

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2017

2017 budget \$555,826.15
Received Apr. 30, 2017 Budget 9,868.38
Received to date, Budget 169,880.31
Received Apr. 30, 2017 Bldg. 275.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 18,522.00

ATTENDANCE, APR. 30, 2017

Sunday School.....130
Early Service.....33
10:55 AM Service.....191
Total Worship.....224



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
May 2, 2017

USHERS: Andy Gray V.J. Trolio Fred Zepponi Billy Buck Staggers
Bill Clements Brooks Tinsley Troy Blanton

COFFEE & JUICE: Youth

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray

LAY READER: J.B. Harrell

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAY: Donna Forrest & Laurann Harrell

COMMUNION STEWARDS: 8:45 - Deborah Smith; 10:55 Joyce & Freddie Brister

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Andy & Rebecca DeSantis (5/7)

Jason & Lucy McKellar (5/14)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Nedra Clemons - Regency, Meridian

At Home

Mary Lester John Lester Sue Rushing
Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Randy Jones
Boosie Watson Becky Shirley C.M. Miller

Dugan

Mary Frances Miller

WP Living Center

Barbara LeBlanc

The Manor at Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

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

First United Methodist Church

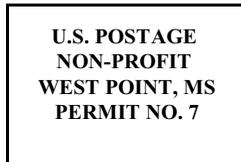
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P. O. Box 293

May 2, 2017

West Point, MS 39773

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Darian Duckworth, Pastor, 494-5133
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198
Cody Westcott, Youth Ministries
Gail Foote, Program Ministries, 494-2198
Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658
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Ron Crawford, Custodian
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
April Acker, CDC Director, 494-6811

Imagine No Malaria

When I was in high school, one of my classmates traveled to Papa New Guinea on a mission trip. She returned with powerful stories of how the Holy Spirit moved in their work.

She also returned with malaria.

Thankfully, she was able to receive good medical care and made a full recovery after coming home. But I remember watching how sick she was and seeing firsthand how difficult a disease malaria is. Sadly, in parts of sub-Saharan Africa, a child dies every two minutes from the disease.*

Last year, at Annual Conference, Bishop James Swanson, Sr., issued a challenge to all United Methodist congregations in Mississippi: raise enough money over the next year to provide 100,000 bed nets. These nets cost roughly \$10 each and can help save a family from the disease. If every United Methodist sitting in our pews in the state raised ten dollars each, we could easily meet this goal

At First United Methodist Church of West Point, our worship attendance is around 250 on Sunday mornings. Could we raise \$2,500 during the Lenten season as our part of the bishop's goal? You bet! Currently, we have received \$5,140.07 for Imagine No Malaria. THANK YOU for changing lives around the world! We are participating in the healing work of Jesus Christ with such outreach.

May the Spirit continue to open our eyes for opportunities to help one another heal and live the abundant life! Know how grateful I am for your generosity. It is an honor to serve as your pastor!

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

* Read more about Imagine No Malaria at www.imagenomalaria.org

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to Jordan Thompson and his family on the death of his grandfather, Mr. Bud "Sweetpea" Thompson who died on Sunday, April 23. Services were held on Wednesday, April 26.

We extend sympathy to Judy Jones and her family on the death of her father, Rev. J.C. Hubbard who passed away on Wednesday, April 26. Services were held on Saturday, April 29.

We extend sympathy to Martha Allen and her family on the death of her cousin, Mr. Cliff Heaton, Jr. who passed away on Saturday, April 29. Services were held Monday, May 1.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

May 1 - May 14 - Wendy Childress & Robin McCormick

May 15 - May 28 - Peggy Trulove & Caroline Harrell

SPARTA OPRY -The final event of the Vintage Spring 2017 season is a trip to The Sparta Opry in Woodland, MS. "The Sparta Opry was born in the summer of 1987 when a group of friends would get together to sing and play country music and eat. The supper shows became regular Friday night events, staged in an abandoned welding shed on the Eaton property. The band, which featured a mixture of traditional country, bluegrass and gospel, became known as The Sparta Ramblers. The Huffmans established a "no alcohol" policy to keep the Opry an all-ages, family-friendly operation, and it would be precisely that." Mack Banks, who has recorded rockabilly locally and in Nashville, performs on the first Friday of each month. The Sparta Opry offers a musical mix, which promises to please. We will meet at the church for a 4:30 p.m. departure on Friday, May 5. Supper is served buffet style. We will pay \$2 each for gas. Sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Senior Sunday - Senior Sunday will be May 7, 2017, and we look forward to honoring our seven seniors: Sarah Scott, James Michael Peavy, Isabel Facella, Cody Pearson, Hunter Atkins, Ryder Clemons, and Ken Dill. The youth will host a brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., and the seniors will be recognized in the 10:55 service. That evening there will be a family night supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. where the church will join these seniors and their families as they celebrate this important time in their lives. Please come and bring your favorite covered dish to this very special event.

