

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018

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Received to date, Budget 68,039.42
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ATTENDANCE, FEB. 11, 2018

Sunday School.....125
Early Service.....42
11:00 AM Service.....169
Total Worship.....211



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
February 13, 2018

USHERS: Eugene Bailey Jay Wood E.C. Jones Bubba Atkins
Jeff Hairston Bob Wyman Bennie Hitt

COFFEE & JUICE: United Methodist Women

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **LAY READER:** Debbie Hinshaw

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR FEB. Donna Forrest & Laurann Harrell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Marc & Laura Stewart (2/18)
Bradley & Shannon Coker (2/25)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home
Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Mary Lester
Helen Childress Jane Scott Gloria Turner
Grathan Christian Rick Baldwin Hubert Caston

Beverly Campbell - Houston, TX

Dugan WP Living Center The Manor at Traceway Trinity Place
Mary Frances Miller Barbara LeBlanc Evelyn O'Hara Wallace Martha Priest
Jim Ross
Sue Rushing

The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 February 13, 2018
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

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Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
Debbie Criddle, CDC Director, 494-6811

1st Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 18, 2018
8:45 & 11:00 AM
Mark 1:9-15
"VOICE of God: Vows Made"

ANTHEM
"Be Still"

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Lenten Worship Series: Hearing the VOICE of God

"Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears...." (James 1:19, *The Message*)

After a worship service one Sunday morning, a young man approached me with what seemed like a simple question at first.

"Pastor Darian, has God ever spoken to you before?"

I answered truthfully. "Yes, He has."

The young man's eyes widened with wonder, "What did He say?"

I realized that his question was much more complex. "Let me ask you something before I answer that question. Has God ever spoken to you?"

He shook his head, "no," and wouldn't budge on his question, "What did God say? What did He sound like?"

In that moment, God was speaking to me to preach on listening for His voice, and His voice sounded a lot like the young man standing in front of me.

The Lenten season is prime time for tuning our ears to hear the Lord, and the Scripture texts fit perfectly with the acronym of VOICE. This Sunday we will embark on a five-week exploration of hearing and discerning God's voice in a noisy world. There is no magic formula to hearing God's voice. There is no step-by-step procedure. We hear him when we stop talking long enough to listen. We hear him when we train our ears to respond to the Spirit about the sound. We owe it to one another, like this young man, to listen together.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday—if not before then!

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Feb. 5 - Feb. 18 - Ethlyn Mortimer & Debbie Bond
Feb. 19 - Mar. 4 - Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

Loaves & Fishes Committee for February 22

Ann McClellan - chair, Julie Gray, Janet Jameson & Luann Purnell

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - We will have our annual Ash Wednesday Service to begin the Lenten season on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. There will also be an Ash Wednesday service for the CDC children and staff at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to attend either service.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The February Wednesday Night Supper will be on February 21 from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: Fried chicken, Green salad, Mac-n-cheese, Green beans, Tea and Dessert. Cost is: under age 2 - no charge; ages 3 to 12 - \$3.00; ages 13 and up - \$5.00 (\$25 maximum per family). Sign up on the bulletin tear off or by calling the church office by Monday, Feb. 19 at noon. The Word of Life and Young Adult classes will host.

GREETERS NEEDED - We will start having greeters between early worship and the start of Sunday school (9:30-10AM). We will need four greeters each Sunday. If we have 20 volunteers, then you will only need to serve one Sunday each month. That's only 30 minutes of your time!

For the next two Sundays, we invite you to sign up on the tear-off tab of your bulletin. We plan to offer a brief training on Sunday, March 4, after both worship services. If needed, we'll have an additional training on March 18.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE MS CONFERENCE DISASTER ACADEMY!! The 2018 MS Conference Disaster Academy will take place **March 23-24 at Brandon FUMC**. This two-day conference aims to build enthusiasm about our ability to spread the Gospel through local ownership and engagement in disaster as we participate together with God in the restoration of life and community. The deadline to

register for the academy is **March 22**. For more information, contact the church office or disaster@mississippiumc.org.

Canasta Group - Several members of the church have expressed a desire to form a canasta group. If you are interested in this activity, please contact Gail Foote at 706-217-5293.

New Bridge Class - People have been interested in taking a beginners bridge class; however, many could not come during the day. For this reason, Prentiss McKibben has agreed to teach another bridge class which will start on Tuesday, February 20th, at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Gail Foote at 706-217-5293 if you are interested.

Starkville Community Theatre - Eighteen adults braved the elements to attend the Starkville Community Theatre production of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* on Sunday. As usual, everyone enjoyed great fun and fellowship. We want to extend our appreciation to Julie Gray who always does such a great job as our driver. The next outing to SCT will be Tuesday, April 10th, to see *The Drowsy Chaperone*.



MUSIC NOTES

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”

Psalm 46

Our anthem this Sunday is called “Be Still”. The words are inspired by this Psalm. As I was reading through this Psalm, it impressed upon me that even though it was written hundreds of years ago, it still works in our situation today.

Being still is not something we are good at. We have too much to do and not enough time to do it in. But this is a reminder and also an indicator of who we are. “Nations are in uproar. Kingdoms Fall”.... God has it all in his hands. Who are we that The God of creation, who holds all the kingdoms in his hand, who “lifts his voice and the earth melts” would care about us being still? We are nothing... and yet... we are everything to Him! I invite you to join us on Sunday. Let's all be still and know that God is God!

Rachel



Calling All Kids! Hello! I am so excited as Lent begins and Easter is quickly approaching! I did not start attending a Methodist Church until I was in high school, so I did not know much about Ash Wednesday and Lent until then. Now, I really love

celebrating and participating in it. I want to encourage all parents to explain this season to your kids. Lent is something y'all can do as a family. It is not just fasting from food. Sometimes it is not watching TV or using any other devices on Saturday and spending the day together instead. Sometimes it is baking cookies for a neighbor or a writing encouraging cards to family members. It can be a great time of growing closer to each other as a family and growing closer to God. So, I encourage you to do something with your children. If you need more ideas, resources, or information, please let me know. I would love to help your family celebrate this special time of the Christian calendar.

5th and 6th Grade Wednesday Night Group

We are so pleased with the new class for 5th & 6th Graders on Wednesday nights. AnnaBeth Harrison, Gracy Taylor, and Lyman and Deborah Smith have done an outstanding job of organizing this new worship opportunity. The students decided that they wanted to study the book of Joshua, and the teachers have been using a variety of activities such drama, art, puzzles, memorizations, and competitions to create a meaning

and exciting learning experience. Using the Bible has been a major component of this class. We would love to have all of our 5th and 6th graders involved in this exciting study.



Hello everyone. At the end of February, we are starting back our girls and boys Bible studies. Martha Allen and I are going to be

leading the girls study. We are very excited about it, of course.

The boys are doing a study on men of the Bible. Each week will focus on a different man of the Bible and a characteristic that he is known for. Ray will be helping with this, but I thought it would be really cool if a different dad or other men from our church could come in each week and teach a one-time lesson for our guys. It is a great way to get to invest in our youth, allow them to hear different perspectives, and see what we do every Sunday (without making a full time commitment). **I am asking six men to step up and teach a one time lesson for the boys.**

Please let me know if you are interested! Thank you!

AnnaBeth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14 - February 20

Wed.	10:00AM	Ash Wednesday Service for CDC children & staff
	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home Meal Ministry
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs.	6:00 PM	Yoga - FH
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Confirmation
	5:30 PM	UMYF
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	CDC Board - Library
	6:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle
Tues.	9:30 AM	Bible Study - FH