

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019**

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68  
Received Mar. 3, 2019 Budget 15,383.29  
Received to date, Budget 97,464.39  
Received Mar. 3, 2018 Bldg. 1,090.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 10,460.00

**ATTENDANCE, MAR. 3, 2019**

Sunday School.....103  
Early Service.....43  
11:00 AM Service.....156  
Total Worship.....199



**THE WINDOW**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
March 5, 2019

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

**SOUND TECH:** Bennie Hitt **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Bill Maclean 11:00AM Bob Seitz

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAR:** Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

**COFFEE & JUICE:** 9:30 AM Penny & Chuck Pearson 10:30 AM Norma & Bubba Atkins

**GREETERS FOR 3/10** Carolyn Burgess, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Brooks & Laura Tinsley (3/10)

Co lby & Allison Brister (3/17)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

**At Home**

Martha Bivens Liz Cook Ann Miller  
Geonette Pendley Sue Rushing

**Dugan**

Mary Frances Miller  
Bitsy Weaver  
Jennie Cantrell

**WP Living Center**

Tommy Miller

**Trinity Place**

Marguerite Breland  
Martha Priest

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

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*First United Methodist Church Dated Material*  
*P. O. Box 293 March 5, 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  
Jace Ferreaz, Pianist, 494-2198  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent  
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 10, 2019**  
**8:45 & 11:00 AM**  
**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**  
**"HOUSE: Homeless Heritage"**  
  
**ANTHEM**  
**"Wings on the Dawn"**

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**Lenten Offering: Partnering with Haiti**

Shortly after Christmas, fourteen FUMC members traveled to Haiti on a mission trip organized through Praying Pelican Ministries. When we arrived at the orphanage where we were to stay and work, Jame our interpreter told us to drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen, and understand that we were not bringing Jesus to Haiti. Jesus was already in Haiti! We learned this was such a true statement. Our group spent the week witnessing God's love at the orphanage and at the local church in Carrefour, Evangelical Church for the Saved of Heaven.

Attending church that Sunday was surprising and amazing. We got up early, dressed without electricity, drove across Port-au-Prince, climbed a mountain, sat on 2/4 benches elbow to elbow in 90 degrees heat, for what was a 3 and a half hour service! And I will say this was the most powerful worship service I have ever experienced! This congregation gave a whole new meaning to worship! Despite extreme hardships and poverty, they worshiped with passion and enthusiasm.

We were the first missionaries from PPM to visit and help this church and believe deep in our hearts that God placed us there. This was not a coincidence! We know that God sent us to start a relationship with Pastor Jean and his church and to hopefully grow into a partnership. Each person that went on this mission trip walked away gaining more that we could ever give back! Some things you just can't put a price on!

We who went to Haiti feel passionate about continuing this effort. With your continued help, we hope to broaden the Lord's work. The children of the church have no place to worship. This year's Lenten offering will fund Vacation Bible School supplies to bring on our next mission trip and construction materials for a children's worship area inside. Jesus is alive in Haiti! Let's help spread the word.

*My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me -*

*The task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.*

Acts 20:24

Lucy McKellar

Watch the newsletter for upcoming Lenten fund-raisers that Sunday school classes will be offering during March and April that will fund this mission project!

**New Baby...** We congratulate Fred & Elizabeth Zepponi on the birth of their daughter Camillia Elizabeth Zepponi, born February 26. Welcoming baby sister home are big brothers, Hazard, Charlie and Leo. Proud grandparents are Tony and Lona Rosetti.

# What's Happening at FUMC.....

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Mar. 4 - Mar. 17** - Lynne Posey and Betsy McGlohn

**Mar. 18 - Mar. 31** - Stacy Hays and Rebecca DeSantis

The **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be this Wednesday at 6:00 PM. We will take up a special offering to go toward the Flood and Tornado victims in the Golden Triangle area.

**Lunch Bunch** - The Lunch Bunch enjoyed a wonderful meal together at Huck's during our March outing. We want to thank Julie Gray for driving the van. Anyone is welcome to join this multigenerational group for a time of fun and fellowship. We will travel to Columbus on Friday, April 5th, to have lunch at Lion Hills in Columbus.

