

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68
Received May 12, 2019 Budget 10,009.90
Received to date, Budget 213,002.89
Received May 12, 2019 Bldg. 975.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 24,369.50

ATTENDANCE, MAY 12, 2019

Sunday School.....NA
Early Service.....46
11:00 AM Service.....198
Total Worship.....244



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
May 14, 2019

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 Bruff Sanders 11:00AM Dawn Swartz

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAY: Kristy Alpe & Penny Pearson

GREETERS FOR 5/19 - Mary Jo Hill, Stanley Scott, Bruff Sanders, Luke DeSantis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Tres & Kate Anderson (5/19)
Fred & Elizabeth Zepponi (5/26)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

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

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 14, 2019
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133
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Ron Crawford, Custodian
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

5th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 19, 2019
8:45 AM & 11:00 AM
Acts 11:1-18
"Confused"
ANTHEM
"The Lily of the Valley"

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Bicycle Theology: The Farewell

Ten years ago, I bought a bicycle. It was a mountain bike that was affordable and versatile. At first I was wobbly and had to re-learn the gears. With careful patience, I was soon cruising up and down hills along a river. Before long, bike rides became my regular physical and mental exercise. Because I had to focus on what was right in front of me, I easily forgot what had weighed on my mind.

A few years later, the bicycle with its worn wheels made the trek north with me when I moved, but something had changed. The bike was no longer comfortable. I thought about trading it in for a road bike or getting different tires. I tried to ride early each morning, but I dreaded what I once loved.

The truth was: I no longer wanted to ride the bike. I wanted to walk on two feet at a neighborhood trail instead of riding two wheels around town. I put the bicycle in the storage room and laced up my sneakers.

*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
~ Isaiah 43:18-19a, New Revised Standard Version*

Change is difficult because it includes an ending and a beginning. As Isaiah wrote, clinging to the old prevents us from embracing the new. God constantly presents us with changes for our good. How often do we avoid risk-taking in favor of what's comfortable, familiar, and easy?

We tend to think of change as sudden and drastic, but change can be much more gradual. God gently eases us into the new with something as simple as our hobbies. Perhaps in simple changes God wishes to teach us great truths.

all good things to each of you,
Past or Darian

Lectionary for Sunday, May 19, 2019

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 138
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

SYMPATHY...We extend sympathy to Barrett Clark and his family on the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Sue Nail who passed away on Friday, May 10. Services were held on Monday, May 13.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

May 13 - May 26 - Peggy Trulove & Caroline Harrell
May 27 - June 9 - Luann Purnell & Sherrill Weems

FAREWELL PARTY CANCELLED - The party for Carlisle and Beverly Campbell has been cancelled due to Carlisle's illness. He is getting better but he isn't well enough for a party. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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.

Mother's Day Brunch - Over 100 people attended the Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday. Thank you, Men's Bible Class, for hosting this event again; you did a superb job! We also want to express our appreciation to Dee Echols and Stacy and Belk Weems for helping to create such a wonderful atmosphere in the Fellowship Hall. Elizabeth Zepponi won the \$25.00 gift certificate to Magnolias at the Ritz, and we hope that she enjoys this special treat.

Corsage Workshop - Mary Carr Ecklund held a workshop last week to help some of us make corsages for our shut-ins. She was a great teacher because she began with total novices who were able to create fifteen corsages. After their success Sherrill

Weems, Judy Staggers, Debbie Hinshaw, Gail Foote and Mary Carr then delivered these flowers with the help of Judy Shirley. We also want to thank Lucy McKellar whose chocolate cupcakes were a welcome addition to these gifts for our members.

Ruth Weems Circle - The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, May 20th, at 6:00 pm in the home of Mary Jo Hill at 78 Waverly Road. Hostesses will be Mary Jo, Holly Hitt and Beth Raines. We will study Chapter 11 in our book *God Was Here, and I Was Out to Lunch*.

HAITI MISSION TRIP MEETING - We will have a Haiti Mission trip meeting on Sunday, May 19 immediately following the 11:00 AM service to go over details about the upcoming mission trip. If you are interested in going on this trip, please come to this meeting or contact Julie Gray for more details. We are excited to announce we collected \$4,617 from the donations and fund-raisers for our Lenten offering. Thanks to everyone who donated! We will continue to raise funds to fund our projects of helping complete the Children's room at the church and VBS when we go. Watch for more upcoming events.

The West Point Clay County Arts Council invites you to the opening **Art Exhibit featuring Judy Jones's photography and Woodwork by Glen Rhea** on Sunday, May 19th at 2PM at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts. This event is family friendly and free to the public.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! Today we will continue meeting our members. Next up, Mary Carr

Ecklund!

Mary Carr and her husband are retired Baby Boomers. They have 2 grown children who are each happily married to Kansans. They have one granddaughter and way too many "granddogs"! The

whole family loves the out-of-doors and the Mississippi weather, flowers, and people. Mary Carr enjoys reading, crafts (crocheting, sewing, drawing), word puzzles, watching the family pets, yard work, and Masterpiece Theatre. She is also trying to learn how to play Bridge. Mary Carr collects ribbon and tablecloths (which are available for loan – just ask!) and seeds!

Mary Carr has been in the choir for 6 years (since returning to West Point) plus about 3 years when she was a teenager. Her favorite hymns are all in the Cokesbury Hymnal. Almost every one evokes a fond memory for her. Mary Carr enjoys the choir because of the chance to make music with friends; connecting with Spirits – past, present and future! She says that music is a universal language that can express joy, peace, comfort, love, and grief. Mary Carr thinks that you should join choir because it is fun! She says it is kind of like being on a team. And you can share the universal language with others!

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

Rachel



Don't forget we have our kicking off summer party Wednesday, the 22nd at the Harrell Barn from 5:30-7:30. Kids should come hungry and wear clothes they can get wet.

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to help make VBS possible this summer! It's going to be so much fun for our kids. VBS will be June 9th-11th from 5:30-8:00PM with a Wednesday Night Supper on the 12th where the kids will share all about their week. They also will be singing one of the songs they learned in the service on June 16th for Father's Day!

We have 5 Monday activities planned throughout the summer for the kids.

Here are the dates and activities. More details will be mailed to each family.

June 17 -- Slip N Dip
 June 24 -- Old Mountain Outdoor Adventure
 July 15 -- Painting class with Deborah Mansfield
 July 22 -- Children's Museum in Tuscaloosa
 July 29 -- Movie Theater



The youth have 3 more meetings for the month of May. This Wednesday we will be at the youth house to finish up our study on

the book of John. Sunday, May 19th we will be at the home of Ralph and Sherrill Weems. Wednesday, the 22nd we will be at the Harrell Barn for dinner and games! The youth will take a break the last week of May. Their summer schedule will start on June 2nd which will be mailed to each family soon!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS May 15 - May 21

Day	Time	Event
Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir party
	6:00 PM	5th/6th Grade group
Thurs.	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
	10:30 AM	Sandy Henley Circle Loaves & Fishes
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Mon.	5:30 PM	UMYF
	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
Tues.	6:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elizabeth Bailey Circle

