

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018

2018 budget \$ 580,648.46
Received Sept.30, 2018 Budget 8,101.18
Received to date, Budget 400,891.41
Received Sept. 30, 2018 Bldg. 550.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 41,972.50

ATTENDANCE, SEPT. 30, 2018

Sunday School.....111
Early Service.....NA
11:00 AM Service.....157
Total Worship.....157



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
October 2, 2018

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

COFFEE & JUICE: Friendly Fellowship SS Class

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray **LAY READER:** J. B. Harrell

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR OCT: Laurann Harrell and Donna Forrest

GREETERS FOR 10/7 -Rider Clemons, Luann Purnell, Beth Raines, Elizabeth Bailey

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Fred & Elizabeth Zeponi (10/7)

Lannie & Shannon Wallace (10/14)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Anna Thompson & baby Rorie - UMC, Jackson

At Home

Jennie Cantrell Jim Ross Sue Rushing
Geonette Pendley Liz Cook Boyce McNeece
Grathan Christian Tricia Smith

Dugan

Mary Frances Miller
Bitsy Weaver

WP Living Center

Barbara LeBlanc
Tommy Miller

The Manor at Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Trinity Place

Martha Priest
Marguerite Breland

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

First United Methodist Church

P. O. Box 293

West Point, MS 39773

Dated Material

October 2, 2018

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 Stagers, Pianist, 494-2198
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 30, 2018
8:45 & 11:00 AM
Mark 10:2-16
SERMON
"World Communion:"
ANTHEM
"We Will Remember You"

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Worship Series for October and November: HOLY COMMUNION
The Study of A Sacrament

We have entered the final two months of Ordinary Time, the Church's longest season that lasts from the day of Pentecost until the first Sunday of Advent. One of the "traditions" our congregation anticipates each year is commonly called the Christmas Eve Communion Service. What a glorious service of worship it is: a sanctuary filled with God's children, candles lit in the cold darkness, the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful."

However, let us not forget that what brings us together on December 24 is more than tradition.

It is holy.

It is a sacrament.

It is the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

During the months of October and November, we will deepen our understanding and experience of Holy Communion with a lectionary-based worship series. By the time Advent dawns on December 2 and the "O Holy Night" of December 24 arrives, we will have a greater sense of the power resting in the loaf and cup. I look forward to learning and growing with you as the body of Christ!

all good things to each of you,
Past or Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, October 7, 2018

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

This month's Communion Offering will go towards Operation Christmas Child. Baskets will be on either end of the altar rail this Sunday for your donations.

SYMPATHY...We extend sympathy to Caroline Harrell and her family on the death of her brother, Mr. Johnny Bryan who passed away on Monday, October 1. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 - JoAnn Tedford & Barbara Bryan
Oct. 15 - Oct. 28 - Debbie Hinshaw & Carolyn Burgess

Operation Christmas Child Communion Offering

First United Methodist has always given generously to Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization.

This year we are going to repeat the process we implemented last year. We are going to collect money and use the funds to buy items in bulk, which will be much more cost effective. Then we are going to have a packing party on Sunday, November 4th to fill the shoeboxes with the purchased items. Thirty of our boxes will also be used for the Backpack Ministry children.

Our Communion offering for October will go toward this project. You may also contribute at any time by designating your gift for Operation Christmas Child.

Dinner on the Grounds at Strong FUMC

Each year West Point FUMC and Strong FUMC join together for a night of food, fellowship, and music. This year the two churches will meet at Strong FUMC on Sunday, October 14th at 5:30. Please bring a covered dish and join the fun. We will take the church van, which will leave at 5:00. If you need a ride, call the church office.

Another Successful Church Picnic

Over one hundred children and adults attended the annual church picnic at the Harrell's Barn. It was a success due to many individuals. Dixie Dukeminier and Doug and Sheila Wood did a wonderful job of coordinating this event. Numerous people helped with the clean up including Pam Carson, Lyman and Deborah Smith, Norma Atkins, and Stacey Monteleone. The men from the Good Shepherd Class cooked the delicious hamburgers and hotdogs. The older youth need to be commended for the great job they did of including everyone in all the games and fun. Finally, the church would like to thank the Harrell family for

hosting this event. We look forward to next year's picnic.