**Lenten Devotional Books** - The Lenten devotional books for adults and children are located in the back of the church. If you have not picked yours up, please do so when you are in the sanctuary.

**Lenten Offering** - It's time to start planning for our Lenten service project, The FUMC-Haiti Partnership. Discuss this project with your Sunday school class and let Gail Foote know by Sunday, March 10th, your plans for raising money. Projects should be completed and money turned in so that we may present our total at the Children's Sabbath service on April 28. The classes that will be working together are as follows: Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade/Seekers Classes, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Good Shepherd Classes, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade/J.B. Cook Classes and the Youth/Word of Life Classes. Please let Gail know if you have any questions.

**March Communion Offering** - The March communion offering will go to the food pantry. The food pantry serves 425 households in Clay County each month. The 828 individuals include all ages; 232 people are elderly. Many individuals come to the food pantry because of low salaries and many

have extremely high medical bills. Emergency food needs are also provided. The police department and the Department of Human Services often request assistance from the food pantry. Thank you for your contributions, which totaled \$709.00.

**Wednesday Night Supper** - The March Wednesday Night Supper will be on March 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: Chicken and dressing, English peas and carrots and Mac-n-cheese. Cost are: under age 2 - no charge; ages 3 to 10 - \$3.00; ages 13 and up - \$5.00 (maximum \$25 per person). The Seekers Class will host in March. The Beautiful Feet Mission team will provide the program. Sign up on the bulletin tear off or call the church office by Monday, March 18 at noon.

The **West Point Clay County Arts Council** invites you to the following events in March:

- Friday, March 8 @ 7PM - Friday Night Jams
- Sunday, March 10 @ 2PM - Sundays @ the Center featuring the Tombigbee Dulcimer Group
- Hee Haw Variety Show - Thursday, March 28 @ 7PM, Friday, March 29 @ 7PM and Saturday, March 30 @ 5PM - Tickets are \$12 and go on sale March 1 @ Petal Pushers and FUMC.

All events are free to the public and family friendly.

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## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! This Sunday the Chancel Choir will sing "Wings of the Dawn". The chorus to this anthem goes like this, "But if

I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast." Sometimes, we think like Adam and Eve. We think we can hide from God. But no matter where we go or what we do, God

doesn't ever give up on us. He always seeks us out. He is always knocking at our door! He will always leave the 99 to find the 1. It's really an amazing love when you think about it. Don't you do the same for your children? No matter where they go or what they do, you will always find them, protect them, love them. How much more does God do that for us! I hope to see you Sunday!

Rachel

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Wow, I can't believe it is March already. Please be aware that the Children's Choir and 5th/6th grade will not meet on Wednesday night the next two weeks because of Ash Wednesday and

Spring Break. Confirmation will not meet on Sunday, March 10th, but we will be take any of the Confirmation kids out to eat on Monday, the 11th for those that are not going on vacation.

March 24th we have our monthly children's activity. Last year we decorated cookies, and it was a hit! So, we are going to decorate cookies again. We hope to see all ages there!

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The youth will not meet again until March 17th! I am sure going to miss the kids! On March 17th, we will be going out to eat, so bring money.

For the rest of this semester on Wednesday nights we will be completing the book of John. We did the first 10 chapters of John last semester. Then in January and February we took a break to do a series on God's dream for our lives. It was great! Now, we are excited to finish the book of John.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 6 - March 12

Wed.	10:30 AM	Christ @ Home
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday
		No children or youth activities
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	1:00 AM	Worship Service
		No Youth or Confirmation
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
Tues.	9:30 AM	Lochie Millard Circle
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	1:00 PM	Bridge Class

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS** - Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour on Saturday night for Daylight Savings time.

## CDC Cheesecakes and More Fundraiser

The CDC is sponsoring a Cheesecakes and More fundraiser from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are selling cheesecakes, brownies, monkey bread, and Jubilations coffee. You may purchase any of these items from a CDC board member, any CDC parent, and the church office. The items are \$25.00 each and will arrive on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will be used toward playground renovations that will make the playground much safer for the children. The daycare is a wonderful ministry of our church that currently provides services to ninety-five children. Please plan to support this important ministry.