

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2019

2019 budget \$ 608,019.68
Received Oct. 6, 2019 Budget 14,321.00
Received to date, Budget 414,202.40
Received Oct. 6, 2019 Bldg. 595.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 47,310.26

ATTENDANCE, OCT. 6, 2019

Sunday School.....74
Early Service.....31
11:00 AM Service.....113
Total Worship.....144



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
October 8, 2019

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

SOUND TECH: Bennie Hitt **LAY READER:** 8:45 AM Bruff Sanders 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR OCT: Laurann Harrell & Cady Livesay

GREETERS FOR 10/13 - Kevin Flurry, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Steven & Hillary White (10/13)
Fred & Elizabeth Zepponi (10/20)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home
Martha Bivens Liz Cook Boyce McNeece - Fulton
Sue Rushing Montez Ganss Foster Kennedy
Beth Raines Ann Wade

18th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, October 13, 2019
8:45 & 11:00 AM
2 Timothy 2:8-15
“SIMPLIFY: For Jesus’ Glory”
ANTHEM
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE

Dugan **WP Living Center** **Trinity Place**
Martha Priest Tommy Miller Marguerite Breland
Bitsy Weaver
Jennie Cantrell **VA Home, Kosciusko**
Geonette Pendley Walter Newell



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

First United Methodist Church *Dated Material*
P. O. Box 293 *October 8, 2019*
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CHURCH STAFF

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Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

A Truck on the Altar

This past Sunday’s 11 AM worship service was unusual. There were many empty pews and the smallest attendance I can remember in the past few years! I found out afterwards that there were many reasons for the absences, mostly because of travels. While we always want to see growth in the church and welcome more people each week, sometimes a smaller gathering reveals God’s glory in a different way.

For me, that moment happened in the children’s moments on Sunday. I had planned to serve the children Holy Communion and explain the basics of what the Sacrament meant. My young friend, Collier, was the only child who came forward that day. After he shared what he did that was fun last week (he saw cowboys, horses, and cows!), we went to the Communion table as I had planned. He received the bread, and we said our prayer as we normally do. It wasn’t until after the prayer that I noticed something. Collier had brought a toy truck with him. When I asked him to come to the table, without prompting he had laid the truck on the altar to free up his hands for Holy Communion. After he’d eaten and we prayed, he picked the truck back up again and headed out for children’s church.

Are we as quick to lay down our toy trucks as Collier was when Jesus calls us to his table? Or do we keep our hands so full of trinket worries that we struggle to receive his grace?

One verse of the beloved hymn, “Rock of Ages,” says, “Nothing in my hands I bring/Simply to thy cross I cling.” Jesus calls us each and everyday to empty our hands so we can cling to the love of the cross. Will we follow the example of our little brother and do so effortlessly?

all good things to each of you,
Pastor Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, October 13, 2019

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

NEW BABY...We congratulate Abby and Jeff Hairston on the birth of their son, Samuel Lamar Hairston, born on Tuesday, October 1st. Welcoming baby brother home is big brother, Jack.

SYMPATHY...We extend sympathy to the family of Rev. Johnny Dinas, former pastor of FUMC, West Point, who passed away on Tuesday, October 1. Services were held on Friday, October 4.

What's Happening at

FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Sept. 30 - Oct. 13 - JoAnn Tedford & Barbara Bryan
Oct. 14 - Oct. 27 - Charlotte Messier & Rhonda Stafford



Four Person Scramble at West Point Country Club on October 20, 1:00 PM

Entry Fee - \$200 per team - includes round of golf, lunch and prizes. If you do not play golf but would like to still support this event, hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

To sign up, please contact Chris Jester (662.295.2943) or Bruff Sanders (662.418.7176).

Annual Blood Drive - Our annual blood drive will be on Monday, October 21st, from 2:30 until 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The goal is to have at least nineteen donors from our church. Please consider participating in this worthwhile project. You may sign up on the table at the back of the church or contact Shannon Coker at shannoncoker@att.net or 662-251-0813.

Save the Date for the Fall Festival - The Fall Festival will be held again this year will be on Sunday, October 27th from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Harrell Barn. We will have a chili and soup cook-off, games, and trunk or treat. There will be activities for all ages. We will need people to decorate their vehicles for the Trunk or Treat, donate extra candy, and make chili/soup for the cook-off. Come in your costumes for a night of family fun.

