

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019**  
 2019 budget \$ 608,019.68  
 Received Mar. 10, 2019 Budget 12,106.00  
 Received to date, Budget 109,570.39  
 Received Mar. 10, 2018 Bldg. 1,187.00  
 Received to date, Bldg. Fund 11,647.00

**ATTENDANCE, MAR. 10, 2019**  
 Sunday School.....106  
 Early Service.....32  
 11:00 AM Service.....142  
 Total Worship.....174



**THE WINDOW**  
 o f  
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 West Point, Mississippi  
 March 12, 2019

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**USHERS:** Eugene Bailey Jay Wood E.C. Jones Bubba Atkins  
 Jeff Hairston Bob Wyman Bennie Hitt  
**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Bill Maclean 11:00AM Bob Seitz

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

**COFFEE & JUICE:** 9:30 AM 10:30 AM

**GREETERS FOR 3/17** Mary Jo Hill, Stanley Scott, Bruff Sanders, Luke DeSantis

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Colby & Allison Brister (3/17)  
 Greg & Jessi Sugg (3/24)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

**At Home**  
 Martha Bivens Liz Cook Ann Miller  
 Geonette Pendley Sue Rushing

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

**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 12, 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
**8:45 & 11:00 AM**  
**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**  
**"HOUSE: Our Fears for the Future"**  
**ANTHEM**  
**"The Prayer"**

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**The Ordering of Worship**

In our second confirmation session this year, one of the subjects we covered was the Reformation. After a brief introduction to Martin Luther, we talked about how the Reformation brought about much-needed changes in the Church. An exercise in their workbooks then asked the students to make three statements of "how the church needs to change" today.

Here are a few of their suggested changes:

- Cushions for the backs of the pews
- More mission trips
- To wear whatever I want to church
- A food eating contest
- Sing more songs from K-LOVE
- Water coolers for each pew so no one will get thirsty
- Offering Communion more than once a month
- Better pencils for the pews

I love the contributions of our youth and children because there is a deeper truth behind every answer they offer to questions. After we made a long list of the confirmands' suggested changes, I pointed out to them that most of those changes revolved around making people feel comfortable and at home in the worship service. They spoke with passion about wanting to make their church a better place.

Lent is a season where we prayerfully ponder change and seek to order our lives around the worship of God Almighty. All voices, regardless of age, matter to that order. May we all have ears to hear the voice of the Lord, and may we act on his voice out of love for God and each other.

all good things to each of you,  
 Past or Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, March 17, 2019

- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalms 27
- Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
- Luke 13:31-35

# 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

**Lunch Bunch** - Anyone is welcome to join this multi-generational 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 Mission Partnership. 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.

The Word of Life and Youth Sunday school classes are selling **FERNS** again this year for our Lenten project. 10 inch Boston Hanging Ferns and 10 inch Kimberly Queen Ferns are \$18 each. Deadline to purchase ferns is Sunday, March 31. Pickup will be on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to noon. Call the church office to order. All proceeds will go toward the Haiti Mission Partnership.

**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.

**Ruth Weems Circle** - The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, March 18th, at 6:00 pm. Hostesses will be Pam Carson, Barbara Bryan, and Norma

Atkins. We will study Chapter 10 in our book *God Was Here, and I Was Out to Lunch*.

**Shrove Pancake Supper** - The Fellowship Hall was filled with the sounds of people and music for our annual Shrove Pancake Supper. Bob Seitz did an outstanding job organizing the food and the cooks for this event; Jubilations donated twelve dozen sausage balls; Julie Gray ordered all the food; and Dee Echols, Julie Gray, and Gail Foote decorated the Fellowship Hall. Everyone enjoyed listening to Jace Ferraez's phenomenal music as they feasted on the wonderful food.

This night would not have been possible without the work of the following cooks: Freddie Brister, Colby Brister, Jay Wood, Art Shirley, Hubert Caston, Tommy Bryan, Jim Helveston, and Bob Wyman. Other volunteers included the following individuals: Kathryn and Kristin Williams; Rachel Wood; Helen and Josie Facella; Cedricous Armstrong, Lucy and Jason McKellar; AnnaBeth Harrison, Rebecca, Luke, Drew, and Jane DeSantis, and Shane Williams. Over one hundred people attended, and \$1,070.00 was raised. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this night a success!

**Ash Wednesday Service and Offering** - We had a wonderful crowd at the Ash Wednesday service, and the offering for the tornado and flood victims was \$778.00. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this important need in our area.

**Joint UMW Meeting** - The joint UMW dinner meeting will be Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This night will be a celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Methodist Women and the formation of two new circles at FUMC. Women from FUMC, who contributed their time and talents to the church and the circles during these 150 years, will be showcased. Please make plans to attend this night of food, fellowship, and celebration. A nursery will be provided.



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! For the next few months, I'm going to be writing about individual members of the choir. We have such a dedicated choir that I thought it would be fun for you to get to know each of the individual members that make such a great team! First up is Sherry Storey.

Sherry was born and raised in Mississippi and attended Ole Miss. (She bleeds red and blue!) While attending Ole Miss, she graduated with two degrees and met her husband Tom (love at first sight!) They have been married for 55 years and their love is still growing! Tom and Sherry have 3 daughters, 2 sons-in-law, and 5 grandkids! Sherry started the special education programs in Oxford and in West Point. Sherry was the first special education teacher in Oxford and also the first teacher to teach in maternity clothes. There was nobody to sub for her because there was only 5 other teachers in the whole state! She became a psychometrist and retired from W.P.S.D. after 46 years. Sherry moved to West Point in 1966 and it has always felt like home!

Sherry enjoys learning about and drinking wine, traveling to California and France, and knitting, especially with the Methodist Purls. She spins at the Wellness Center for the body, plays Bridge for the mind, and sings in the choir for the spirit.

Sherry has been in the choir for 40 years. She can't pick a favorite hymn because she has so many! Sherry enjoys the fellowship of choir. She enjoys being with people who love music as much as she does and singing different genres of music. She says that you should join the choir because you never know how much you will like it until you try it!

Thank you Sherry for being a valued member of our choir!

Rachel

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March 24th we are decorating cookies in the fellowship hall at 2:30. Come enjoy this fun activity for people of all ages. March 31st is Confirmation



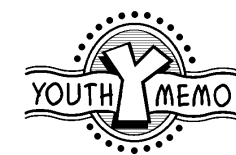
**Cajing All Kids!** Sunday. Don't miss this day as 10 of our kids are being confirmed in the church.

April 20th we will have our Annual Easter egg hunt at Kid Town,

10:00am.

April 28th is Children's Sabbath, one of my favorite Sunday's of the year! I hope all our kids can participate and that we have a large crowd their as they lead us in worship.

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Wednesday, March 20th at Wednesday Night Supper we will be hearing from the Beautiful Feet team. I

encourage everyone to come listen to them because we had a great group of youth go on this trip! I can't wait to hear more about it!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 13 - March 19

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| Wed.  | 1:30 PM<br>5:15 PM                         | Bridge Group<br>Bell Choir<br>No children or youth activities           |
|       | 6:00 PM                                    | Chancel Choir   |
| Sun.  | 8:45 AM<br>9:45 AM<br>10:00 AM<br>11:00 AM | Early Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Children's council<br>Worship Service |
|       | 4:00 PM<br>5:30 PM                         | Confirmation<br>UMYF  |
| Mon.  | 2:30 PM<br>6:00 PM                         | Methodist Purls<br>Ruth Weems Circle                                    |
| Tues. | 10:00 AM<br>1:00 PM                        | Staff Meeting<br>Bridge Class   |