

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020

2020 budget \$ 613,032.84
Receive October 25, 2020 Budget 11,492.00
Received to date, Budget 393,421.34
Received October 25, 2020 Bldg. 520.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 38,470.65

ATTENDANCE OCT. 25, 2020

Sunday School.....55
Worship Service.....66(includes ushers and leaders)
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..146
Total Worship.....212



THE WINDOW

of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
October 27, 2020

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray
LAY READER: Bob Seitz

TECH TEAM: Art Shirley & Colby Brister

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Sunday, November 1, 2020
11:00 AM
1 John 3:1-3
“GLORY: Loved Ones”

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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Reading, Watching, and Listening In October

Every month I 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 the items but rather an invitation to consider what you’re reading, watching, and hearing, too. God speaks to us in all kinds of ways, and great conversation can arise among us from where we’re hearing God speak.

Evidence by Josh Baldwin (music): If you follow me on Instagram (and if you don’t yet, please do so @revdrdarian), you know that this album was the soundtrack of my recent vacation. Josh Baldwin currently serves as a worship leader in northern California, but his roots in the Carolinas come through clearly on this album. My favorite lyric is, “The only shadow I see / Is the shadow of your wing.”

Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi (book): I can’t say enough good about this book that is already on many lists for “best of the year.” Gyasi is a native of Ghana but grew up mostly in Huntsville, Alabama, in a Pentecostal church, and all of these influence her lead character named Gifty. The ways she writes about faith, grief, belonging, science, and family are hard to describe but so unforgettably beautiful.

The Trial of the Chicago Seven (movie): Movies have always introduced me to pieces of history that I previously didn’t know and challenged me to learn more about what happened (The fabulous film, Hidden Figures, is another example). I am eager to read more about this trial from 1968 because a two-hour film is not enough to learn about an eight-month-long trial. Still, the performances are great, and the writing superb. I am grateful for all that history has to teach us and the art of movies that introduce us to some of that history.

Through which songs, movies, and books is God speaking to you?

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

AND THE LORD ADDED... We welcome Mrs. Kay Powell into the membership and fellowship of FUMC, West Point.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME END... Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. You don’t want to be early for Sunday School and Worship!

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct. 26 - Nov. 8 - Dee Echols & Cheryl Weems

* 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - We will remember those who have passed away since last November this Sunday, November 1 during the 11AM Worship service. There will also be a video of these members on our Facebook page.

Results of the Annual Blood Drive - Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual blood drive this month. It went really well. We registered sixteen people, and fourteen units of blood were collected. We appreciate everyone who participated in this worthwhile project. Thank you, Shannon Coker, for doing such a wonderful job chairing this event.

Trunk or Treat - We want to thank everyone who participated in the trunk or treat. Over 100 church members were involved. People donated candy and other items, stuffed candy bags, provided trunks, took pictures, directed traffic and created the photo display. Most of our young families appeared for the trunk or treat, and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves! Many of our CDC families also attended. This event would not have been possible without all the wonderful cooperation from the church members.

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.

UPPER ROOMS - The November/December Upper Rooms are in. If you would like us to mail or drop one off at your house, please call the church office.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I want to start by first saying thank you to Millie Williams, who sang "Blessings" so

beautifully on October 18 for service. You were fabulous Millie and you bless us all with your God given talent!

Second, I want to talk about an online class for 4-8 grade that I will be starting soon. I'm calling it "Church Music 101". We will learn LOTS about church music. We will discuss its origins, see what the Bible says about music, research hymns and their composers, study spirituals and the history surrounding them, learn about choral music, and learn how to read music. I am really looking forward to it! I will be finishing up the details of it shortly, so please keep an eye out for when that will start.

Third, I am putting together an "Online Christmas Fantastic" which will feature primarily our precious children. I have already contacted some of you to ask if your children would like to participate. If I haven't contacted you yet, don't worry! I will! Or, you can email me at racheldelkwood@gmail.com if you want your child to participate. There are lots of different areas to participate in, so don't be shy!

Thank you so much for all your support, especially in these strange times as we try to navigate through new experiences. I love you all!
Rachel



We had a blast at our Trunk-or-Treat last night! Although we couldn't do our usual full-on Fall Retreat, it was so great to see so many kids from our community turn up in full-costume! I saw lots of superheroes, some princesses, some firemen, and even a garden gnome! It threw me back to my days as a little kid, dressing up as Darth Vader and loading up on candy. With so much negativity and sadness and conflict going on in the world, little kids are oftentimes such a great reminder that there is still so much to be happy and joyful about!



Last week, we finished up our Ruth teaching series. We discussed the fourth and final chapter last week and looked at the way that God wrapped up the story of the redemption of Ruth and Naomi. In many ways Ruth is a very personal story about two widows and a man who saves them. But we learn at the end, that Ruth's family line leads to David and ultimately to Jesus. So God weaves this very personal story of redemption into the overall story of the redemption of mankind. God is always working on something greater!

Over the next couple of weeks, we will remain in the Old Testament and talk about the story of Joseph. Everyone loves a good story and the story of Joseph is one that we can learn a whole lot from. It parallels our own stories in many ways. We all have gifts and struggles and ups and downs and the way that God writes Joseph's story through all of those things teaches us a lot about how He might be writing our own stories.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

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	Mamie Seitz
Billy Buck Staggers	Bennie Hitt
Mary Katherine Fowler	Mary Beth Boykin
Howard Miskelly	Ann Miskelly
Sherry Drago	Geer McKee
Shannon Roberson	Kim Fears
Mike Meeks	Ashley Britt
Price Brister	Anne Hinshaw Noble
Buddy Rushing	Walter Rushing
Ginger Martin	Hope Jennings
Ralph Nichols	Shane Kelly
Russell Fletcher	Diane Fletcher
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