

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020

2020 budget \$613,032.84
Receive November 1, 2020 Budget 11,336.89
Received to date, Budget 404,758.23
Received November 1, 2020 Bldg. 1,415.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 39,885.65

ATTENDANCE NOV. 1, 2020

Sunday School.....35
Worship Service.....57(includes ushers and leaders)
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..158
Total Worship.....215



THE WINDOW

of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
November 2, 2020

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 2020
11:00 AM
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
“GLORY: Ready and Waiting”



The Gratitude Path: The Power of the Turn Around

I recently went on a vacation to Charleston, South Carolina, and I loved going on walks around the downtown area. On my first evening there, while walking to dinner at a nearby restaurant, I made a wrong turn and realized I would have to turn around and retrace some steps. Turning around on the sidewalk was easy, but then I was going against the flow of foot traffic! Going against the flow felt awkward, but it’s what I needed to do to reach my destination.

In Luke 17 Jesus instructs ten lepers to go to the priest after they cry out for healing. They obey, and along the way they are healed. One of the lepers notices his healing and turns around on the path to return to Jesus and thank him. Imagine how awkward it must have been to make that turnaround, to go against the flow of the other nine lepers, eager to make good time to reach the priest? The world may try to tell us that choosing to turn around in gratitude and going against the flow of complaint is too much trouble. But there is power in making that turn. When we choose gratitude, we return to Jesus.

This year’s stewardship theme revolves around choosing “the gratitude path” with this story as our guide. It is largely based on Kent Millard’s book of the same. We could easily list our grievances in the year 2020, but the Lord invites us to turn around toward gratitude. We invite you to ponder how God has blessed you this year. We hope you will reflect on what about this church makes you grateful. Giving flows from the grateful heart, and we desire for this campaign to have firm roots in gratitude. Be on the lookout for stories from within our church, and we hope you might be willing to share your stories of gratitude on this path we travel with Jesus.

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

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Dugan WP Living Center State Veterans Home, Oxford
Martha Priest Tommy Miller Neal Bivens
Bitsy Weaver
Geonette Pendley
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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 Day - Sunday, November 1st was All Saints Day. Please visit the church's Facebook page to view the video which honors those from our congregation who have passed in the last year. These special people will be forever in our hearts.

Trunk or Treat Pictures - Please visit the church's Facebook page to view the wonderful pictures from the Trunk or Treat. Thank you, Caroline Atkins and Michelle Zimmerman, for taking these. They are wonderful, and the children, youth, and parents look amazing!

Poinsettia Time Again - The United Methodist Women will be selling poinsettias again this year to raise funds for their mission projects. The cost is \$20.00, and the deadline to purchase will be December 6th. Please remember and honor friends and loved ones by purchasing these lovely plants. The honorees' names will be listed in a booklet, which will be distributed on December 13th, and the majority of poinsettias may be picked up on Saturday morning, December 12th from 9:00 until 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to keep 30 to place in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. A poinsettia form can be found in the newsletter.

Veterans Day - Wednesday, November 11th will be Veterans Day. Please join us in honoring all of our members who have served in the Armed Forces. Their pictures will be on our Facebook page. Please let them know how much we appreciate their service to our country.

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 hope you have had an amazing week so far. I want to start off by saying thank you to Ms.

Elizabeth Stewart, who played "This is the Day" so beautifully for our October 25th Worship Service. Thank you, Elizabeth, for using your beautiful talent for our Lord!

DVD's of our worship service are now available for you to borrow if you cannot view it on YouTube or Facebook. Contact me at ERLINK"mailto:racheldelkwood@gmail.com" [rac heldelkwood@gmail.com](mailto:racheldelkwood@gmail.com) or call the office to ask about borrowing one.

"Church Music 101", an online class for 4-8th grade, will be on December 2 at 4:00 via Zoom. If you would like to join this class email me at racheldelkwood@gmail.com or call the church office. We are going to learn so much in this class... I am really looking forward to it!

If you or your child is participating in our online "Christmas Fantastic", remember that videos are to be turned in by November 15. If you would like to participate by singing a Christmas Carol, reading a verse, or speaking about what Christmas means, please email me or call the church office.

I want to end the newsletter today by talking about a special experience I had this week with one of our sweet children, Evie Stubbs. I was recording Evie's description of what Christmas is all about when she made the most beautiful statement. She pointed to the stained glass window (you know the one) and said, "I see God!" God was so evident to her in that stained glass window. There He was, plain as day to her. She then looked at me and asked, "Is that heaven?". I didn't really know how to answer her in that moment. I wasn't quite

prepared for anything that profound. But yes, sweet Evie. Heaven is where God is, and Heaven might very well be in that stained glass window at the front of our church. I do know that God is in your heart, so I think Heaven is there too. What sweet lessons our children teach us!

Rachel



Calling All Kids! November is one of my favorite months of the year because I love Thanksgiving! For as long as I can remember, it has

been my favorite holiday. There's just something so special about gathering around a table with family, with lots and lots of delicious food and nothing but thankful conversation. This year, I think Thanksgiving is especially important! After a year of negativity and missing out on things, a season of thankfulness is so needed! Spend some time every day this month thinking about what you're thankful for! What people in your life are you thankful for? What memories are you thankful for? What things do you have coming up that you're thankful for? Give thanks to the Lord!



This past Sunday, we started a teaching series called "Mountains + Valleys," where we will be looking at the story of Joseph. His story takes up a whole 14 chapters in the book of Genesis and it's full of ups and downs, or "mountains and valleys." We'll be talking about the way that God wrote his story though both his struggles and his triumphs and how it's no different for us!

We also had a blast at our Halloween party last Wednesday! We dressed up, ate some

great food, and played some minute-to-win-it games! No rain was going to stop us from having our fun!

STEWARDSHIP...Thank your for your continued financial support of FUMC. If you need to check your remaining balance, contact Julie at 494-1658. If 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.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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Betty Sue Shumpert | Jeanette Pyle |
| Laney Wooten | Mary Margaret Case |
| Lila Usry | Daniel McBrayer |
| Foster Kennedy | Susie Purnell Randall |
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| Billy Buck Staggers | Bennie Hitt |
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| Ralph Nichols | Shane Kelly |
| Russell Fletcher | Diane Fletcher |
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| Jim Murray | |
| Elders and Workers @ Dugan Nursing Home | |