

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68
Received Sept. 1, 2019 Budget 14,718.00
Received to date, Budget 366,963.22
Received Sept. 1, 2019 Bldg. 1,810.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 44,382.76

ATTENDANCE, SEPT. 1, 2019

Sunday School.....97
Early Service.....46
11:00 AM Service.....147
Total Worship.....193

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

SOUND TECH: Bennie Hitt **LAY READER:** 8:45 AM Gracy Taylor 11:00 AM Kristen Williams

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR SEPT: Kristy Alpe & Penny Pearson

GREETERS FOR 9/8 Kevin Flurry, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Kevin & Ashleigh Flurry (9/8)
Colby & Allison Brister (9/15)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Walter Newell - Baptist GT #350

At Home

Martha Bivens Liz Cook Boyce McNeece - Fulton
Sue Rushing Montez Ganss Foster Kennedy

Dugan

Martha Priest
Bitsy Weaver
Jennie Cantrell
Geonette Pendley

WP Living Center

Tommy Miller

Trinity Place

Marguerite Breland

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

First United Methodist Church

Dated Material

P. O. Box 293

September 4, 2019

West Point, MS 39773

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133
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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

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
September 4, 2019

Healthy Connections

In March of 2017, the Center for Research on Media, Technology and Health at the University of Pittsburgh conducted a study on the relationship between social media use and depression. Not surprisingly, there were some connections between the two. Social media is supposed to be an outlet for connection, but sometimes we may feel more isolated with excessive social media use.

I love this quotation from Holly Shakya, a professor at the University of California in San Diego, from a National Public Radio interview about these studies:

Where we want to be cautious ... is when the sound of a voice or a cup of coffee with a friend is replaced with 'likes' on a post.

A few years ago, I realized that I had allowed Facebook and its “likes” to replace face-to-face time with church members, so I made a decision to use that social media outlet only to keep up with friends and family who live far away. When we set up our church’s Facebook page, the goal was not to replace face-to-face interaction but to use the site as an invitation for that interaction. If there’s one place that should fight against our society’s increasing loneliness and isolation, it’s the Church. Here at First UMC of West Point, we can be such a place of healthy connections through the building of relationships.

Our church’s website, Facebook page, and Instagram account, contain snippets of past events and previews of future events. I would encourage you to bookmark and follow all of these not as a substitute for church but a complement. While you’re at it, bookmark our district’s website for opportunities in the larger Methodist community. Let’s connect healthily and wholly with one another for God’s glory!

Website: www.fumcwestpoint.com

Facebook: First UMC of West Point, MS

Instagram: @fumcwestpoint

Starkville District website: www.starkvilledistrictumc.org

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, September 8, 2019

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Sept. 2 - Sept. 15 - Jane Meeks & Heather Cunningham

Sept. 16 - Sept. 29 - Monte Brasfield & Jason McKellar

Ruth Weems Circle - The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, September 16th, at 6:00 pm in the home of Stacy Weems. Hostesses will be Judy Staggers, Stacy Weems and Ethlyn Mortimer. We will study Chapter 12 in our book *God Was Here, and I Was Out to Lunch*.

Save the Date for the Church Picnic

We hope everyone will plan to attend the annual church picnic on Sunday, September 29th. It will be held again this year at the Harrell's Barn. Kevin & Donna Donahoo and Doug & Sheila Wood will coordinate this year's event, and we know this night will be filled with food, fun, and fellowship. The Good Shepherd Class has graciously agreed to cook again for us. We need volunteers to bring side items to this event. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. **We will begin gathering at 5:00p.m., and the meal will be served at 5:30.**

Communion Offering - A total of \$742.00 was collected for the Backpack Project during September communion. Church members may also contribute at any time by placing donations in the offering plate and designating them for the Backpack Ministry. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please call Gail Foote @ 706-217-5293. The October Communion offering will go towards Operation Christmas Child.

