

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

2019 budget \$608,019.68
Received May 5, 2019 Budget 18,471.00
Received to date, Budget 203,062.99
Received May 5, 2018 Bldg. 1,810.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 23,324.50

ATTENDANCE, MAY 5, 2019

Sunday School.....110
Early Service.....24
11:00 AM Service.....185
Total Worship.....209



THE WINDOW
o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
May 7, 2019

USHERS: Andy Gray Shane Alpe Gene Childress Greg Sugg
Bob Harrell Kevin Flurry Gil Lyon
SOUND TECH: Julie Gray **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Bruff Sanders 11:00AM Dawn Swartz
WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAY: Kristy Alpe & Penny Pearson
GREETERS FOR 5/12 - Kevin Flurry, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Youth (5/12)
Tres & Kate Anderson (5/19)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital
Liz Cook - NMMC, WP #31

At Home
Martha Bivens Liz Cook Ann Miller
Geonette Pendley Sue Rushing Carlisle Campbell
Beth Raines

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

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

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 May 7, 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 Ferraez, Pianist, 494-2198
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 12, 2019
8:45 AM & 11:00 AM
John 10:22-30
"Impatient"
ANTHEM
"My Shepherd Knows"

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Giving Thanks For AnnaBeth

Nearly two years ago, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee took a leap of faith in the hiring of a full-time Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. And oh the rewards we have reaped! We were so blessed to have an applicant as qualified as AnnaBeth Harrison practically dropped in our laps. There is no doubt that the hand of God was in the process: blessing our church, our youth program, and our children's ministries.

When AnnaBeth arrived, we had an average of five or six students at United Methodist Youth Fellowship. We have had 20+ students at several functions lately. And have you visited with one of our youth? They are leading Bible studies and continue to grow under AnnaBeth's (and Oliver's) leadership, in addition to the other adults now involved. These students are the future of First UMC, and we can all be proud of the ministries we now have in place.

Has AnnaBeth ever asked you to do something? We find it nearly impossible to refuse when we see all she is doing. But every single time, we walk away knowing we were the ones receiving the blessing.

We knew when AnnaBeth joined the staff of FUMC that she and Oliver would only be in our area for a couple of years, and that time has flown by. Oliver has already moved to his new job at Duke Air Force Base in Florida, and AnnaBeth will join him permanently on May 23.

Her last Sunday with us will be May 19, and we welcome you to show your appreciation to her in whatever way the Holy Spirit leads you before she leaves. We thought it appropriate for the youth and children to honor her with special events, but the gifts don't have to stop there. Please feel free to reach out to her as the Lord directs you.

At the luncheon for our high school seniors, AnnaBeth had assembled a slideshow that concluded with this verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Go forth in God's strength and courage, AnnaBeth and Oliver, and we wish you many blessings wherever you go.

Robin McCormick
Chair of Staff-Parish Relations

Rev. Darian Duckworth
Pastor

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to Greg Swartz and his family on the death of his aunt Mrs. Otley Swartz who passed away Thursday, May 2. Services were held on Sunday, May 5.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Apr. 29 - May 12 - Robin McCormick & Wendy Childress

May 13 - May 26 - Peggy Trulove & Caroline Harrell

FAREWELL PARTY - Friends and Family invite all adult FUMC members to a Farewell Party for Beverly and Carlisle Campbell, who are moving to McKinney, Texas this summer. The party will be Thursday, May 16th from 5PM to 8PM at Waverly Waters.

Mother's Day Brunch - Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our mothers on Sunday, May 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Mother's Day Brunch. The Men's Bible Class has graciously agreed to host this event again this year.

Senior Sunday - First United Methodist had a wonderful time on Sunday honoring our three seniors: John Facella, J. B. Harrell and Caroline Jester. Over one hundred people attended the luncheon that was hosted by UMW. The honorees were presented Bibles from UMW. The celebration concluded with a slide show, which featured the honorees. We want to thank everyone who made this event a success. We also want to wish the graduates all the best as they begin this new phase of their lives

The Food Pantry Needs Help!!! The food pantry is getting low of food and needs our help. During the spring and summer months, less donations are usually made. The 828 individuals helped by the food pantry include all ages; 232 people are elderly. Emergency food needs are also provided. Needed items are as follows: peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, dried vegetables, rice and pasta. Be sure to check the expiration dates. Financial donations are also appreciated and may be dropped

in the collection plate or turned into the church office. Be sure to designate these funds for the food pantry.

Backpack Ministry - Last Thursday Barbara Bryan made the last backpack delivery to Church Hill and Southside for the 2018-2019 school year. This program has been so successful because of all the financial donations and the work of the thirty-five volunteers. During this school year, a total of 1,160 meals were purchased, packed and delivered. Each backpack meal contained enough food for the child to eat during the weekend. We want to thank everyone who helped with this ministry. We will begin this program again in August. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gail Foote at 706-217-5293.

May Communion Offering-The May communion offering will go to the Mississippi Senior Services Sunday Fund. A total of \$516.00 was collected on Sunday. A brochure will be in the bulletin on Mother's Day that will explain this fund in more detail. All contributions are welcome.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! Today we will continue with meeting our choir members. Next up is

Phil McClellan!

Phil got married in our church to Ann Bryan McClellan in 1986. They have 3 children: Phillip who lives in West Point, Parker who lives in Knoxville, TN, and Bryan who lives in Austin, TX. Phil works at Prairie Livestock and B. Bryan Farms (a cattle and farming operation). He has one grandson named James. Phil enjoys playing tennis, duck hunting, and watching Bulldog football. He also has an identical twin brother that also sings and plays the guitar. And Phil can still ride a unicycle!

Phil has been in the choir for 27 years. His favorite hymn is "It is Well with My Soul." Phil enjoys

choir because of the friendships you make with other choir members and because you get to sing with so many talented members every Sunday. Phil thinks that you should try choir to join a fun group of folks and to give that God given talent of singing a try.

Thank you, Phil, for being a valued member of our choir!

Rachel



This Sunday is Mother's Day, and our children's choir will be singing a wonderful song for all the moms on Sunday morning. Only two more weeks of Children's Choir and

the 5th/6th grade Bible study. They will have a party on May 15th. Then, May 22nd we will all be celebrating the beginning of summer at the Harrell Barn from 5:30-7:30pm.

This summer VBS is June 9th-12th from 5:30-7:30pm. On the 12th, we will have a Wednesday Night Supper and the kids will get to perform the songs they learned!

Throughout the rest of June and July the kids will have 5 Monday activities. These are scheduled for June 17, June 24, July 15, July 22, and July 29. More details will be coming your way about all of these!



This Wednesday we are headed to Starkville to watch MS State and Memphis play baseball. Sunday we will not have youth due to Mother's Day!

Wednesday, the 15th, we will have UMYF as

normal. Sunday, the 19th, we will be at Ralph and Sherrill Weems house for dinner and games. Then, May 22nd we will be at the Harrell's for more food and games!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8 - May 14

Wed.	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	5th/6th Grade group
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	1:30 PM	Canasta Group
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	10:00 AM	Mother's Day Brunch
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
		No Youth
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	Nominations Committee
Tues.	9:30 AM	Lochie Millard Circle
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting