

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018

2018 budget \$ 580,648.46
Received June 3, 2018 Budget 12,833.00
Received to date, Budget 240,080.81
Received June 3, 2018 Bldg. 830.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 27,257.50

ATTENDANCE, JUNE 3, 2018

Sunday School.....113
Early Service.....46
11:00 AM Service.....133
Total Worship.....179



THE WINDOW
o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
W est Point, Mississippi
J une 5, 2018

USHERS: Ralph Weems, III Shane Alpe Gene Childress
Bob Harrell Kevin Flurry Greg Sugg

COFFEE & JUICE: Wesley Wasson Class
SOUND TECH: Bennie Hitt **LAY READER:**8:45 AM Gracy Taylor - 11AM - Marc & Laura Stewart
WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR JUNE- Donna Forrest & Laurann Harrell
GREETERS FOR 6/10- Carolyn Burgess, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Wilkes & Amy Bryan (6/10)
Kevin & Ashleigh Flurry (6/17)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital
Max Hinshaw - Northport Medical Center

At Home
Jennie Cantrell Tricia Smith Mary Lester
Jim Ross Sue Rushing Geonette Pendley
Liz Cook Rick Baldwin Ann Miller
Montez Ganss

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 June 5, 2018
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198
Gail Foote, Family Ministries, 494-2198
Anna Beth Harrison, Youth & Children's Ministries, 494-2198
Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658
Polly Grimes, Organist, 494-2198
Judy Staggers, Pianist, 494-2198
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
Karen Cliett, Interim CDC Director, 494-6811

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 10, 2018
8:45 Bruff Sanders
11:00 Dr. Embra Jackson

ANTHEM
"Bow the Knee"

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Thistle Theology

Sunday's gospel text told the story of Jesus healing a man with a withered hand. I love these stories of healing in the Scriptures because they reveal a very personal God who longs to make us whole. The healing Jesus provides to us is not always immediate. Like faith, healing takes time. We sometimes have to endure pokes and prods and ups and downs.

Becca Stevens, an Episcopal priest and founder of Thistle Farms in Nashville, leans on thistles as a powerful metaphor for healing in her book, Love Heals:

In the small space below the blossom and above the dagger thorns, there is a smooth part where you can hold onto the flower to harvest it. Since the plant is known for its dangerous sharp edges, this smooth spot comes as a sweet surprise, like all grace. Thistles remind us that despite the thorns, creation remains healing and beautiful. They teach that people, like plants, are all part of that creation, and there is no one we need to condemn or leave behind.

As United Methodists, we are firm believers in grace. Healing and grace are as closely intertwined as pieces of the thistle. Let us not grow discouraged when life feels like a crown of thorns. Let's remember instead that under that crown of thorns is the face of God whose blood was shed to make us whole.

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Update: Louisville First United Methodist Church

As previously shared, at a church conference held on March 25, 175 members of First UMC of Louisville expressed a desire to leave The Mississippi Annual Conference. On Wednesday, May 23, Bishop James Swanson, Sr., emailed an update on the discernment process for First UMC of Louisville. Below is a statement from that email:

“After exploring the potential viability for ministry, the leadership of the Mississippi Annual Conference deemed that it is vitally important to sustain a strong United Methodist presence in Louisville and Winston County. Therefore, the conference has decided that First UMC of Louisville will continue as a United Methodist church and Rev. Carl Grubbs will serve as interim pastor there effective Thursday, May 24.” At Annual Conference, Bishop Swanson announced that Rev. Tom Potter has been appointed as pastor of Louisville First UMC for the 2018-2019 appointment year. Please be in prayer for the Louisville church and its leaders.

If you would like to read a copy of the full email from Bishop Swanson, please email me at darianduck@yahoo.com and I will forward it to you.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

May 28 - June 10 - Luann Purnell & Sherrill Weems
June 11 - June 24 - Heather Blaylock & Sheila Wood

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The June Wednesday Night Supper will be on June 13th from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The VBS kids will provide the program. The Menu is: Chicken strips, Mac n cheese, Green beans, Tea and Dessert. Cost is: under age 2 – no charge, age 3-12 \$3.00; ages 13 and up \$5 (\$25 maximum per family). Sign up on the bulletin tear off or by calling the church office by Monday, June 11 at noon.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, June 16, at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Hubert Caston and Ben Rosenkrans will be the hosts. The group will have a light breakfast, fellowship time, and a devotional. All men are welcome. Sign up on the bulletin tear off if you plan to attend.

