

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020

2020 budget \$ 613,032.84
Receive July 12, 2020 Budget 11,972.00
Received to date, Budget 259,061.12
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ATTENDANCE JULY 12, 2020

Worship Service.....43
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....239
Total Worship.....282

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **TECH TEAM:** Art Shirley & Colby Brister

LAY LEADER: Marc Stewart

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Shirley Rosenkrans - NMMC, Tupelo

At Home

Martha Bivens Boyce McNeece - Fulton
Sue Rushing Billy Buck Staggers
Laney Wooten Foster Kennedy
Jean Sarsgard Grathan Christian
Fox Haas Betty Sue Shumpert

**7th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19, 2020
11:00 AM
Psalm 139:1-12
“The Thoughts We Think”**

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE

Dugan

Martha Priest
Bitsy Weaver
Geonette Pendley
Jennie Cantrell

WP Living Center

Tommy Miller

Trinity Place

Marguerite Breland



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

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THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
July 14, 2020

Reading, Watching, and Listening

Every month I’m hoping to set aside one week to share in this space about movies, books, and music that have especially spoken to my heart recently. These are not advertisements for you to go out and buy these items. They are not suitable for everyone, but I hope this will invite us to consider what we’re reading, watching, and listening to. God speaks to us in all kinds of ways, and great conversation can arise among us from where we’re hearing God speak.

1. *Live At Home* by Cageless Birds (music): The Cageless Birds are a community of artists, musicians, and teachers in western North Carolina who offer a number of resources to grow in relationship with Jesus. I love a live album of acoustic worship music that takes me into God’s presence.
2. *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo (book): I’m trying to be more intentional about listening to the voices of people of color, and Oluo’s book was recommended to me by a lot of folks I respect. She is a brilliant writer who challenges me to rethink some of my own mindsets simply by listening to her experiences. (The book does contain strong language.)
3. *Knives Out* (movie): It’s funny, it feels like an Agatha Christie mystery novel, and I love a movie with a cool house for its main set. I doubt I’ll be using it for sermon illustrations, but it was certainly entertaining and a nice escape from reality for two hours. (The movie does contain some violence.)

Through which books, movies, shows, music, and podcasts is God speaking to you these days?

all good things to each of you,
Dr . D.

Sympathy... We extend sympathy to Laney Wooten and Exir Brennan and their family on the death of their brother, Mr. Robley “Bobby” Wooten, Sr. who passed away Tuesday, June 28.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

July 6 - July 19 - Jane Caston & Jennie Caston

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

*Nursery and 3-5 Year Old Class

We have good tidings of great joy for our youngest members! Beginning Sunday, July 19, we will resume a nursery for up to 2 years of age and a class for children ages 3-5 during the 11AM worship service. Here are two important things to know:

1. Parents attending the worship service will need to make reservations for themselves using Eventbrite, but the children who will be in the nursery and 3-5 year old room will not need reservations.

2. Children will need to be dropped off in the appropriate rooms downstairs by 10:45AM. Children up to age 2 will be in the nursery, and ages 3-5 will be in Room 109.

* The church staff have increased their hours in the office. However, for everyone's safety, we ask that no visitors come to the office right now due to plaster work and painting. When we are not in the office, all phones are forwarded to Julie so you can reach us.

* As we begin to regather for in-person worship, we will continue to offer virtual worship on Sundays at 11AM on the radio and Facebook Live. You can also find the videos on You Tube.

*Wednesday Worship Series: The Wednesday Worship Series will meet every other week. Tune in to Facebook Live at 5:15 PM on July 15th to hear Rachel Wood perform.

What We Need To Know: Plans for Regathering

- For right now, we need to limit attendance to 50 persons. However, know that the church's task force and staff are working diligently to find creative ways for more of us to worship together safely. While we are starting with one

service and 50 people, the hope is that we will be able to increase those numbers in the near future.

- If you wish to attend an in-person gathering, we are requiring everyone to make a reservation through Eventbrite. The reservations will open on the Monday before a Sunday worship service, and the deadline to sign up will be Fridays at noon. The link will be

<https://fumcwestpoint.eventbrite.com>.

Details about the registration process were in the letter mailed to church members and constituents.

- If you are not comfortable making the online reservation and require some help, you may reach Julie at the church office (662-494-1658).



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July!

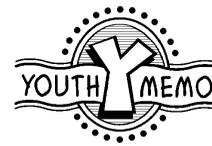
Please join me this Wednesday night for our Wednesday Night Worship Series at 5:15 on Facebook Live. I will be playing peaceful and calming arrangements of hymns by Anthony Burger. Anthony Burger was the pianist for the Gaither Vocal Band before he died of a heart attack when I was in college. He was a fabulous pianist and I got the honor of meeting him once. My sister was with me and she said it was the only time I was ever speechless! Haha! He died playing piano and someone mentioned that it would be such an experience to be worshiping God by playing music one minute and then playing it right in front of God the next! That thought has always stuck with me. What a wonderful God we worship!

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Lord speak through it!

The Bible tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances." It's so easy to give thanks when we have good days, but it is just as important to give thanks when we have bad days. When we're sad, sometimes the best thing we can do is think about things we're thankful for. So what are you thankful for? What people in your life are you thankful for? What memories over the past few weeks are you thankful for? What are some things that you're looking forward to? Close your eyes, get your prayer hands out, and thank God for all of these things!



We had a great gathering at the Harrells' barn this past Sunday. We had a group of 14 youth gather for some food and fellowship. We talked about the spiritual discipline of silence & solitude, which is simply the practice of meeting with God in a quiet place with no distractions. Mark 1:37 says "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place and prayed." All throughout the Gospels, Jesus left His busyness, He left the crowds and the craziness, and He met with His Father in quiet places. By following His example, and meeting with God in quiet places within the context of our lives, we can draw into a deep intimacy with God in a way that will enable us to live a life of peace and joy no matter what challenges we face in this world. We will continue to discuss the practices of Jesus at our Sunday gatherings, so be sure to join us for some good discussions.

Be sure to join us at the Harrells' barn this Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 for food and fellowship!

STEWARDSHIP...If you would like to send your tithe or donation to the church, please 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. Thank you for continuing to send donations.

If you need to contact the church staff here are contact numbers:

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Fox Haas	Joyce Brister
Jean Sarsgard	Grathan Christian
Ruth Alice Echols	Betty Sue Shumpert
Jeanette Pyle	Laney Wooten
Mary Margaret Case	Lila Usry
Sean Fowler	Earl Foreman
Al Johnson	Bonnie Duke
Donnie Gilmer	Daniel McBrayer
Shirley Rosenkrans	Foster Kennedy
Susie Purnell Randall	Cooper Lyon
Sally Kate Scroggs	Bobby Hughes
Kasi Brabham Black	Buddy Rushing

Family of Mr. Robley "Bobby" Wooten, Sr.