

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68
Received Sept. 8, 2019 Budget 8,716.00
Received to date, Budget 375,679.22
Received Sept. 8, 2019 Bldg. 480.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 44,862.76

ATTENDANCE, SEPT. 8, 2019

Sunday School.....139
Early Service.....45
11:00 AM Service.....177
Total Worship.....222

USHERS: Jay Wood Eugene Bailey E.C. Jones
Bob Wyman Bennie Hitt Jeff Hairston

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **LAY READER:** 8:45 AM Gracy Taylor 11:00 AM Kristen Williams

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR SEPT: Kristy Alpe & Penny Pearson

GREETERS FOR 9/15 Stanley Scott, Bruff Sanders, Luke DeSantis

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Colby & Allison Brister (9/15)
Greg & Jessi Sugg (9/22)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Walter Newell - NMMC, WP #47

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 10, 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
Kyle Chickvara, 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

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of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
September 10, 2019

Insight From Isaac (And the Acorn)

A few years ago, when Isaac the dog and I were out for a walk, he began to limp in an odd way. I knelt down to look at his paws. I couldn't see anything wrong, so I told him to shake it off and come along. He tried. But then he stopped again and lifted his front left paw off of the ground. He looked up at me with a face that said, "The problem is this paw. Look again."

I removed my earbuds and knelt again next to the lifted paw. I carefully looked between each toe. I spread the pads of his paws and scraped away the dirt. And there it was. Tucked into the crevices of his paw was a small sphere with a torn edge: an acorn.

I carefully removed the acorn and placed his paw back on the ground. He hesitantly put his weight back on it. Realizing all four were back in working order, he took off with tail wagging, dragging his surgeon behind him. I know that was his bow-wow way of saying, "Thanks."

We all have acorns in our soul. They're not all necessarily dangerous, but they slow us down. If we ignore them for too long, the jagged edges dig into our hearts and can cause long-term damage. Anger. Jealousy. Resentment. Buried dreams. We human beings are not as quick as Isaac was to admit our need for help. We would rather limp with the acorn than leap with the aid.

In his beloved book, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, the late author Brennan Manning wrote, "The New Testament depicts another picture of the victorious life ... Jesus on Calvary. The biblical image of the victorious life reads more like the victorious limp."

I love that phrase, "the victorious limp," because it reminds us of our deep need for grace. An undeserved gift. The help we receive when we can no longer help ourselves. An admission that we need help extracting the acorns that dig at our heels. The church should be a place where we help one another do exactly that. The question is will be humble enough to receive the help when we need it? Sometimes we limp, and sometimes we walk, but together we can make progress on the journey of discipleship.

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for September 15, 2019

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

NEW BABY... We congratulate Rachel and Jay Wood on the birth of their daughter, Helen Avery born on Tuesday, September 3. Proud grand-parents are Jimmy and Kathy Wood.

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.**

A Special Request... Items are needed for the Special Needs classes at some of the local schools, such as **baby wipes, deodorant, Kleenex, hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes**. 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.

HAITI FUND- RAISER..The Haiti Mission team is selling MUMS through the month of September. 1 gallon mums are \$10 and 3 gallon mums are \$15. A variety of colors are available. Sign up to purchase a MUMS at the table by the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office.

The **Sandy Henley Circle** will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 10:00 AM in the 4th-6th grade Sunday School room at the back of the Sanctuary. Sherrill Weems will lead the lesson. If you are not already in a UMW circle, please join us.

The West Point Clay County Arts Council invites you to the following events at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts:

- Sunday, September 15 @ 2:00 PM - SUNDAYS @ THE CENTER featuring the **Community Handbell Choir of First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church**
 - Sunday, September 22 @ 2:00 PM - Opening Art Exhibit featuring **All in the Campbell Family**.
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MUSIC NOTES

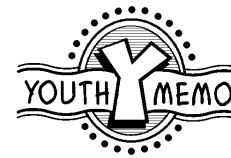
Please be sure to come out and support our Handbell Choir who will be performing at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts on Sunday, September 15th at 2:00 PM. They will be performing along with the handbell choir of First Baptist Church. They have worked hard getting ready for this performance. This group consist of Sherrill Weems, Nita Keys, Becky Shirley, Barbara Bryan, Dawn Swartz, Martha Caskey, Mary Jo Hill, LaDonna Helveston, Julie Gray, Sharlene Williams and Penny Pearson.



Odyssey from 12-2 so come join us for a fun afternoon!

-Children's Retreat: We already have a good group of people signed up for our Children's Retreat at Camp Lake Stephens (Oct 12-13)! If you would like send your 3rd-6th graders, let me know or sign-up on the SignUpGenius link that was sent out on the church Remind. The cost is \$45 and the last day to sign-up is September 26!

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



We finished up our "Upside Down Kingdom" teaching series this past Sunday. We've been talking about what it looks like to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God in the world. We've looked at some of the teachings of Jesus and some of the difficult things that we're called to do. I know that I've felt very challenged by the Word as I've studied this idea and read the words of Jesus and I pray that our group as a whole can continue to understand how we're called to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God. If you want to study this topic further, there's an incredible book called "The Upside-Down Kingdom" by Donald B Kraybill I have a few copies in my office and would be glad to share!

Also, In case you haven't heard yet, we are now on Instagram! Give us a follow @fumcwestpointyouth to stay up to date about what fun things we have going on!
-Kyle (jkchickvara@gmail.com | 662-312-2468

We have two really fun events coming up:

-Skate Odyssey: Mark your calendars on Saturday September 28, because we're going skating! We have reserved Skate

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11 - September 17

Wed.	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir @ LCCA
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	5th/6th Bible Study
	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
	2:00 PM	Sundays @ the Center featuring the Community Handbell Choirs
	5:30 PM	UMYF
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
	6:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle @ Stacy Weems' home
Tues.	10:00 AM	Tuesday Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elizabeth Bailey Circle