Another Successful Church Picnic - About one hundred children and adults attended the annual church picnic at the Harrell's Barn. It was a success due to many individuals. Kevin and Donna Donahoo and Doug and Sheila Wood did a wonderful job of coordinating this event. Numerous people helped with the set up and clean up including Norma Atkins, Lynne Posey and Joyce and Freddie Brister. The men from the Good Shepherd Class cooked the delicious hamburgers and hotdogs. In addition, Kyle Chickvara and Camden Shock did a great job in leading the children and youth in games. Finally, the church would like to thank the

Harrell family for hosting this event. We look forward to next year's picnic.

Ruth Weems Circle - The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, October 21st, at 6:00 pm in the home of Elizabeth Bailey. The other hostesses will be Mary Carr Ecklund and Debbie Bond. We will study Chapter 13 in our book *God Was Here, and I Was Out to Lunch*.

Operation Christmas Child Communion Offering Our communion offering for October went toward Operation Christmas Child. A total of \$682.00 was collected. Thank you so much for your generosity toward this project, but **additional funds are needed**. We must pay shipping costs for these shoeboxes. You may also contribute at any time by placing your donation in the offering plate and designating it for the Operation Christmas Child. We will have a packing party for this ministry on Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

On the Road with the Lunch Bunch - Friday was a beautiful day for a Lunch Bunch trip. Fourteen people traveled to the Proffitt's Porch at Officer's Lake. We would like to express our appreciation to Gary Echols who drove the van for us. The next Lunch Bunch trip will be to the Veranda in Starkville on November 1st. We will leave the church at 11:30 and return by 2:00. Everyone is welcome to join us for this next outing. Please sign up by Wednesday, October 30th.

Dinner on the Grounds at Strong FUMC Each year West Point FUMC and Strong FUMC join together for a night of food, fellowship, and music. This year the two churches will meet at Strong FUMC on Sunday, October 13th at 5:30. Please bring a covered dish and join the fun. We will take the church van, which will leave at 5:00. If you need a ride, call the church office.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I have missed you all very much. It was so wonderful to come back to work this week (of course, little one has

come to work with me)! I really enjoyed conducting the bell choir and chancel choir this past Wednesday. You never know how much you miss something until you've been away from it for a while. A lot of you have asked about motherhood and I can tell you that I have a new found respect for mothers everywhere. It is the hardest job I have ever had, by far! But it is so rewarding. Thank you to everyone for all your support and gifts. There were many who brought meals which were a lifesaver in those early weeks when we were too tired to move, much less cook! And thank you to the staff who have been so helpful in easing the transition from maternity leave to going back to work. Everyone has been so wonderful and I truly appreciate you all!

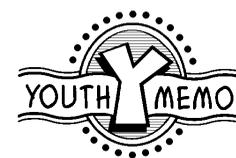
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We will be taking 11 kids on our Children's Retreat to Camp Lake Stephens this weekend to spend some good time in worship and in fellowship together. I want to invite you to pray one of Paul's prayers over our kids this weekend:

"I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called - his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him." (Eph. 1:16-19)

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



We are starting up small groups this week! The small group environment has been a huge part of my spiritual journey and my time in ministry. I hope and pray that

this can be a place for our youth community to really grow unified and closer to God together. We

will still meet at the youth house at 5:30 for dinner as usual, and we will split into small groups after eating.

Check your emails this week for an October newsletter with more details about things we have going on!

Some important dates coming up (More info to come):
 -Wednesday, October 30: We will have a Halloween celebration of sorts!
 -Sunday, November 10: We will have a lunch fundraiser after the 11:00 service to raise money for our youth ski trip.

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)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 9 - October 15

Wed.	11:30 AM	Christ @ Home
	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	5:30 PM	Dinner for Children
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	5th/6th Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	1:30 AM	Canasta Group
Fri.	4:30-5:30 PM	Mum Pickup @ BYC
Sat.	7:00 AM	Elementary Retreat @ Camp Lake Stephens
	9:00-11:00 AM	Mum Pickup @ BYC
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	5:30 PM	Dinner on the Ground @ Strong UMC
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls
	2:30-7:00 PM	Blood Drive - FH
Tues.	10:00 AM	Tuesday Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:00 PM	Trustee Meeting - FH
	1:00 PM	Beginner Bridge
	6:30 PM	Elizabeth Bailey Circle

