

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68
Received Jan. 20, 2019 Budget 8,081.80
Received to date, Budget 32,133.70
Received Jan. 20, 2018 Bldg. 730.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 4,215.00

ATTENDANCE, JAN. 20, 2019

Sunday School.....1 10
Early Service.....3 8
11:00 AM Service.....1 48
Total Worship.....1 86



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
W est Point, Mississippi

J anuary 23, 2019

USHERS: Bryan Harrell J.B. Harrell John Facella Cohen Trolie
Rider Clemons Ben Harrell Wells Williams Kip Alpe

COFFEE& JUICE: United Methodist Women
SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Gracy Taylor 11:00AM Kristen Williams

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR JAN: Kristy Alpe & Penny Pearson
GREETERS FOR 1/27 Ralph Weems, Sherrill Weems, Carolyn Lummus, David Lummus

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jeff & Abby Hairston (1/27)
T had & Tracey Holcombe (2/3)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital
Ray Millard - Roanoke, VA
Martha Priest - Baptist GT, Columbus

At Home
Sue Rushing Martha Bivens Penny Pearson
Geonette Pendley Liz Cook

Dugan WP Living Center Trinity Place
Mary Frances Miller Tommy Miller Marguerite Breland
Bitsy Weaver
Jennie Cantrell

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

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 J anuary 23, 2019
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
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 27, 2019
8:45 & 11:00 AM
Luke 4:14-21
SERMON
"The Spirit of Baptism"
ANTHEM
"Spirit Song"

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If I Had Sneezed...

Ten years before a gunman shot and killed him, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., almost died of a stab wound. He was only 29 years old and signing books when a woman approached him, carrying a sharp letter opener. King would survive the attack with surgery and a long recovery, but the blade would narrowly miss his aorta. An article in *The New York Times* described the close call as, "if he had merely sneezed, he would have died."

Dr. King would receive many letters wishing him a speedy recovery, but one particular letter from a ninth grader especially resonated with him. She wrote:

*I read in the paper of your misfortune and of your suffering. And I read that if you had sneezed, you would have died. And I'm simply writing you to say that I'm so happy that you didn't sneeze.**

When King delivered what would be his final address on April 3, 1968, famously known for its finale on a "mountaintop," he recalled the incident and this young woman's good wishes. He shared her gratitude that he did not sneeze. He describes all of the opportunities he would have missed if he had sneezed. He describes all the progress he would not have witnessed in the Civil Rights era if he had sneezed. He recalls a decade of hard work he would have never known, and might not have happened, had he sneezed.

As I read this story in *The Washington Post*, I was struck by the way Dr. King looked back on a traumatic, near-death experience with only gratitude. He could have expressed anger at the woman who'd tried to kill him. He could have remembered the stabbing with lament. Instead, he focused on God's goodness in keeping him from sneezing one night in 1958. Some of the last words he ever spoke to a crowd were not of hate but of thanksgiving.

We read daily of the world's "misfortune and suffering." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his anonymous ninth grade fan remind us the power of a heavenly perspective. That perspective is thanksgiving. May we all walk into today knowing this is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

* This story comes from an article that appeared in *The Washington Post* on January 21, 2019. The title is, "Martin Luther King, Jr., was stabbed by a deranged woman. At 29, he almost died."

SYMPATHY...We extend sympathy to Joey Myers and his family on the death of his mother, Mrs. Vickie Myers who passed away on Monday, January 14. Services were held on Friday, January 18. We extend sympathy to Stacy Weems and her family on the death of her sister, Sandi Randall who passed away on Wednesday, January 16.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Jan. 21 - Feb. 3 - Anna Dill and Mary Carr Ecklund
Feb. 4 - Feb. 17 - Ethelyn Mortimer and Debbie Bond

LUNCH BUNCH - The Lunch Bunch will meet at Magnolia's at the Ritz on February 1st at 11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join us for this next meal. Please sign up by Tuesday, January 29th.