Save the Date for the Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be held again this year with the First Presbyterian Church. It will be on Sunday, October 28th from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Harrell Barn. We will have a chili and soup cook-off, games, and trunk or treat. There will be activities for all ages. We will need people to decorate their vehicles for the Trunk or Treat, donate extra candy, and make chili/soup for the cook-off. Come in your costumes for a night of family fun.

HAITI MISSION TRIP - We are excited to have 14 members going on the mission trip to Haiti in December. Those members are: Marc, Helen, Isabel, John, Antonio, Josie & Louis Facella, Julie & Mary Campbell Gray, AnnaBeth Harrison, Jason & Lucy McKellar, Art Shirley and Shannon Wallace. We will be selling Church T-shirts and Pork Tenderloins for Thanksgiving. Check out the church facebook page to see a spotlight on each team member. If you would like to make a donation towards this mission trip, please earmark your check Haiti trip. Thanks for your support of this trip and team! **Don't forget MUM pickup is this Saturday, October 6th from 9 to 11AM.**

On the Road with the Lunch Bunch -The next Lunch Bunch trip will be to the Proffit's Porch at Officer's Lake on Friday, October 5th. We will leave the church at 11:30 and return by 2:00. Everyone is welcome to join us for this next outing. Please sign up by Tuesday, October 2nd.

UNITED WAY DAY TO CARE

The United Way Day to Care will be on Tuesday, October 23. During October FUMC will be collecting can goods for our local Food Pantry. Please place these items in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall. Remember, please check the expiration dates. We will collect items through October 21 and then donate them at the Day to Care. If you would like to volunteer to help deliver the canned goods, please contact the church office.



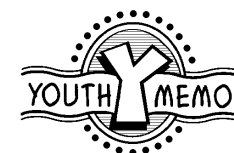
MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I just want to say "Job Well Done" to our youth for Sunday's Youth Service. You all did an amazing job! I

know that it takes bravery to get up in front of your peers. But you did it and you did it well!! Thank you for leading us in worship!

And thank you to all the staff at our church. All of our staff members work very diligently at their jobs. Many things would not be possible without them. And as always, thank you to Judy and Polly for providing our beautiful instrumental music, and to the Chancel Choir for leading us in worship every Sunday. We are truly a blessed church!

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The youth did so wonderful leading our worship service on Sunday. I was so proud. Then, I went to the church picnic Sunday night, and I was so proud again. There were so many kids in attendance, and the youth boys did a great job of including the younger boys in their football game.

It's October, and I am really looking forward to all the fun things we have planned for the month.

Next Sunday the youth will be back at the Harrell's for dinner and games. Sunday, the 14th, we will meet at the Youth House at 5:30pm for Bible study and dinner. Sunday, October 21st we are going to Old Mtn Outdoor Adventure in Winona. Then, October 28th we will be at the Harrell's again for the Fall Festival!

All our Wednesdays for the month will be normal except on October 31st. We will not meet that day.

- AnnaBeth Harrison

The 5th and 6th graders are going through the book of Daniel on Wednesday nights. They made prayer beads and have been really learning about prayer. On Sunday mornings when Pastor Darian or others lead the children's moment, we always end in prayer. When



I lead chapel for the CDC on Monday mornings, I always have them repeat the prayer after me. In youth on Sunday and Wednesday nights, I ask for volunteers to pray. I think this is one thing our

church does well. We are teaching our kids how to pray and the importance of prayer. Parents, I want to challenge you this week though. Are you teaching your kids the importance of prayer? Do your kids pray at home, or are they just praying when they are at church? Does your family pray during the week other than before you eat a meal? My challenge to you this week is to pray with your kids before school, before bed, or on your drive home. We can pray anywhere at anytime and that is what I want these kids to learn!

- AnnaBeth Harrison

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3 - October 9

Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	5 th & 6 th Grade group
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	12:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Fri.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch trip to Proffitt's Porch
Sat.	9:00 AM	Mum Pickup
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	UMYF @ the Harrell's
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
Tues.	9:30 AM	Lochie Millard Circle
	10:00 AM	Bible Study - FH
	6:00 PM	Approaching the Tomb Bible Study