

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020

2020 budget \$ 613,032.84
Receive July 19, 2020 Budget 5,821.69
Received to date, Budget 266,905.12
Received July 19, 2020 Bldg. 510.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 28,577.95

ATTENDANCE JULY 19, 2020

Worship Service.....36
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....185
Total Worship.....221



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
W est Point, Mississippi
J uly 21, 2020

SOUND TECH: M ike Gammill **TECH TEAM:** Art Shirley & Colby Brister
LAY LEADER: Marc Stewart

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 26, 2020
11:00 AM
Romans 8:26-28
“Not Knowing How To Pray”

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.

First United Methodist Church *Dated Material*
P. O. Box 293 *July 21, 2020*
West Point, MS 39773

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

U.S. POSTAGE
NON-PROFIT
WEST POINT, MS
PERMIT NO. 7

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. 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
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

The Church’s New Essential Work

Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the leaders on our church’s task force made an observation that well describes a new, essential work of our congregation. Bill Maclean, our lay member of Annual Conference, described our newfound streaming of the worship service as a mission field and an a means of sharing the gospel. He said it so well that it was like hearing a well-spoken sermon! We all said “amen” in agreement, as many of you have since then, that we need to continue and improve our online ministry.

Insert here a round of applause for Art Shirley (I’ll pause to give you time to clap for him). Art volunteered to bring a tripod and run an iPhone for Facebook Live that first Sunday of quarantine, and every week since has faithfully researched and experimented and added to our setup. Colby Brister began working with him on the endeavor, and last week a small group of us met with a digital consultant to learn more about our options. This same consultant will train volunteers at the church when that time arrives.

What do we need most in our online ministry’s next steps? YOU!

Yes, we are hoping to build a good team of volunteers who can run the cameras. And please don’t say you’re not tech-savvy. The best volunteers for the online ministry are curious about learning something new and willing to follow directions. I feel sure many of us meet those criteria!

If you are interested in being a part of this new, essential work of our church, please let us know. If you know someone whose gifts would work well in online ministry, tell us who they are. The only way we can keep this ministry going is with the work of your hands contributing to it.

Let us keep up the good work that God has entrusted to us!

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

Sympathy... We extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Shirley Rosenkrans who passed away on Friday, July 17. Services were held on Tuesday, July 21.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

July 20- Aug. 2 - Jane Smith & Stacy Weems

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

* 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.

* Even as we 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 29th to hear Jace Ferraez and Polly Grimes 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.
- We now have available a nursery for up to 2 years of age and a class for children ages 3-5 during the 11AM worship service. 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.

- 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.
- 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! When I was a little girl, my church had a training class on Sunday nights.

The adults would meet in the sanctuary for a regular church service, but kids would meet in the fellowship hall where a nice man named Mr. Terry would teach us how to participate in the church service. We practiced singing, passing the communion plate, passing the offering plate, praying and listening to a sermon which was really a cool speech geared to us kids. Mr. Terry also taught us to memorize the books of the Bible, the 12 apostles, the fruits of the Spirit, and several Bible verses. One Bible Verse he taught us was Psalm 100 and I will never forget it.

“ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing .Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

I think this verse is especially helpful in these troubled times. It tells us exactly what we should be doing. Number one, make a joyful noise. I love how it says noise and not melody. It doesn't matter what the noise is as long as it is joyful. You can bang on pots and pans if you want to. Just make it joyful!

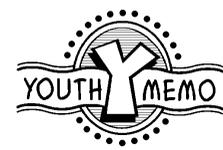
Number two, do something for The Lord with gladness. Don't complain or huff and puff about it. Find something good to do and do it happily. Number three, recognize that God is the one who made us and not we ourselves. Take some time to put God first, above ourselves. Think about how he made us. We did not make ourselves. He made us and he takes care of us. Number four, enter into his gates with thanksgiving. Pray to God and thank him for all his blessings. Number five, enter his courts with praise. Be thankful and bless his name. When you pray, praise him and bless him. Number six, remember that God's mercy is everlasting and his truth will continue from generation to generation. This is a good formula to try when you are feeling down. Try it today and see if you feel better!

Rachel



In John chapter 4, Jesus meets a woman at a well. He tells her that if she drinks water from the well, she will be thirsty again. But if she drinks the water he gives her,

she will NEVER thirst again. Jesus is saying here that there is nothing in the world as good or as satisfying as him! We can have all the toys in the world, all the friends in the world, all the fun in the world, but we will always be left wanting more. Only Jesus can truly satisfy us! So instead of wanting more toys or other things, let God nourish you. Let God satisfy you and fill the needs you have in your life. Pray. Talk to God. Read the stories in Scripture. Come to church. Nothing will ever satisfy you quite like Jesus.



We've continued to have great turnouts at our Youth gatherings! This past Sunday, we talked about Fasting, the practice of abstaining from food and instead feasting on the Word and presence of God. Fasting is something I've practiced off and on since college and it's a practice that has yielded great fruit in my life. The more I've fasted, the

more I've seen my desires and thoughts fall in line with the Lord's. Though it's largely a forgotten practice in our faith, I believe it's still just as important in our Christian walk.

We'll have another youth gathering this Wednesday and on Sunday, we will continue our "Practice" series, so be sure to join us for great 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:

Pastor Darian Duckworth: 601- 506-4143

Julie Gray: 662-295-0461

Gail Foote: 706-217-5293

Rachel Wood: 662-889-6757

Kyle Chickavara: 662-31-2468

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Brown	Joyce Brister
Jean Sarsgard	Grathan Christian
Ruth Alice Echols	Betty Sue Shumpert
Jeanette Pyle	Laney Wooten
Mary Margaret Case	Lila Usry
Daniel McBrayer	Foster Kennedy
Susie Purnell Randall	Cooper Lyon
Sally Kate Scroggs	Kasi Brabham Black
Bobby Hughes	Emily Braddock
Buddy Rushing	Bill Love
Trina Love	