

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019**

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68  
Received Jan. 27, 2019 Budget 9,350.00  
Received to date, Budget 41,483.70  
Received Jan. 27, 2018 Bldg. 245.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 4,460.00

**ATTENDANCE, JAN. 27, 2019**

Sunday School.....1 10  
Early Service.....40  
11:00 AM Service.....1 80  
Total Worship.....2 20

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**USHERS:** V. J. Trolio Fred Zepponi Vandy Stubbs Billy Buck Staggers  
Bill Clements Brooks Tinsley Troy Blanton

**COFFEE& JUICE:** United Methodist Women  
**SOUND TECH:** Bennie Hitt **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Bruff Sanders 11:00AM Kristen Williams

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR FEB:** Laurann Harrell & Cady Livesay

**GREETERS FOR 2/3** Rider Clemons, Luann Purnell, Beth Raines, Elizabeth Bailey

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** Thad & Tracey Holcombe (2/3)  
L annie & Shannon Wallace (2/10)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

Ray Millard - NMMC, WP #39  
Sue Rushing - NMMC WP #53

**At Home**

Martha Bivens Liz Cook  
Geonette Pendley Penny Pearson

**Dugan**

Mary Frances Miller Tommy Miller  
Bitsy Weaver  
Jennie Cantrell

**WP Living Center**

**Trinity Place**

Marguerite Breland  
Martha Priest

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

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**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133  
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198  
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Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658  
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Judy Staggers, Pianist, 494-2198  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
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# THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
W est Point, Mississippi  
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## Haiti Report

It’s 10 miles from the airport to the Good Shepherd Orphanage in Haiti, and with no traffic, the drive can take 40 minutes.

It took us 3 and a half hours in an old American school bus. On that trip, we saw a staggering amount of poverty. There were piles of garbage, some of which were being burned, filling the air with black smoke. We saw a country ravaged by an earthquake, a hurricane, and the indifference of those in power. We saw people that had every reason to turn away from God.

I wondered what our group of 14 from FUMC had gotten ourselves into.

On our first work day, we traveled to a local church in the dusty hills outside of Carrefour. Walking to the church, we saw stone, concrete, and cinderblock buildings with corrugated tin roofs, all packed tightly together. Most homes were around 12x12 feet and could have a family of 5-7 people living in them.

The church was a similar building, though larger. There was nothing to designate it as a church from the outside, but inside there were rows of well-worn pews and an elevated stage with a pulpit decorated with construction paper chains, celebrating Christmas. There were fans on the walls and various electric musical instruments, none of which were working at the time because electricity was provided by a generator and was only used during services.

Our Haitian team leaders, James, Ronald, and Jacky had told us earlier in the trip to understand that we were not “bringing God to Haiti”. God was already there. Stepping into that church and meeting the people, I began to see the truth of that statement.

Days later, on Sunday, we were back in the church for worship service. The generator was going, the music was wonderful, and the prayers were flowing. The message was inspiring and spoke to us, even the parts that weren’t translated. The service seemed to go by quickly for me, but it actually lasted 3 and a half hours.

In two chunks of time, each lasting 3 and a half hours, we had been shown first, a country and a people that should have had no hope, and then, a people that had not only hope but a true and inspired faith.

God IS in Haiti. I am so thankful that we got to be there, too.

A rt Shirley

Join us at the February Wednesday Night Supper on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to hear more about the team’s experience in Haiti.

**AND THE LORD ADDED...** We welcome Stephen, Hillary and Meri Brett White into the membership and fellowship of FUMC, West Point.

There will not be a newsletter the week of February 4<sup>th</sup>.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join us for this next meal. Please sign up by Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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).

**New Bridge Class** - Additional people have been interested in taking a beginning bridge class. For this reason, Prentiss McKibben has agreed to teach another bridge class which will start on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Gail Foote at 706-217-5293 if you are interested.

**Rise Against Hunger** - The new packaging date will be Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Trolio; Freddie Brister; Laurann, Bryan, J. B., Ben, Henry and Charlie Harrell; and Millie, Wells and Shane Williams will all be leaving on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and will return on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these individuals in your prayers. We are collecting blue jeans and backpacks for the group to take. Place donated items in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall. Donations are welcome.

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### MUSIC NOTES

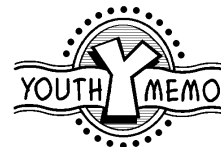
Hello Church Family! I hope your week walking with The Lord has been truly amazing!

It is with great respect and sad hearts that we announce the retirement of our pianist, Mrs. Judy Staggers. Mrs. Judy has long served our church with her many talents and she will be greatly missed! Not only has she been a wonderful pianist, but also a wonderful friend and colleague. She can never be replaced in our hearts and we are sad to see her go... but we will look for her smiling face and sunshine attitude every Sunday in our congregation. Thank you so much Mrs. Judy for all you have done for our family!

And it is with open arms and loving hearts that we welcome our new pianist, Jace Farreaz! Jace has played for us a few times in the past and he is a wonderful pianist! Jace has recently moved back to Columbus and we are thrilled to have him! This Sunday will be his first official Sunday with us, so please welcome him and introduce yourself to him.

I hope to see you all this Sunday!

Rachel



We have a large group going to Beautiful Feet in just a couple of weeks, and a great portion of that group is our youth kids! I am so proud of them for going on this trip, and I cannot wait to hear all about it.

The Gathering is coming up February 22-24. We will be staying in Jackson, MS for the weekend. We will worship and have other activities with other Methodist youth groups from all over the state. It is such a fun time!

AnnaBeth Harrison

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Wow! What a fun event we had Sunday for our mothers and sons. I think everyone enjoyed it.

Next up is our father/daughter dance on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. Let me know if you are coming so that we have plenty of food and activities for y'all!

AnnaBeth Harrison

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 30 - February 12

Fri.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch trip the Magnolia
	4:00 PM	Confirmation Retreat @ CLS
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Beautiful Feet meeting - FH
		No Youth
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
	5:30 PM	Prayer Service
Tues.	10:00 AM	Bible Study
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 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade group
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	6:00 PM	Beautiful Feet team leaves
		Father/Daughter dance - FH
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Sun.	8:45 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Confirmation
	4:00 PM	UMYF
	5:30 PM	Methodist Purls
Mon.	2:30 PM	Lochie Millard Circle
Tues.	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Wed.	1:30 PM	Bible Study
	5:15 PM	Security Team
	5:30 PM	
	6:00 PM	
	6:00 PM	Confirmation orientation for parents - Library
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	12:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
	5:30 PM	Vintage Group trip to SCT