

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018

2018 budget \$ 580,648.46
Received Oct. 7, 2018 Budget 16,731.00
Received to date, Budget 417,622.41
Received Oct. 7, 2018 Bldg. 670.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 42,642.50

ATTENDANCE, OCT. 7, 2018

Sunday School.....99
Early Service.....33
11:00 AM Service.....144
Total Worship.....177



THE WINDOW

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

USHERS: Ralph Weems Shane Alpe Gene Childress Greg Sugg
Bob Harrell Kevin Flurry Gil Lyon

COFFEE& JUICE: Friendly Fellowship SS Class

SOUND TECH: Bennie Hitt **LAY READER:** 8:45 AM Gracy Taylor, 11AM J. B. Harrell

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR OCT: Laurann Harrell and Donna Forrest

GREETERS FOR 10/14 -Carolyn Burgess, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Lannie & Shannon Wallace (10/14)
Brooks & Laura Tinskey (10/21)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Baby Rorie Thompson - UMC, Jackson

At Home

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

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 *Dated Material*
P. O. Box 293 *October 2, 2018*
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133
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Polly Grimes, Organist, 494-2198
Judy Staggers, Pianist, 494-2198
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 14, 2018
8:45 & 11:00 AM
2 Timothy 4:2, 6-13, 21
SERMON
Bill Maclean "Come Before Winter"
ANTHEM
"Do Lord Remember Me"

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Bringing One Another To Jesus

This past Sunday we heard from Mark's gospel about Jesus' great love for children. So often in this passage we focus on Jesus, the children he blesses, and the disciples who receive a stern lesson from their Teacher. Have you ever noticed another group of people in this story from Mark 10:13-16?

People were bringing children to Jesus... (Mark 10:13).

People... who were these people taking the time to bring children to Jesus? Why did being in his presence matter to them? Most likely, they were the parents, but we don't know. All we know is that Jesus' great teaching emerged only because unknown, unnamed persons took the time to seek his blessing for future generations.

As I watched our youth lead worship two weeks ago, as some of our children have helped serve Holy Communion the past few months, as infants cooed in wide-eyed wonder after their baptisms, I have seen Jesus' words come to life in our church. Our youngest members have been willing to participate in God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and I give thanks not only for the leaders they will be but also for the leaders they already are *now*.

We have a responsibility to "bring one another to Jesus"—from bringing our children to church to inviting friends and neighbors to come see what God is doing at First UMC to reaching out in local and global mission opportunities. We bring each other to Jesus through praying for one another, encouraging one another, being present to one another.

This week, let us pause and think about who the "children" in our lives are we desire to bring to Jesus. When we hold them before the Lord, we ALL receive a great and marvelous blessing.

Know how grateful I am for each of you. It is an honor to serve as your pastor!

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, October 14, 2018

Job 23:1-9
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

NEW BABY... We congratulate Anna and Jordan Thompson on the birth of their daughter, Rorie Marie Thompson who was born on Tuesday, October 2. Proud grandparents are Carolyn and David Lummus.

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to Shannon Coker and her family on the death of her brother, Mr. Nathan Mordecai who passed away on Monday, October 8. 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

The October Wednesday Night Supper will be on October 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: Chicken spaghetti, Garden salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Tea and Dessert. Cost is: under age 2 – no charge, ages 3 to 12 - \$3.00, ages 13 and up \$5.00 (max \$25 per family). The Friendly Fellowship and Wesley Wasson classes are hosting. Please sign up below or by calling the church office by Monday, October 15 at noon.

Save the Date for the Fall Festival -We will have our Fall Festival 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's Barn. This event is for all ages. We will have a soup cook-off, games, trunk or treat, and a photo booth. There will also a family costume contest. We will need people to decorate their vehicles for the trunk or treat, donate extra candy, and make soup or chili for the cook-off. Come in your costumes for a night of family fun.

New United Methodist Women Circle - The church is excited about the formation of the new United Methodist Women circle. It will meet Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All interested women are invited to attend.

