

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019**

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68  
Received Apr. 7, 2019 Budget 13,849.00  
Received to date, Budget 156,483.19  
Received Apr. 7, 2018 Bldg. 980.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 16,717.00

**ATTENDANCE, APR. 7, 2019**

Sunday School.....99  
Early Service.....35  
11:00 AM Service.....200  
Total Worship.....235

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

**SOUND TECH:** Bennie Hitt **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 - Debbie & Kenny Hinshaw 10:30 AM - Paula & Bill Clements

**GREETERS FOR 4/14-**Kevin Flurry, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Vandy & Sara Frances Stubbs (4/14)

Wilkes & Amy Bryan (4/21)

**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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**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 Ferraez, Pianist, 494-2198  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent  
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811



**THE WINDOW**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
A pril 9, 2019

**Between Sundays: Walking Holy Week with the Passion**

It's easy to focus on the Sundays.

Here as we enter the most sacred week of the Christian year, many of us can quickly identify the next two Sundays. On April 14, we wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna!" to the Son of David. On April 21, we celebrate that Christ our Lord has risen from the grave. What joyful celebrations they are, but when we ignore the events of the week between those Sundays, we have only bookends without the pages of the Church's great story.

During Holy Week here at First UMC of West Point, we will have the opportunity to hear that whole story. The Passion narrative in Luke's gospel encompasses 91 verses of Scripture, but we will not read them all at once. We will hear some verses on Passion/Palm Sunday, some at the Holy Thursday service, and some at Good Friday's Reading of the Passion. We will spread them out not only as a traditional readings but also in the Stripping of the Altar on Holy Thursday and the Tenebrae of Good Friday.

It's easy to focus on the Sundays, but this year would you focus also on Holy Week? Our Holy Thursday service will be at 6PM on April 18 and the Good Friday service will be at 12 noon. Whether or not you are able to attend these services, I encourage you to set aside time to read the Passion Narrative throughout the week. It is a story that deserves our time and attention. It is a story that changes us. The whole story is our story of holiness through Jesus Christ our Lord. I look forward to a Holy Week of worship with you.

all good things to each of you,  
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for April 14, 2019

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

**AND THE LORD ADDED...** We welcome into the membership of FUMC Luke DeSantis who was confirmed on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Palm/Passion Sunday  
Sunday, April 14, 2019  
8:45 & 11:00 AM  
Luke 22:14-27  
Monologue of the Baker  
ANTHEM  
"Ride On, King Jesus"**

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

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

**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.**

We will still have a few more fund-raiser projects, so watch the newsletter for details.

**DUGAN SUNDAY SCHOOL** - FUMC provides Sunday School at Dugan Nursing Home during the month of April. For April 14:  
 Teach: Rebecca DeSantis & Youth

**Senior Sunday** -Senior Sunday will be May 5, 2019, and we look forward to honoring our four seniors: John Facella, J. B. Harrell, Caroline Jester, and Tyler Spencer. These seniors will be recognized in the 11:00 service. After the service, lunch will be provided for all church members as we join these seniors and their families in celebrating this special time in their lives. Please come and show your support to these four special young people. Sign up to attend on the bulletin tear off or by calling the church office by Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Confirmation Luncheon** - We want to thank everyone who helped with the confirmation luncheon. Judy Staggers did a wonderful job as usual organizing this event, and Dee Echols created the beautiful table decorations. These ladies were assisted by Stacy and Belk Weems, Ethlyn Mortimer, Debbie Bond, Lucy and Jason McKellar, Laurann and Bryan Harrell, Joy and Hal Posey, Raeley Barkley, Rebecca DeSantis and Jane DeSantis, Laura Williams and Bennie Hitt. Thank all of you for your hard work in making this day special for the confirmands and their families.

**Ruth Weems Circle** - The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, April 15th, at 6:00 pm in the

Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Carolyn Burgess, Jane Caston and Gloria Bunnell. We will study Chapter 10 in our book *God Was Here, and I Was Out to Lunch* and stuff the bags for the College Connection. Please make plans to attend.

**Sandy Henley Circle** - The Sandy Henley Circle will meet on Thursday, April 18th, at 10:00 am in the Fifth and Sixth Grade Classroom. Please make plans to attend.

**HOLY WEEK** - FUMC will be hosting the lunch on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Nursery will be available.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES** - We will have a reading of the Passion narrative Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The West Point Clay County Arts Council invites you to Sundays @ the Center featuring the **OHA Raider Rhythm** on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. This event is free to the public and family friendly.  
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## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! This week we will continue with meeting the members. This week, we will meet Ruth Alice Echols!

Mrs. Ruth Alice was born and raised in Pheba, MS. After graduating high school, she worked for Bell South Telephone Company. During that time, she met

Richard, who had returned home after WWII serving in the Marines. They were married here at WPFUMC for 67 happy years! Mrs. Ruth Alice has 2 sons and a daughter and is very proud to say that they are all dedicated choir members in their respective churches. She also has 3 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, and one great granddaughter. Mrs. Ruth Alice retired after 23 years as a teacher's assistant in the West Point School System. She enjoys reading inspirational novels and working Cryptoquip and Sudoku puzzles. Her favorite tv shows are "IO" and "Forensic Files"!

Mrs. Ruth Alice has been in the choir for 26 years. She has always enjoyed singing. For her, it is good therapy. She doesn't have a favorite hymn because she enjoys most all Christian Music. Mrs. Ruth Alice thinks that you should give choir a try because it is relaxing, fun, and good fellowship.

Thanks Mrs. Ruth Alice, for being a valued member of our choir!

Rachel

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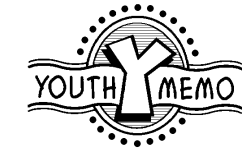
## Important announcement:

We had previously scheduled our Easter Egg Hunt to be at Kid Town, BUT Mr. Jimmy Bryan has graciously offered to host it at his house again this year. So, the Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Bryan House on April 20th at 10:00am.

April 28th is Children's Sabbath, and I am so excited about this service. I hope all our kids can participate and all our members can come support them at 11:00am.

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By Bella Monteleone:



Easter is not only a fun holiday, but it's a great time for spiritual growth. Last year after confirmation, I was really into

reading my Bible. That lasted until a couple weeks before Easter. I just fell out of it. In the back of my mind, I reminded myself to read and wanted to do it but never got around to it throughout my days. So I went to church on Easter, and we were actually on vacation. So, we went to a Catholic Church in New Orleans. The service was good, but it wasn't until after the service that something really clicked.

God loves me SO much that He sent Jesus Christ to die for me. Nothing I can do or say will change that fact. I will forever be His child. After that, I have been reading my Bible as much as I can. Even if I just have time for a few verses in the morning, it's so helpful!  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 10 - April 16

Wed.	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:30 PM	Wed Night Supper
	6:00 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> grade
	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	Haiti Interest Meeting
	5:30 PM	UMYF
Mon.	12:00 noon	Holy Week Service
	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle
Tues.	10:00 AM	Bible Study - FH
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:00 noon	Holy Week Service
	6:30 PM	Elizabeth Bailey Circle
	1:00 PM	Bridge Class