Mother's Day Brunch

Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our mothers on Sunday, May 14th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Mother's Day Brunch. The Men's Bible Class has graciously agreed to host this event again this year.

Vacation Bible School -Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29. We are looking for volunteers in many areas. Please contact Gail Foote or Rebecca DeSantis if you are willing to

help.

Let's Go to Day Camp! The Camp Lake Stephens Day Camp will be held July 17-21. It is hosted by Camp Lake Stephens, but it is held at the church. On the last day, the students will take a day trip to Camp Lake Stephens in Oxford.

Last year the camp was extremely successful, and the children had a wonderful time. Only twenty-five students may attend, so make sure you put this date on your calendar. The camp is for children age 5 through 4th grade, and the cost is \$100 per child. Call the church office or contact Gail Foote @ 706-217-5293 to register.

Beth Moore's Bible Study **ENTRUSTED** will be offered again beginning on Wednesday, June 7 for 6 weeks. This group will meet on Wednesday nights at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the church office by Monday, May 22.

The West Point Clay County Arts Council presents **Sundays at the Center** featuring the Children's Choirs from Church Hill and Southside Schools on Sunday, May 7th at 2PM at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts. This event is free and family friendly.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH...The children did an amazing job leading worship on Sunday. The following children and groups participated: 2nd-4th Grade class, Price Alpe, Raeley Barkley, Natalie Blanton, Bess Bryan, Children's Choir, Seth Cunningham, Jane DeSantis, Luke DeSantis, Ava East, Michael Ann East, Charlie Harrell, Austin Hill, Camille Jester, Howie Judson, K-1st Grade class, Bella Monteleone, Elizabeth Stewart, Collins Trolio, Catherine Williams and Katherine Williams. The church is extremely proud of these students. Thank you, Rachel Wood and Rebecca DeSantis for organizing Children's Sabbath.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I want to tell our children what a wonderful job they did this past Sunday during our Children's Sabbath. It filled my heart with love and blessing to see how brave and good our kids are. I'm so proud of all of them for leading us all in worship, and worship we very much did! Each of you should be commended for a job well done, and I already cannot wait for next year!

This Wednesday night, we will have a party for the Children's Choir in the fellowship hall at 5:30. We will have pizza, cupcakes, and various awards and prizes. The children who participate in this choir have done an amazing job and I am so proud of their commitment and hard work!

I hope to see you this Sunday as we continue the Easter Season worshipping our risen Lord!

Rachel



One major thing that sets the Old Testament law apart from the laws of other ancient nations is that it is concerned with the outsider. While other ancient law codes were content

to serve those in power, God's laws required his people to care for the stranger, foreigner, orphans, and widows. God shows love to those don't quite fit into the mold of regular society. We still have strangers, orphans, widows, and more today that need our care, but there some other outsiders that often get overlooked: teenagers. Being a teen in America can be a very awkward, confusing, and lonely experiences. No one wants to be around teenagers: they're loud, obnoxious, awkward, and sometimes smelly. Even if we can get past all of that, few people know what to do with teens. What do we say? How do we treat them? Where do they fit into our world? Oftentimes we're content to just not bother and let teenagers be teenagers far away from us. Let's face it: being involved with teens is tough for almost everyone. That is why the ages of 13-19 can be so trying. This week I want to challenge you to start a conversation with one teenager in our church. Take it a step further and find a way to get involved in their life. Or do something really crazy: volunteer in our youth ministry! It's tough, it's awkward, and it can get messy, but I guarantee you won't regret any of it!

CREW-This Wednesday, May 3rd, we will continue our lesson series on the ten commandments. The night will start with an intense game of zombie apocalypse. After youth ends at 7:30, students are invited to continue the conversation over a meal at La Fiesta Brava.

Sunday -This Sunday, May 7th, there will be no youth activities. Our church will be celebrating our seniors! Congrats to all of those graduating!

Shout it From the Mountains Retreat -The Shout it from the Mountains deposit deadline has been moved up

to May 7th. The deposit is \$50, and the total cost of the trip is \$200. The total amount is due by May 24th. We will have a car wash on Saturday, May 20th to help pay for this trip. Payments can be given to Cody or made online at the church's website (at Online Giving, select "youth summer trips" as your payment option). Contact Cody for more details.

In Christ, Cody

CALENDAR OF EVENTS May 3 - May 9

Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:30 PM	C.R.E.W.
	5:30 PM	Children's Choir party - FH
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri.	4:30 PM	Sparta Opry trip
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Youth Senior breakfast - FH
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Ministry Team
	6:00 PM	Family Night Supper honoring Seniors
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purlis
Tues.	9:00 AM	Marcella Joiner Circle @ Henry Clay
	9:00 AM	Lochie Millard Circle

The Communion offering for Sunday, May 7th will be given to the Henry Clay Retirement Center. If you would like to make a donation during communion, please place your offering in the baskets on the ends of the Altar rail.