A Special Request... One of our church members has noticed that the special needs classes in some of our elementary schools often do not receive a great deal of parental support. Teachers become a second caregiver to these children who often come to school without the proper hygiene. Items such as **baby**

wipes, deodorant, Kleenex, hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes are often purchased by teachers themselves, so they can meet the needs of these children. We will be taking donations of these items during the month of September. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. You may place the items in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

September Wednesday Night Supper

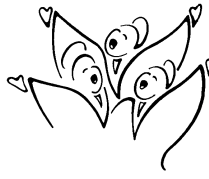
The September Wednesday Night Supper will be September 18 from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Fried chicken, Mashed potatoes, English peas, Tea and Dessert. The cost are as follows: under age 2 - no charge; ages 3-12 - \$3.00; ages 13 and up - \$5.00 (maximum per family is \$25). Please sign up on the bulletin tear off or by calling the church office by noon on Monday, September 16. The Chancel Choir will host.

Good Shepherd Fellowship Hour - For young adults who are interested in joining or forming a new Sunday school class. Please join the Good Shepherd Sunday school class in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, September 8. We will have delicious snacks, excellent coffee, and an opportunity for fellowship beginning at 9:45 AM and a short lesson at 10:15 am each Sunday.

HAITI TRIP UPDATE...The Haiti Mission trip dates are **March 7-13, 2020**. We have 15 spots reserved. If you are interested in participating in this important mission trip, please contact the church office. Deposit of \$200 is due now! Also watch for upcoming fund-raiser events!

College Connection - As college begins, we want to make sure we have your child signed up to be a part of our College Connection ministry. Wendy Childress will serve as our chairman of this ministry. Throughout the year, each student is sent cards and packages from FUMC to let them know that the church is thinking of them while they are at college. We need your help to make sure they are included. Please send the following

information to Gail Foote @ 706-237-5293 or gail.foote@yahoo.com: student's name, address, birthday, phone number and email. Thank you so much for helping make this ministry a success.



MUSIC NOTES

Children's Choir will begin this Wednesday, September 4th. Rebecca DeSantis will be leading this group. They will meet in the Music Suite on 3rd floor at 6:00 PM. The 5th & 6th Bible Study also begins this Wednesday, September 4th. Gracy Taylor will lead this group. They will meet downstairs in Room #103. Supper will be served each week at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Host for September 4th is Michelle Zimmerman.

While Rachel is out on maternity leave, Polly will be leading the choir.

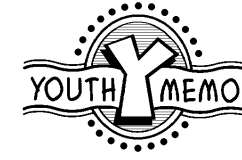


We have two really fun events coming up:

-Skate Odyssey: We have changed plans and will be skating on Saturday, September 28! I have reserved Skate Odyssey from 12:00-2:00. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to come join us!

-Children's Retreat: We will be heading to Camp Lake Stephens in Oxford, MS for our Children's Retreat on October 12-13! This is a retreat for 3rd through 6th graders and will cost \$45! Please let me know if you're interested or sign your child up on the SignUpGenius link that was sent out on the church's Remind! (Also, please let me know if you would like to chaperone.) The last day to sign up is September 26!

-Kyle (jkchickvara@gmail.com | (662) 312-2468)



In case you missed it at church on Sunday, we are looking for a few volunteers to help lead some small groups on Wednesday nights, especially

females. I strongly believe that real life change happens in the small group setting. I've been a part of many small groups before that have had such an impact on my life and my walk with God. So please consider helping our youth in this way! Small groups would meet from 6:15-7:15 on Wednesday nights with dinner beforehand. If you're at all interested, please let me know!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 4 - September 10

Wed.	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 Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri.	11:00 AM	Lunch Bunch trip
		Market Café
		Louisville
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Good Shepherd Fellowship Hour
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Stewardship
		Co mmittee - FH
	5:30 PM	UMYF
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purl
	5:30 PM	Prayer Service
Tues.	9:30 AM	Lochie Millard Circle
	10:00 AM	Tuesday Bible Study