

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020

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Received Mar. 22, 2020 Budget 8,125.00
Received to date, Budget 121,131.76
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ATTENDANCE, MAR. 22, 2020

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



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
March 24, 2020

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **TECH TEAM:** Art Shirley **LAY READER:** Bill Maclean
WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR MAR. Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

	At Home	
Martha Bivens	Liz Cook	Boyce McNeece - Fulton
Sue Rushing	Margaret Jolly	Foster Kennedy
Shirley Rosenkrans		

5th Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 29, 2020
11:00 AM
Ezekiel 37:1-14
“Transformed: From Death to Life”

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE

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



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

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CHURCH STAFF

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Prime Time For Prayer

Dearly Beloved Friends,

How is it with your soul today?

This past Sunday was Laureate Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, and is designated as a day to encourage children to keep the faith and rejoice at this late point in the Lenten season. My guess is that ALL of us children of God need some encouragement right now! One of the ways we can encourage each other in our isolation is to pray not only for healing from COVID-19 in the present but also to focus our prayers on the future. This is prime time for prayer, for us to humble ourselves and pray for God’s mercy.

The Spirit of God entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life.~1 Samuel 16:13 (The Message)

I want to encourage you to make this Scripture a part of your daily prayers. Insert the names of your loved ones where David’s name is. Claim God’s power. Call on the Holy Spirit. Pray about the tasks for which God has chosen the young people in your lives.

As we continue to monitor regulations for the COVID-19 pandemic and response, know that we are working at the church to keep you safely connected to each other. Our task force met this past Sunday, and I encourage you to keep them in your prayers, as well as the church staff. The task force is made up of these church leaders: Jim Helveston, Bill Maclean, Robin McCormick, Melanie Sanders, Marc Stewart, and Jessi Sugg.

This week the church office plans to be open 9AM-12PM. As much as we’d love to see you in person, it is really safer for everyone if you contact us by phone or email rather than come to the church building. We are including staff’s phone numbers in the newsletter if you need to reach us.

Know how much I love you! It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

Lectionary Texts for Sunday, March 29, 2020

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

What's Happening at

FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Mar. 16 - Mar. 29 - Stacy Hays & Rebecca DeSantis

Mar. 30 - Apr. 12 - Sherry Storey & Mary Strobel

Lenten Projects - The 4th-6th Grade Class is partnering with the **J. B. Cook Class** to sell white hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area on Easter. If we are unable to have services, we will arrange a pickup dates. Please email the church office at icgray@fumcwestpoint.com or text Julie at 662-295-0461 to order. They are only be ordering 75 hydrangeas, so get your orders in quickly. You may purchase these hydrangeas in memory or honor of a loved one. Each hydrangea will sell for \$20, and planting instructions will be included. Deadline to order is Sunday, April 5th.

FERN PICK-UP will be Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Please come as early as possible so we can finish quickly. Make checks out to FUMC.

Needs of The Mission on the Hill

Many people in the past have requested ways to help The Mission. Below are additional ways that our church can assist this wonderful organization.

1. Place items in the shopping cart this month.

- Toliet Paper
- New Large Men's T-shirts
- New Large Men's Underwear
- Socks

2. Help with Celebrate Recovery Meals one Thursday night.

They cook for about 50 people every Thursday night. You might offer to help or furnish items. A Sunday school class or group can even provide the meal or provide desserts or specific meal items.

Call Mary Bryan @ 662-322-4708 if you are interested.

3. Attend their monthly community breakfast on the 4th Saturday of each month from 7:00-9:00

a.m. for a \$7.00 donation.

The Siloam Baptist Church provides the meal. If you are interested in helping, call Eddie Todd @ 662-295-2420.

4. Purchase a meal every Friday from 11:00 a.m. until dark for a \$10.00 donation.

They have someone who is cooking in front of The Mission.

5. Attend their daily morning Bible study at 6:00 a.m. each morning.

News from Gail - We often wish we had less to do or fewer many places to go. However, when we are forced to stay home during times like these, we are almost in a state of shock. What can we do since we cannot go on our regular outings? Now is a good time to look for ways that we can be of service to others. Below are some suggestions; if you think of others, please text me and I will be glad to share your ideas.

- Call friends or church members, especially those living alone.
- Send a card or note to our shut-ins, especially those in the nursing homes.
- Work on knitting an item such as a scarf. Our church will be sending another group to Beautiful Feet, and we can begin preparing items for the trip.
- Flatten plastic bags for the mats, and then cut these bags into in 1 1/2 inch strips. Instructions can be found on the Internet. We have lots of bags you can come get.
- Write a note of appreciation to someone. That act will make someone's day



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I miss seeing you all and continue to pray for your health and safety. There was one particular day this past week where I found myself really down and afraid. I just wanted to cry and could not make sense of all this confusion that is surrounding us. I decided to scroll down Facebook to see if anyone else was feeling the same way. A friend of mine

from high school had posted a video of Andrew Peterson singing "Is He Worthy". That is a song the choir sang at Easter last year. I immediately felt an enormous peace that had escaped me just a few minutes before. I kept watching YouTube videos of people singing different worship songs and by the next morning I was feeling back to my old self. I encourage you during this fearful time to not neglect your worship in singing. There is a reason why God commanded us to sing. Try it this week and see how much better you will feel. Much love to you!!

Rachel



Caring All Kids! I'm praying good health over you all. This is definitely an unprecedented season with lots of new challenges and new struggles, but I hope and pray that for each of you, it's also proving to be an opportunity for family time and new memories. Social Isolation and extra free time can be a great place to enjoy new activities and try things you've never had the time to do. Though I hope we can get back to our normal routines soon!



Make sure you're following our Instagram page @fumcwestpointyouth and stay tuned to see ways we can stay

involved through this season of social distancing. We're thinking through some ways to continue to worship and study and be a community together and will be in touch with you about it! It's been really cool to see that even when we can't physically be in church, we can still have church together and I'm excited to explore some ways for us to do that!

Kyle

STEWARDSHIP...If you would

like to still send your tithe or donation to the church, you are welcome to mail it to P.O. Box 293 or use the online app www.easytithe.com to donate. You can also scan the QR code on the front page of this newsletter and it will take you to the website. If you have questions, please let me know. Thanks, Julie

The office will continue to only be open from 9AM-12PM Monday thru Friday of this week. We encourage members to call instead of coming by the church. You can reach the staff at these phone numbers at all other times:

- Pastor Darian Duckworth: 601-506-4143
- Julie Gray: 662-295-0461
- Gail Foote: 706-217-5293
- Rachel Wood: 662-889-6757
- Kyle Chickvara: 662-312-2468

We are suspending all in-person church activities until Sunday, April 5, EXCEPT for the fern sale and pick up on Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the church. We will continue to broadcast the 11:00am service on Facebook LIVE and on the radio at 100.9 FM. We hope you will join us!

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Margaret Jolly
- Mary Lou Darsey
- Carr Valentine
- Mary Margaret Case
- Lila Usry
- Steve Roberson
- Michael McHugh
- Jeanette Pyle
- Kent Mortimer
- Liz Cook
- Nora Crawford
- The Charles Brand family
- The Gene Baldwin family
- The Lisa Henley family