

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020**

2020 budget \$613,032.84  
Receive October 4, 2020 Budget 9,284.00  
Received to date, Budget 366,133.02  
Received October 4, 2020 Bldg. 160.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 35,319.15

**ATTENDANCE OCT. 4, 2020**

Worship Service.....35(includes ushers and leaders)  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..146  
Total Worship.....181

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill  
**LAY READER:** Bob Seitz

**TECH TEAM:** Art Shirley & Colby Brister



**THE WINDOW**

of  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
October 6, 2020

**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 Betty Sue Shumpert  
Allison Brister and baby Price

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 11, 2020**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**  
**“What Is Required of Us”**

**ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**

**Dugan** WP Living Center State Veterans Home, Oxford  
Martha Priest Tommy Miller Neal Bivens  
Bitsy Weaver  
Geonette Pendley  
Jennie Cantrell



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

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*West Point, MS 39773* **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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Kyle Chickvara, Youth & Children’s Ministries, 494-2198  
Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658  
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Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

**Learning What a “Real Song” Is**

When my niece was not quite three years old, she schooled me on the definition of a “real song.” We’d been singing her favorites, “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,” and “I’ve Been Working on the Railroad,” when she asked me to sing a song. I’m not sure why the Beatles’ “Ticket to Ride” popped in my head, but I started to sing it. She stared at me as if I’d lost my mind and said, “Auntie Rev, that’s not a real song.” I asked her what a ‘real song’ was, and she dramatically began singing the ABC song.

When I recounted the story to a friend a few days later, he said, “Well, I guess you can’t really learn any other song until you know the ABC song.”

As I’ve said in our current worship series, the psalms are our “ABC song” of Scripture. We find in their poetry the basic building blocks of unlocking secrets of God’s Word. Learning the themes and truths of the psalms’ open, honest prayers help us to read other parts of Scripture. They are the “real song” that guide us in singing other songs of Jesus and his love.

With all of the changes we’ve experienced in the world this year, changes to which churches have not been immune, we have also had the opportunity to remember Who does not change. In worship this past Sunday, Psalm 19 invited us back into basic practices that we must not neglect, which include worship, study of the Word, and prayers of self examination. I encourage you to read this psalm throughout the week and seek the Lord about how this “real song” might help us grow our faith in & focus on the One who doesn’t change. By tending to these basic needs of our souls, we will improve our lives —and learn to sing even more songs that God has placed in our hearts.

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

# What's Happening at

## FUMC.....

### ANGELS IN APRONS

**Sept. 28 - Oct. 11** - Charlotte Messier & Rhonda Stafford

\* 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.

**Trunk or Treat** -The church will be unable to hold the regular Fall Festival this year; however, we plan to have a trunk or treat on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. There will be about twenty cars that will be spread out, so the night will be as safe as possible. Candy will already be in bags, so the children will just need to pick up a bag from each trunk. Families will be spaced out as they trunk or treat. Adults, Amazon has some cute Halloween face coverings, so you can be safe during this time. There will also be a photo area, so everyone can have a picture made in his or her costume. The pictures will be posted on our Facebook page. We hope this event will provide a fun and safe activity for everyone this year.

### Spotlight on the FUMC Day Care Staff Members

We are so blessed to have our day care at First United Methodist. Between sixty and ninety children are served by this wonderful organization. During the month of October we will be remembering the FUMC Day Care staff in prayer, and the calendar will spotlight a staff member each day. Thank you for participating in this prayer ministry.

### Special Back to School Request - Rebecca

DeSantis contacted the church last week with a back to school need. She has four children from two families who need help purchasing school uniforms and school supplies. If Sunday school classes or individuals would like to adopt a child, please

contact Gail Foote @ 706-217-5293 for more information.

**Annual Blood Drive** - The annual blood drive will be held on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Vitalant will bring two bloodmobiles, so that the church will not have to be used. Only two people may give blood at a time in each facility. All CDC recommendations will be followed, and masks must be worn. Please contact Shannon Coker @662-251-0813 to sign up.

