

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018

2018 budget \$580,648.46
Received Apr. 29, 2018 Budget 10,934.60
Received to date, Budget 186,828.51
Received Apr. 29, 2018 Bldg. 525.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 23,817.50

ATTENDANCE, APR. 29, 2018

Sunday School.....112
Early Service.....NA
11:00 AM Service.....183
Total Worship.....183



THE WINDOW
o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
May 1, 2018

USHERS: V.J. Trolio Fred Zeponi Bill Clements Billy Buck Stagers
Brooks Tinsley Vandy Stubbs Troy Blanton

COFFEE & JUICE: Youth Group
SOUND TECH: Julie Gray **LAY READER:**8:45 AM Bill Maclean - 11AM - Marc & Helen Facella

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAY- Kristy Alpe & Penny Pearson
GREETERS FOR 5/6 - Rider Clemons, Luann Purnell, Beth Raines, Elizabeth Bailey
COMMUNION STEWARDS: 8:45 AM Melanie Sanders 11AM Anna Kathryn Childress, Jake Donahoo

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Jeff & Abby Hairston (5/6)
Barrett & Katie Clark (5/13)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital
Rick Baldwin - NMMC, WP

At Home
Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Mary Lester
Jim Ross Sue Rushing Geonette Pendley
Liz Cook

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
Marguerite Breland

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

First United Methodist Church *Dated Material*
P. O. Box 293 *May 1, 2018*
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

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Karen Cliett, Interim CDC Director, 494-6811

6th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 6, 2018
8:45 & 11:00 AM
John 15:16-17
“Fruit”

ANTHEM
“What a Friend”

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Sunday Morning Choices

“I don’t have time to get up at 7 or 8 and go to church. But I do have time to go to brunch.”

This past Saturday, I happened upon an article in *The Washington Post* about the popularity of Sunday brunch. The above quotation came from a 30-something Virginia woman. One question after another came to me as I hovered over her statement.

Why does church seemingly demand more time than brunch? (If you’ve ever gone to brunch in the Washington, DC, area on a Sunday morning, you know there’s likely to be a long wait!)

What makes brunch worth one’s time more than the worship of God?

What is missing from church?

These are questions I will not attempt to answer in this short space, but they are questions we as the Church continually need to ask. It would be easy for regular churchgoers among us to become irritated and judgmental about this young woman’s choice, but I would discourage us from doing so. Such stories are an opportunity for us to look within and ask how we can better reach one another with the good news.

Perhaps we can begin by rethinking the phrase, “go to church.” Psalms 120-134 are known as “Psalms of Ascent,” and many of them speak of traveling in thanksgiving to a place of worship. Instead of “going to church,” what if we saw Sunday worship in the eyes of our ancestors: an opportunity to ascend with Christ into heavenly places, to climb to greater heights in God’s love? We are not on a linear course to a destination. Instead, we climb towards the glory of Mount Zion.

From a place of worship, perhaps we can hear the Spirit’s answers to some of our questions. Perhaps we will discover how we might set a meal as scrumptious as Sunday brunch. With God’s Word as the main course, His Church can certainly become a place worth spending time!

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Senior Luncheon - Be sure to sign up for the church-wide luncheon honoring the graduating seniors this Sunday, May 6th immediately following the 11AM worship service.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Apr. 30 - May 13 - Robin McCormick & Wendy Childress
May 14 - May 27 - Peggy Trulove & Caroline Harrell

LOAVES AND FISHES FOR MAY 17:

Elizabeth Bailey, chair, Ethlyn Mortimer, Betsy McGlohn, Margaret Jolly.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a work day at the Mission on Wednesday, May 2nd at 5:30 PM. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Mission. For more information, contact Andy DeSantis or the church office.

SPONSOR A CHILD... As summer approaches we are concerned about our Backpack Meal recipients and what they will do during the summer. The Boys and Girls Club is hosting a Summer Camp for children from June 4th - July 20th. We would like to sponsor some of the children who receive our Backpack Meals. The cost is \$150 per child. Donations can go toward this amount or for the entire amount. Please earmark your check Backpack sponsor. We will collect funds through May 20th to give the counselors time to choose the children to participate. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Mother's Day Brunch

Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our mothers on Sunday, May 13th, 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.