Greeter Ministry: The Greeter Ministry is nearly one year old! We appreciate each person who has committed to serve in this way. We do need a few new volunteers to fill out our assignments. If you are willing to serve once a month to greet members and visitors as they come to Sunday School (9:30 till 10:00 a.m.), please contact the church office. If you want more information about this ministry, contact Elizabeth Bailey (295-6219).

Loaves & Fishes Volunteers Needed: The UMW delivers meals to our homebound members once a month. We have a group of drivers/deliverers to assist with getting the meals out! These volunteers serve when they can, delivering to 1-3 homes, but we always appreciate more. If you are interested in being a part of this service, please contact the church office. If you want more information about Loaves & Fishes, contact Elizabeth Bailey (295-6219).

Trip to Starkville Community Theatre

The Vintage Group is sponsoring a trip to the Starkville Community Theatre on January 31st to see the play *The Heiress*. We will leave the church at 5:45, so that we can have dinner at Moe's in Starkville. We have a few extra tickets, so please contact Gail Foote @ 706-217-5293 if you are interested in attending.

Rise Against Hunger - We want to thank all the people who came at 1:00 to unload the truck for Rise Against Hunger. The truck broke down and could not get to West Point, so we were not able to

package meals. The new packaging date will be Sunday, February 17th at 2PM, so please mark this date on your calendar. We still need donations for this mission project.

Beautiful Feet

We have a wonderful group of twenty-three individuals going to Beautiful Feet. Rachel and Jay Wood; Tommy Bryan; Kristen and Kathryn Williams; Bella Monteleone; Kip Alpe; Nate Prather; Pam Carson; Allison, Cohen, Collins and V. J. Trolie; Freddie Brister; Laurann, Bryan, J. B., Ben, Henry and Charlie Harrell; and Millie, Wells and Shane Williams will all be leaving on Thursday, February 7th and will return on Sunday, February 10th. Please keep these individuals in your prayers. The group requests donations of new or slightly used blue jeans and backpacks. Financial contributions are also welcome.

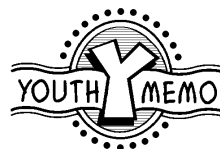


MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope your week has been amazing so far!

Just a reminder that Handbell Choir will resume this Wednesday at 5:15 and Children's Choir will begin this Wednesday at 6:00. If any of your children are in The Children's Choir or in the 5th and 6th grade Bible Study, and you are looking for something to do, come hangout with the Choir at 6:00! Darian's sermon on Sunday was about how The Baptism of The Holy Spirit activates different gifts in each of us. If you know that one of your gifts is music, don't hesitate any longer to use it. Choir is a great way to lead in worship and we have so much fun! We would love to see you there!

Rachel



The Gathering is coming up quickly. It is in Jackson on February 22-24. We will leave the church at 3:45pm Friday afternoon. If your child would like to go, make sure to turn in \$100 by January 30th. If you need more information, please contact me.

Thanks, AnnaBeth Harrison



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This Sunday is our Mother/Son lunch! After lunch Christian magician, Todd Smith will be performing. I cannot wait for this event; it will be so fun! February 8th is our father/daughter dance. My dad is coming to host this event with me. We will have dinner, dancing, games, and more. For more information on this event or to RSVP, please get in touch with me!

Thanks, AnnaBeth Harrison

CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 23 - January 29

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	General Conference discussion session
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	1:30 PM	Canasta Group
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Mother/Son activity - FH
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	CDC Board Meeting
Tues.	10:00 AM	Staff meeting
	10:00 AM	Bible Study - FH
	6:00 PM	Security Team

SPECIAL THANK YOU... A very special thank you to Gail Foote, Barbara Bryan and Gracy Taylor for the preparation and work they did for the women's retreat last Saturday. What a blessing! God used you special ladies in a special way - and a special thanks to the Harrell family for sharing the Barn. I truly hope this is the first on many women's retreat to come.

Joy Posey