On the Road with the Lunch Bunch

Friday was a beautiful day for the Lunch Bunch trip to Market Café in Louisville. This restaurant is owned by Johnny Wooten, a former West Point resident. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal and the wonderful fellowship. The next trip will be to Starkville on July 6 to eat at the Central Station Grill. The group will depart at 11:30 and return at 2:00. Please sign up by Tuesday, July 3.

Annual Community Patriotic Choral Program

Many of our church members will participate again this year in the community patriotic choral program. If you have not attended the programs in the past, you have been missing a treat. It is wonderful to see the numerous churches join together in song to celebrate our Nation's heritage. The combined practice will be at Calvary Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 27, at 6:00 p.m. This year's program will also be at Calvary on Sunday, July 1, at

6:00. Please plan to attend this wonderful celebration of our Nation's independence.

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 of \$480 is due September 30. A sign up sheet is on the back table. If you are interested, please contact AnnaBeth for more information.

Father's Day Brunch

Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our fathers on Sunday, June 17th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Father's Day Brunch. The Bunco group has graciously agreed to host this event again. A drawing will be held at the brunch for a gift certificate from Anthony's.

Season Tickets for the Starkville Community Theatre 2018-2019 Season

It is time to begin purchasing your season tickets for the Starkville Community Theatre 2018-2019 season. Season tickets will cost \$50.00, and you may turn in your money to the church office by Thursday, June 28. We had a wonderful group that attended last year. The plays begin at 7:30, and we will plan to eat together before the play. More information will be given about the restaurants later. Call Gail Foote @ 706-217-5293 if you have any questions. Sign up on the back table if you would like to get season tickets.

The dates and plays are listed below.
Sylvia by A.R. Gurney – Thursday, September 13, 2018
The Adams Family by Marshall Brickman and others – Thursday, November 8, 2018
The Heiress by Henry James and others – Thursday, February 7, 2019
Permanent Collection by Thomas Gibbons – Thursday, April 11, 2019

CDC Chapel – Each Monday at 10AM we have Chapel time for the Child Development Center children in the sanctuary. AnnaBeth needs help with Chapel during the month of June. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please call the church office.

The Industrious Methodist Purls

A few months ago Julie Gray saw an article about Blair E Batson NICU needing crocheted or knitted baby hats in preemie and newborn sizes. The article was given to the Methodist Purls, and they immediately went to work. At the present time, they have completed twenty-six hats to send to Jackson. They plan to take a break from this project, so they can work on blankets to send to the Haiti orphanage for the church mission trip in December. Thank you, Methodist Purls, for all your hard work.

United Methodist Campers - Many of our children and youth are attending camps this week. Boy Scouts Antonio Facella, Ben Harrell, Austin, Hill, Emerson Houston, and Luke DeSantis are all attending Camp Seminole in western Clay County. Jane and Drew DeSantis, Raylee Barkley, Caston and Eli McKellar, Wyatt Henderson, Hayden Wallace, and Jack Blaylock are at Camp Lake Stephens in Oxford. Please keep all of these campers and their leaders in your thoughts and prayers.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I want to tell the Bell Choir how wonderfully they played Sunday during the 11:00 service! Thank you so much for your support and dedication. Your gifts from God really shine through.

We have been talking about The Holy Spirit and the gifts He imparts on us. If music is one of your gifts, but you are not using it, please consider joining the choir. God gives us all specific gifts, or manifestations of The Holy Spirit, to use for his glory. Please don't squander them. No excuse is good enough. We are all busy, we are all tired. But pretend Jesus Christ is in front of you. Can you tell him that? If music is not one of your gifts, then sit and think about what is and put that to good use. God imparts on us more gifts if we use the ones he gives us. He will give you peace and joy immeasurable if you will only work for Him. He is a good, good Father! Come to know him as such!

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I am currently on my way to Camp Lake Stephens with 7 of our kids to drop them off at camp! I am so excited for them to experience camp this week.

Next week I will be even more excited for our kids to experience VBS! I remember having so much at VBS when I was young. I hope they will love it as much as I did!

AnnaBeth



The youth are hosting the Wednesday night supper next week! We hope everyone can make it for the food,

but more importantly, to hear the kids share what they learned at VBS!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6 - June 13

Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:00 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
		Movie Night - FH
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Vacation Bible School - FH
Mon.	3:00 PM	Methodist Purls
	5:30 PM	VBS - FH
Tues.	5:30 PM	VBS - FH