UMW Joint Circle Meeting -The joint circle meeting for United Methodist Women will be Monday, October 22, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. The Ruth Weems Circle will host this event.

Sunday Shawls -It is always uncomfortable to sit through any kind of meeting when you are cold. The Methodist Purls want everyone to be able to enjoy the worship services in our church, and they have made shawls for people to use if they are cold. These beautiful maroon shawls are located in the back of the

church, and the ushers will be glad to help you locate them. Thank you Methodist Purls for fulfilling this need in our church. We appreciate the time and effort you put into this special project.

HAITI MISSION TRIP - Thanks to everyone who purchased Mums for our Haiti Mission Trip. We raised over \$1000. Our next fundraiser is Mission Tshirts! We are selling church tshirts for \$15. Check out the design at the table by the Fellowship Hall. We will also be selling Pork Tenderloins for Thanksgiving. 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!

Ruth Weems Circle -The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, October 15th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Elizabeth Bailey, Mary Carr Ecklund, and Debbie Bond. We will study Chapter 5 in our book *God Was Here, and I Was Out to Lunch*.

Operation Christmas Child Communion Offering Our communion offering for October went toward Operation Christmas Child. A total of \$740.00 was collected. Thank you so much for your generosity toward this project, but additional funds are needed. We must pay shipping costs for these shoe boxes. You may also contribute at any time by placing your donation in the offering plate and designating it for the Operation Christmas Child. We will have a packing party for this ministry on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

On the Road with the Lunch Bunch -Friday was a beautiful day for a Lunch Bunch trip. Eleven people traveled to the Proffit's Porch at Officer's Lake. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. The next Lunch Bunch trip will be to the Veranda in Starkville on November 3rd. 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 30th.

Annual Blood Drive -Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual blood drive last Monday. We wanted to have at least nineteen donors from our church. Seventeen people actually gave blood, and five more came but were unable to donate due to various reasons.

We appreciate everyone who signed up for this worthwhile project.

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. Specific items needed are: rice, pasta, soup, green beans, corn, tomato products and peanut butter. 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.

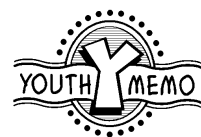


MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope you are having a wonderful week so far.

The whole music ministry is gearing up for the Christmas season. This year's concert will be on Friday, December 14 at 7:00. Our theme this year is "O Come Emmanuel" and all our proceeds will go to The Henry Clay. The concert will feature such songs as "Sing We Now of Christmas", "O Come Emmanuel", "The Huron Carol" and more! So mark your calendars and make plans to attend. The night will be full of worship and a few surprises. Thank you for all your support with this event. The Chancel Choir will be singing "Do Lord, Remember Me" this Sunday. I hope to see you there!

Rachel



The youth are going through the first 10 chapters of John on Wednesday nights from now through December. I really would love for their parents and anyone else to also read through these 10 chapters along with us. Then, talk with our youth about it. Challenge them by asking them what they are learning. Ask them what they think of certain verses or how they feel when reading about Jesus.

"From his abundance we had all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through

Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ." John 1:16-17.

- AnnaBeth Harrison



This Saturday we are taking a large group of our 3rd-6th graders to Camp Lake Stephens. I am very excited to see what our weekend entails, and I can't wait to write all about it in the newsletter next

week. Please pray for this group of kids that we stay safe, have fun, and learn more about the Lord and ourselves.

The Fall Festival will be here before we know it. Get your soup recipes ready, your trunk or treats, and your family costumes! It will be a night of great fun and fellowship.

- AnnaBeth Harrison

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 10 - October 16

Wed.	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home
	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
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	1:30 PM	Canasta Group
Sat.	8:00 AM	Elementary Retreat @ CLS
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	3:30 PM	Haiti Team
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	5:30 PM	Dinner on the Gro unds @ Strong
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle
Tues.	9:30 AM	James Bible Study
	6:30 PM	New UMW Circle