**Cancellations** - The church picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 27, and Strong Dinner on the Grounds scheduled for Sunday, October 18, will not be held this year. We look forward to these events next year.

**Yoga on YouTube** - Dr. Darian has prepared some yoga and chair yoga videos that she has placed on YouTube. If you are interested, please contact the church office. You will need the link to access these videos because they are not for public viewing. Dr. Darian will post additional videos each week.

**2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** - It's time to order contribution envelopes for 2021. If you are currently not using your envelopes or plan to use our online easytithe app to make donations, please let Julie know that you do not want to get printed envelopes next year.

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## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! If you have children who are in grades 1-5, be on the lookout for an email or text from me. I am

working on different options we can explore for children's choir and I would like your opinion!

This week in the CDC, the children warmed my heart! We were singing "The Wheels on the Bus" and one verse says, "The daddies on the bus say I love you!". The children immediately started hugging each other and saying "I love you!". I'm

so often reminded of why Jesus said that His Kingdom belongs to little children. They just instinctively know how to love. Oh, that we could all be like that! How beautiful this world would be if we all truly loved each other.

In my weekly Fellowship Reflection, the author talked about how the glory of God is made manifest in the heavens. She referenced the song "How Great Thou Art". In these troubled times, it is important to look to the heavens and remember how magnificent our God is! Look to the stars tonight and sing through "How Great Thou Art." You will find peace, I'm sure!

Rachel

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**Cajun All Kids!** I spent this past weekend at the beach down in Florida, getting some rest and catching some sun! One thing I couldn't help but notice on

this particular trip was the amount of young children all around our spot. There were kids running around, playing in the waves, building sandcastles always smiling. And not far away from them were their parents- laughing with them, smiling at them, and playing with them. Now I'm no parent but I know the love that a mother or father has for their children is so strong and powerful. The love that my parents have shown me my whole life has comforted me, led me, and shaped me into who I am and it's one of the things I'm most thankful for. But how cool is it to know that that love doesn't even come close to the love that our Heavenly Father shows us. We have a Father in Heaven who will always love us, guide us, comfort us, teach us, forgive us, and come after us in the best possible ways. We should all take comfort knowing that we are loved with a love so fierce and unmatched in this world.



We had a total of 29 people at Youth this past Sunday, the largest crowd we've had since

I started here in June of 2019! Ray Purnell continued our teaching series on the book of Ruth by talking about the second chapter. We are very excited about this series and we're so thankful that we are still able to meet in these times. As we continue to look at the book of Ruth over the next few weeks, we encourage you to take some time to read it all the way through and take note of how the lessons you learn can be applied to today.

We will continue our Ruth series this Sunday with Ruth chapter 3!

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**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](http://www.easytithe) 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.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

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|---|-----------------------|
| Steve Brown                             | Jean Sarsgard         |
| Betty Sue Shumpert                      | Jeanette Pyle         |
| Laney Wooten                            | Mary Margaret Case    |
| Lila Usry                               | Daniel McBrayer       |
| Foster Kennedy                          | Susie Purnell Randall |
| Emily Braddock Jones                    | Marie Perkins         |
| Mamie Seitz                             | Caleb Easley          |
| Billy Buck Staggers                     | Bennie Hitt           |
| Howard Miskelly                         | Ann Miskelly          |
| Mary Katherine Fowler                   | Mary Beth Boykin      |
| Larry Rucker                            | Sherry Dragoo         |
| Emelyn Easley                           | Leslie Scott          |
| Geer McKee                              | Shannon Roberson      |
| Mike Meeks                              | Kim Fears             |
| Katie Clark                             | Rosemary Byram        |
| Price Brister                           | Anne Hinshaw Noble    |
| Buddy Rushing                           | Ashley Britt          |
| Ginger Martin                           |                       |
| Elders and Workers @ Dugan Nursing Home |                       |

- Family of Rebecca Langford Clements
- Family of Brad Hitchens
- Family of Mrs. Frances Johnson
- Family of Mr. Buddy Bateman