METHODIST SENIOR SERVICES SUNDAY FUND

On Sunday, May 13th, special envelopes will be inserted in the bulletin for an offering to go toward

the Sunday Fund, a benevolence fund created to meet the financial needs of elders who live on a MS Senior Service campus. This includes our Henry Clay Retirement Home and Dugan Nursing Home. 100% of the money donated is used to support the elders. Please consider making a donation to this important ministry.

On the Road with the Lunch Bunch - Our next trip will be to Huck's Place in Columbus on Friday, May 4th. Everyone is welcome to join this multigenerational group for a time of fun and fellowship. Sign up by Wed. May 2.

Men's Fellowship Group - The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on May 19th at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!! Gene Baldwin and Doug Wood will be the hosts. Sign up on the bulletin tear off if you plan to attend.

Vintage Planning - The Vintage Committee is in the process of planning adult events for the remainder of the year. If you have suggestions for this group, please let Gail Foote know. The next planning meeting will be May 15th at 1:30 in the church library. This group is multi-generational and all interested individuals are welcome.

HAITI MISSION TRIP - We are taking a mission trip to Haiti! It will be December 26, 2018 through January 1, 2019. This trip is open to anyone (7th grade and up) that would like to go! The cost is \$600 per person. A deposit of \$180 is due by June 26 to reserve a spot. The remainder is due September 30. A sign up sheet will be on the back table soon. If you are intrigued, please contact AnnaBeth for more information.

The Lenten Project Was a Success!

Thanks everyone who participated and contributed to our Lenten project. We raised a total of total of \$6,591.42 which is more than enough for an ark of animals. Everyone also enjoyed the special events that church members held during this time. Yoga, the fish fry, and the Sunday morning breakfast were all extremely well attended. The beautiful ferns that are

sold during this time are a welcome addition to many homes. Even the preschool class got involved with their project "Come Follow Me." Well done, good and faithful servants.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! What a wonderful day of worship we had this past Sunday! The children were spectacular! I was so proud of every single one of them. What an amazing witness to the power and glory of God. Thank you to all the people who helped the children, especially AnnaBeth and Bailey Pounders Dupuis.

Our children's choir party will be this Wednesday night at 6:00. You don't want to miss it! There will be yummy party food, awards, and gift bags for all. I hope to see all the children there! And I hope to see all of you next Sunday!

Rachel



What an awesome service we had on Sunday! I am so proud of all the kids that participated. They all did such a good job and were so well behaved. I want to say a special thank you to Rachel and Bailey for

helping with the entire service but especially for helping with the children's choir and other music we had throughout the service. I always want to thank Rebecca DeSantis for being my right hand through this whole process as it was my first Children's Sabbath Service. Lastly, I want to thank the Sunday school teachers and moms that sat with the kids during the service and helped the kids make their precious banners and posters. We will be displaying all of those somewhere in the church over the next few weeks for everyone to see!

Peace, AnnaBeth



Reminder that for the month of May, the youth will not have UMYF on Sunday nights. We will continue meeting on Wednesday nights. Our

summer schedule is a little different than our school year schedule, of course, so make sure to follow along in the newsletter and over texts to know what is going on!

Don't forget this Sunday is Senior Sunday. Can y'all believe that Anna Kathryn Childress, Connor Williams, Dylan Scott, and Jake Donahoo are old enough to be graduating? I know some of y'all have known them since they were super young! So, everyone please join us in celebrating the 4 of them on Sunday!

Thank you, AnnaBeth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2 - May 8

Wed.	1 :00 PM	Bridge Training
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir - FH
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir Party
	6:00 PM	5 th & 6 th Grade group
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Church-wide luncheon honoring Seniors
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls
	5:30 PM	Monthly Prayer Service
Tues.	9:30 AM	Lochie Millard Circle
	10:00 AM	CDC Graduation
	5:30 PM	Chair Yoga - FH