

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

2019 budget \$608,019.68
Received Jan. 6, 2019 Budget 14,408.00
Received to date, Budget 14,408.00
Received Jan. 6, 2018 Bldg. 2,570.00
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ATTENDANCE, JAN. 6, 2019

Sunday School.....124
Early Service.....40
11:00 AM Service.....155
Total Worship.....195



THE WINDOW
o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
January 8, 2019

USHERS: Andy Gray Shane Alpe Gene Childress Greg Sugg
Bob Harrell Kevin Flurry Gil Lyon

COFFEE & JUICE: United Methodist Women

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Gracy Taylor 11:00AM Kristen Williams

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR JAN: Kristy Alpe & Penny Pearson

GREETERS FOR 1/13 Carolyn Burgess, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Vandy & Sara Frances Stubbs (1/13)

Tres & Kate Anderson (1/20)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Ray Millard - Roanoke, VA

At Home

Jim Ross Sue Rushing Martha Bivens
Geonette Pendley Liz Cook

Dugan

Mary Frances Miller
Bitsy Weaver
Jennie Cantrell

WP Living Center

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 January 8, 2019*

*West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED***

CHURCH STAFF

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Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

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Fire And Water: A Worship Series on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Dearly Beloved Friends,

A blessed New Year to each of you! I pray your holidays were full of manifestations of God's grace and glory.

We spent much time in the fall of 2018 learning about Holy Communion, and we will begin 2019 by devoting our worship hour to the second sacrament of The United Methodist Church: Holy Baptism.

It likely that many of us have questions and strong opinions about baptism. Some of us were baptized as infants and don't remember the experience. Others were baptized by immersion as adults and have vivid memories of the moment. Some of us were baptized in the UMC, while others have heritages in Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, and non-denominational traditions, to name a few. We always bring our experiences to our study of Scripture, but our experiences should never limit what Scripture can teach us. Baptism is a rich topic that carries us back to the creation story and sustains us in the final chapters of Revelation. I look forward to delving into this mystery of God's grace with you.

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, January 13, 2019

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to Shane Alpe and his family on the death of his father, Mr. Butch Alpe who passed away on December 20.

We extend sympathy to Sue Rushing and her family on the death of her mother, Mrs. Jeanette Brashier who passed away on December 20.

FUMC staff meetings will be on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM starting in January.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Dec. 10 - Dec. 23 - Melanie Sanders & Lavern Fowler
Dec. 24 - Jan. 6 - Gail Foote & Deborah Smith

Ruth Weems Circle -The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, January 21st, at 6:00 pm in the home of Judy Shirley. Hostesses will be Wilma Hinshaw, Nita Wyman and Judy Shirley. We will study Chapter 7 in our book *God Was Here, and I Was Out to Lunch*.

Rise Against Hunger Communion Offering

Our communion offering for January went toward Rise Against Hunger. A total of \$690.00 was collected. Thank you so much for your generosity toward this project, but additional funds are needed. You may also contribute at any time by placing your donation in the offering plate and designating it for the Rise Against Hunger

Monthly Lunch Bunch Outing

Eleven people met at Jubilations last Friday for our Lunch Bunch monthly gathering. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. The Lunch Bunch will meet at Magnolia's at the Ritz on February 1st. Everyone is welcome to join us for this next meal. Please sign up by Tuesday, January 29th.

The **West Point Clay County Arts Council** will have an opening art exhibit featuring Tommy Valentine on Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 PM at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts. This event is family friendly and free to the public.

Haiti report - Our Haiti team of 14 is back safe and sound. It was an awesome trip and we can't wait to tell you about it soon. Thank you again for all the prayers and donations to make this trip a success. We know God was with us each step of the way.



MUSIC NOTES

Happy New Year Church Family! We begin again a new year with many opportunities to serve and worship our Lord! We would love

to see you at choir practice on Wednesday. We begin at 6:00 and we have so much fun together! We would love for you to join our choir family. Children's Choir will begin on January 23 at 6:00. There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents of the Children's Choir and 5th and 6th grade class at 5:30 this Wednesday night, January 9. This meeting is important as we will hand out dates and sign up for meals. Please let me know ASAP if you cannot attend. Bell Choir will resume rehearsal on January 23.

I am looking forward to an amazing year of making music for our Lord together with you, my family. I pray that 2019 be full of blessings for you!

Rachel



BY : JB HARRELL

"This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that

receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ." - Frank McKibben

During the holidays, it seems we are always reminded that giving is better than receiving, but when you really think about it, Christmas is about receiving gifts. We receive lots and lots of gifts during the season from our friends and family, and God gives us lots of gifts. We constantly receive the gift of forgiveness, and this leads to our being right with God and growing a relationship with Him. A second great gift was Jesus himself, who showed us the way to eternal life, and taught many great lessons that make up our faith and beliefs today. Lastly, God gave us a gift through Jesus's death, the gift of eternal life and forgiveness of sins.

Now that Christmas is over, we might not be receiving any physical gifts, but God is constantly giving to us. So, during this New Year, let us be aware of that. Let us receive Jesus and share Him with others even after Christmas has ended.



This Wednesday night we are having a meeting for parents with children participating in Children's Choir and/or the 5th/6th grade Bible study. Both of

these children's activities will start back on the 16th.

On January 27th, we have a special event for all moms and sons. Any and all ages are welcome, just make sure to RSVP to AnnaBeth Harrison. This event will be following the 11am service on the 27th. We will have lunch, and then Christian illusionist, Todd Smith, will be performing. You do not want to miss it!

(And don't worry, we have something special planned for the dads and daughters later!)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT... 106 pledge cards for a total of \$404,275 or 66% of 2019 Operating Budget of \$608,020. Building Fund: 68 pledge cards for a total of \$69,153 or 105% of the Building Fund Budget of \$66,000. **Thank you for making a pledge.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 10 - January 15

Wed.	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home Meal Ministry
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:30 PM	Parent Meeting
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	1:30 PM	Canasta Group
Sat.	8:15 AM	Women's Retreat
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	UMYF
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
Tues.	10:00 AM	Staff meeting
	6:30 PM	Elizabeth Bailey Circle