cost of this activity is \$10.00, and students may bring their money when they come on Friday. Each student will receive a back pack and a Bible study guide. Friends are welcome! Call Gail Foote with questions or to register.

Lay Servant Ministries Training April 1, 2016, 7:30AM -5:00 PM Starkville First UMC

Lay Servants are to serve the local church of charge in any way in which their witness or leadership and service inspires the laity to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. This includes the interpretation of scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church.

The Starkville District invites those interested to attend this training. Registration forms can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Vintage Group... Vintage invites you to the SCT production of "Incorruptible" on April 6: "Welcome to Priseaux, France, c. 1250 A.D.: The river flooded again last week. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground. Nobody's heard of the wheelbarrow yet. And Ste. Foy, the patron of the local monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in 13 years. In other words, the Dark Ages still look pretty dark. All eyes turn to the Pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. That is, until a rival church claims to possess the relics of Ste. Foy - and "their" bones are working miracles. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts." Sign up and pay Julie (\$15 or season ticket) by Sunday, March 26. We will depart from the church at 5:30 p.m. and have dinner at Moe's Barbeque right next door to the theatre.



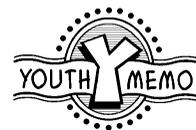
MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope you are having a wonderful spring break so far. Remember that we will not have children's

choir this Wednesday night due to the break. Be sure to mark your calendars for March 26th. The children's choir will be singing a song called "Jonah" that morning during the 10:55 service. It's a very fun song that will feature several soloists and also tell everyone the story of Jonah. Also on March 26th is the Family Night Supper. Remember that the Sumic Trio will be playing to help raise donations for the Suzuki Strings to go to Carnegie Hall. I asked them last week about the prospect of playing in Carnegie hall. They said, "We are ecstatic about the prospect of performing in Carnegie Hall! This would be an enriching and unforgettable experience. What an incredible opportunity to do what we love while sharing our passion with others. With your financial support, we can have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!"

Please come and support them and fellowship with each other. I hope to see you all on Sunday!

Rachel



Spring break is finally here! I'm sure all of our students have been looking forward to this since school started back in January. Ironically, for students today, there's usually not much "break"

during this time at all. This is a time for family vacations and staying up all night with friends. We like to think of a vacation as a break, but many times we get so caught up in going and doing during vacation time that we forget to take a moment to stop, breathe, and have peace in the moment. I've been on many a vacation that left me exhausted and worn down. Rest is important, so important that God built it into our very nature. Rest for the ancient Hebrew people was a time not only of restoration, but of submission to God. When we stop going and take time to just be still and rest, we're saying to God, "I trust you, and I trust that you'll take care of what needs to be taken care of while I'm at rest." For an ancient Hebrew society that was largely agrarian, this was a very bold thing to do. Crops don't grow themselves! I hope you're taking a Sabbath regularly, allowing yourself to rest and trusting that God will take care of the going and doing as you are still. If you're a person who's not used to such rest, it may make you uncomfortable at first, but practicing Sabbath rest is important for centering ourselves around God. During spring break this week, would you reach out to a student who's busy and encourage them to take a break? Our students need Sabbath as much as anyone, especially in our culture where the whole world is constantly on the move.

CREW- There will be no youth this Wednesday night. When we come back next week, our students will begin a new lesson series on the book of Exodus.

Soul Care Sunday -We'll start youth back this Sunday, March 19th. This Sunday we're doing an Inductive Bible Study on the book of 2 John. Reading the Bible is Important, so our primary focus this Sunday will be on training students to use the IBS method for reading scripture. The inductive method asks three questions: 1)What does this verse say? 2)What does it mean? and 3)What does it mean for my life right now? There will be both teaching and lots of discussion, because we want students to understand

how to read scripture on their own. This is an important tool for every Christian to have, so don't miss it! After we get done with our IBS training we'll have a badminton tournament at the youth house. See you there!

Summer Calendar and Summer Sale
 Our summer Calendar is here! Pick one up from the Sanctuary or youth house now. This year we have two big summer trips planned: the Shout it from the Mountains spiritual retreat (a new spin on our rafting trip) and the Mystery Trip. Parents, be sure to come out at 5:30pm on March 26th to learn more about our summer and to save big on these two trips.

In Christ, Cody Westcott

CALENDAR

March 15 - March 21

Wed.	1:30PM	Bridge Group
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.		Loaves & Fishes
	6:00 PM	Bunco Group
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Confirmation
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Beth Moore Bible Study
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	CDC Board Meeting
	6:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle @ Judy Stagers' home
Tues.	9:30 AM	Beth Moore Bible Study

