

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020**

2020 budget \$613,032.84  
Receive October 11, 2020 Budget 11,497.40  
Received to date, Budget 377,630.42  
Received October 11, 2020 Bldg. 2,441.50  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 37,760.65

**ATTENDANCE OCT. 11, 2020**

Worship Service.....63(includes ushers and leaders)  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..176  
Total Worship.....239

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill  
**LAY READER:** Bill Maclean

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



**THE WINDOW**

of  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
October 13, 2020

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins  
**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

Beth Raines - NMMC, West Point

**At Home**

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

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 18, 2020  
11:00 AM  
Guest Pastor  
Ben Rosenkrans

**ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**

**Dugan**

Martha Priest  
Bitsy Weaver  
Geonette Pendley  
Jennie Cantrell

**WP Living Center**

Tommy Miller

**State Veterans Home, Oxford**

Neal Bivens



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

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First United Methodist Church  
P. O. Box 293  
West Point, MS 39773

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October 13, 2020

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**What We Need to Know: Sunday School & More**

*Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.*

~ Psalm 106:3

Dearly Beloved Friends,

As we conclude our worship series on the psalms, I encourage you to continue pondering this verse and how God is calling you to "observe justice" from a heart that worships him. Next week I'll share more about our next worship series. For now, here are some important updates and reminders from the church's COVID-19 task force and staff as we safely regather.

**In-person Worship Gathering:** While we no longer require reservations for the Sunday morning service, we surely appreciate your doing so when you can in case we need to contact trace. Also, we continue to require masks for the entirety of the service—the best way to love our neighbor right now!

**Sunday School:** We will resume Sunday school this upcoming Sunday, October 18, at 10AM, and classes will conclude at 10:45AM. Please check with other members of your class to see who is ready to meet in person and plan to do so in your usual space (except for the Good Shepherd class, which will meet in the fellowship hall). We cannot share in food or drinks yet, and masks are required.

**Trunk or Treat:** Check out page two of this newsletter for all the details of our Trunk or Treat on October 25.

**Charge Conference:** Administrative Council will meet with the district superintendent via ZOOM call on Sunday, October 25, at 3:30PM. All members of the Administrative Council will receive login info for the call closer to time.

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we safely resume and remaster some of our beloved ways of gathering!

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

**AND THE LORD ADDED...** We welcome Samuel Joseph Dichiarra, infant son of Abbey and Andrew Dichiarra into the membership and fellowship of FUMC. Sam was baptized on Sunday, October 11.

# What's Happening at FUMC.....

## ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct 12 - Oct. 25 - JoAn Tedford & Barbara Bryan

\* 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.

**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.

**ST JUDE UPDATE...** Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual St. Jude's Lemonade Stand and Fund Raiser. This year we raised \$5,275 taking our 8-year total to over \$33,000! We thank you and the Kids of St. Jude thank you too!

**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!

Music at the CDC has been going very well. It makes me very happy to watch the children grow and learn. In one class this week, we sang "Old MacDonald Had a Farm". After we would say the name of the animal and pretend to make the sounds, I would let the children listen to what the animal really sounds like. I loved seeing their faces! They would either fall out laughing or their jaw would drop in amazement. They were totally awed by God's creation! Every animal sounds completely different and so does every human. God gave you your own unique instrument. Isn't that amazing? Nobody in this world sounds just exactly like you do. God knows your voice and longs to hear it. I found a quote this week that I really like. "Use what talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang the best." - Henry Van Dyke

How true this is! You should be proud of your unique instrument and use it to give God all the praise he deserves!

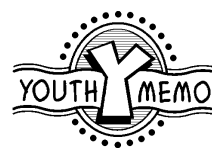
Rachel



Sunday school is coming back and we're all so excited! We have a great group of teachers lined up and high hopes for this area of our ministry! Today, I thought I would offer a prayer for this next year of Sunday school. I invite you to join me in this prayer:

Father, I praise you for this church. I praise you for what you are doing in this congregation and community and I eagerly anticipate what great things are still to come. As we restart Sunday school, I ask Lord that you would be present in each and every class that meets, that your presence would be felt and noticed. I pray that questions would be asked and answered, that fruitful conversation would be had, that relationships would strengthen. I pray Lord that we as a church can learn to look more and more like you, that we can learn to love each other according to your will. I ask Lord that you keep us safe and healthy, that you lay it on all of our hearts to be wise and careful in response to COVID and every other struggle that this world is facing and I ask Lord that our Sunday school ministry would be a vessel through which you bless each and every one of us in incredible ways. In your precious and holy Name, Amen.

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Due to the sun setting earlier and earlier, we have officially changed the time of our youth gatherings! We will be meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 for the foreseeable future so make a note of that!

We've been working through a teaching series on the book of Ruth over the past couple of weeks, here's a brief recap! The book centers around the relationship between Ruth, a Moabite woman, and her mother-in-law,

Naomi. When their family is struck with horrible loss, they are left alone and although Naomi begs Ruth to leave her and go find someone else who has a family to offer her, Ruth stays with her, showing incredible loyalty and selfless love. When they return to Bethlehem, Naomi's home, they meet Boaz. Boaz is a relative of Naomi and guardian-redeemer. If a man in they family were to die and leave behind a wife or children or land, the guardian redeemer would marry the widow, take up the land, and protect the family. So Boaz is a potential solution! We're excited to look at the rest of this great story!

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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 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

Steve Brown	Jean Sarsgard
Betty Sue Shumpert	Jeanette Pyle
Laney Wooten	Mary Margaret Case
Lila Ustry	Daniel McBrayer
Foster Kennedy	Susie Purnell Randall
Emily Braddock Jones	Mamie Seitz
Billy Buck Staggers	Bennie Hitt
Mary Katherine Fowler	Mary Beth Boykin
Howard Miskelly	Ann Miskelly
Larry Rucker	Sherry Dragoo
Geer McKee	Shannon Roberson
Mike Meeks	Kim Fears
Price Brister	Anne Hinshaw Noble
Buddy Rushing	Ashley Britt
Ginger Martin	Walter Rushing
Anna Thompson	Hope Jennings
Elders and Workers @ Dugan Nursing Home	