

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

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Received Mar. 31, 2019 Budget 7,513.80
Received to date, Budget 142,634.19
Received Mar. 31, 2018 Bldg. 780.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 15,737.00

ATTENDANCE, MAR. 31, 2019

Sunday School.....129
Early Service.....41
11:00 AM Service.....218
Total Worship.....259

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

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Gracy Taylor 11:00 AM Debbie Hinshaw

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR APR: Allison Trolio & Debbie Bond

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

GREETERS FOR 4/7 - Carolyn Burgess, Luann Purnell, Beth Raines, Elizabeth Bailey

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Barrett & Katie Clark (4/7)
Vandy & Sara Frances Stubbs (4/14)

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.

*First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 April 2, 2019*

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

CHURCH STAFF

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West Point, Mississippi
April 2, 2019

Prodigal Playlist

A few years ago, while assembling a playlist for my yoga classes, a song by the late Rich Mullins, "Growing Young," kept coming to mind. It is a first-person, modern interpretation of the prodigal son, and the song set the theme for the playlist I was assembling. We all need a prodigal playlist: songs that called us back to our Father's house, no matter how far we've wandered.

In a 1994 live recording of the song, Rich Mullins strums the guitar alongside his best friend and co-writer, Beaker. He introduces the song as one that was written quickly and easily for two reasons: it was their testimony, and it was the story of the lost son:

*And when I thought that I was all alone
It was your voice I heard calling me back home
And I wonder now Lord
What it was that made me wait so long
And what kept You waiting for me all that time
Was Your love stronger than my foolish pride
Will You take me back now, take me back and let me be Your child*

Rich Mullins and Beaker are not the only ones whose testimonies are those of prodigal sons. Whether or not we've spent our inheritance and lived with pigs, we've all fallen prey to foolish pride. We've all heard a voice calling us home that we ignore. We all live by a prodigal playlist. Every saint has been a prodigal. But every prodigal can also be transformed into a saint through God's grace.

In the last minute of the video, Rich Mullins looks directly into the camera, smiles, and sings,

*We've sinned and grown old
But our Father still waits
And he watches down the road
To see the crying boy come running back to his arms.*

So, dear friends, let us smile not just at the thought of running to God. Let us smile through our tears as we actually run to him right now--and "grow young" as his beloved children.

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for April 7, 2019

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Apr. 1 - Apr. 14 - Sherry Storey & Mary Strobel
Apr. 15 - Apr. 28 - Becky Shirley & Andrea Stevens

AND THE LORD ADDED... We welcome into the membership of FUMC our confirmands: Price Alpe, Jacob Blanton, Bess Bryan, Ana Collins Coker, Louis Facella, Locke Myers, Catherine Williams, Kathryn Williams and Hazard Zepponi.

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 Offering - Our Lenten service project this year is the FUMC-Haiti Mission Partnership. Sunday school classes are teamed up and having different fund-raisers for this project. You are welcome to make a donation to this project, just earmark your check Haiti partnership.

WHITE HYDRANGEAS - The 5th & 6th grades are teaming with the J.B. Cook class for their Lenten project and are selling White Hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area. Representatives from these classes will be taking orders through April 7. We will only order 75, so be sure and order soon. You may purchase these hydrangeas in memory or honor of a loved one. Each hydrangea will sell for \$20 each. Planting instructions will be included.

FERN PICKUP - If you purchased a Fern, the pickup date is Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 to noon. Thanks for supporting the Lenten project!

DUGAN SUNDAY SCHOOL - FUMC provides Sunday School at Dugan Nursing Home during the month of April. For April 7:
 Teach: Bruff Sanders
 Pianist: Melanie Sanders
 Song leader: Gary Echols

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - The April Wednesday night supper will be on April 10th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Spaghetti, Green Salad, Green peas, Tea and Dessert. Cost is: under age 2 - no charge; ages 3 to 12- \$3.00; ages 13 and up -\$5.00 (maximum \$25 per family). The Men's Bible Class will host this event. Please sign up on the bulletin tear off or call the church office by Monday, April 8 at noon.

COMMUNION OFFERING - This Sunday's communion offering will go towards our local mission fund.

HOLY WEEK - FUMC will be hosting the lunch on Tuesday, April 16th at Northside Christian Church. If you would like to volunteer to make a dessert or help serve, please call Gail Foote at 494-2198. Services will be a noon each day and a light lunch will be served after the service.

HAITI INTEREST MEETING - There will be a Haiti Mission trip interest meeting on Sunday, April 14th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service. Anyone interested in the Haiti Mission Partnership is welcome to attend.

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE - Join us for the Holy Thursday service on April 18 at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - We will have a reading of the Passion narrative on Good Friday, April 19th at noon.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! This week we will continue meeting the members of our Chancel Choir.

Today's Choir Member is Nate Prather! Nate studied at West Point High School and has a degree from Mississippi State University in Agricultural Engineering Technology and Business

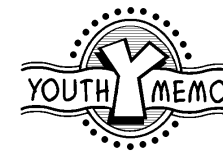
with a concentration in Natural Resources and Environmental Management. He previously worked for the Clay County Co-Op and now grows seedling for his dream company, Mossy Oak, in Osborn at their Nativ Nursery. Nate is single and is diligently seeking God's plan for his future. He enjoys hunting, fishing, taking care of land, Tennis, Basketball, Swimming, Golf, Soccer, leading Boy Scouts, Arts Council Productions, good movies and Pandora Music. A unique event in Nate's life is when he turned 15, with Troop 15, while they were at the highest point of their hike in Philmont, NM! Nate has been in choir for 2 years. Nate's favorite things about choir are learning from other folks, structure and focus on goals, practice and friendly competition, and faith that the sounds will all reach a needing ear in the congregation. His favorite hymns are "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "As the Deer", "This is My Father's World", and "Come Thou Fount". Nate thinks that you should try choir because.... Why not? He says, "If you enjoy singing at any point in your life (shower, car, work, etc.), why not share your voice with praise on Sunday morning? Music moves people. So move. Be where you are!"

Thanks Nate for being a valued member of our choir!



Calling All Kids! This year our Children's Sabbath Service will be Sunday, April 28th. We will have one service that day at 11:00am led by our sweet kids. This is one of my favorite traditions that our

church does. It is so special, and I am honored that I get to be a part of it again this year. Please everyone come April 28th and support these wonderful children.



What Easter Means To Me by Camille Jester: Easter is one of the most meaningful holidays to me. It is a day to be thankful and

remember all Jesus has done for us. He died for us, and in doing so, allowed us eternal life with God and freedom of sin! It is easy to get caught up in Easter celebrations, but we need to remember why we are celebrating the holiday in the first place. This Easter I encourage everyone to celebrate Jesus in some way whether it is coming to our Easter Sunday Service, having a day of prayer, or spending time with family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3 - April 9

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	Chancel Choir
Fri.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch trip to Lion Hills
Sat,	9:00 AM	Fern Pickup
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	Bible Study - FH
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	Vintage Group trip to Starkville
		Community Theatre
	1:00 PM	Bridge Class