

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2020

2020 budget \$613,032.84
Receive November 8, 2020 Budget 11,882.40
Received to date, Budget 416,640.63
Received November 8, 2020 Bldg. 901.85
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 40,787.50

ATTENDANCE NOV. 8, 2020

Sunday School.....42
Worship Service.....44(includes ushers and leaders)
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..136
Total Worship.....180



THE WINDOW

of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

November 10, 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
Bennie Hitt

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 15, 2020
11:00 AM
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
"GLORY: Ready and Waiting"

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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A 92-year-old well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably coifed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, had to move to a nursing home. His wife of 70 years had recently passed away, making the move necessary.

As the admitting nurse maneuvered his walker to the elevator, she provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the beautiful curtains that had been hung on his window. "I love

it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it!" he replied. "Gratitude is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and every day I'm here I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away."

He continued, "Life in an odd way is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. I'm still making gratitude deposits. I have had so much that I can still be grateful for and happy about." To remain happy, remain in gratitude, and you'll always have plenty to draw from."

With a stewardship campaign about giving from our gratitude, hopefully this story will cause each of us to think how much we have had about which to be grateful. Like Mr. Jones so wisely stated, "Gratitude is something you decide ahead of time."

Times might seem a little tough right now, but we can always choose to be grateful, especially for God's many blessings. There are so many. We'll never run out of them. So we can give and be grateful and know that it pleases our Father in Heaven.

George Purnell, Stewardship Chair

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Jeanette Pyle who passed again on Tuesday, November 3rd.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Nov. 9 - Nov. 22 - Sara Frances Stubbs & Jessi Sugg

* 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.

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.

Adopt-a-Family - It is time to think about our annual Adopt-a-Family Mission Project. We want to thank Joni and Bob Seitz who are in charge of this outreach project and Stacy and Belk Weems who coordinate the food. FUMC will adopt 17 families, and we need your help! We need people to help shop, wrap, deliver and donate funds. If you would like to donate, please designate AAF on your check. We also need boxes, wrapping paper, tape and bows. You can place these items in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

- Monday, December 16th – Thursday, December 17th – Wrap Gifts (You may wrap in the Fellowship Hall or take the items home and wrap them.)
- Monday, December 21st 10.00 a.m. – Deliver gifts

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.

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

Good morning Church Family! First, I would like to say thank you to Faith

Taunton who did an amazing job playing "When The Saints Go Marching In" for our All Saints Day Service! Thank you so much for using your gift for The Lord. He has truly blessed you!

Coming up in services, we have some special music planned you won't want to miss. Jane DeSantis will play piano on November 15 and Jace and I will be singing a duet on November 22 as we prepare for Thanksgiving. Then Advent is upon us! I agree with Darian that we are all ready to begin a new year. I have no doubt that God will bless us if we continue to persevere in His name.

Remember "Church Music 101" for 4-8 grades beginning December 2 at 4:00 via Zoom. Also, remember that video submissions for our online Christmas Concert are due November 15. Contact me if you want more information. Everyone is welcome to participate, the more the merrier! You can read scripture, sing your

favorite Christmas Carol, or tell us what Christmas means to you. Do you have a special Christmas story you want to share? Here is a way to share it!

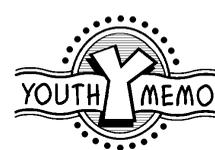
I look forward to all of our up-coming special music and events. May God Bless you all!

Rachel



Recently I watched a great and beautiful movie called "We Bought a Zoo." A family moves into a house at a zoo and are tasked with taking

care of the animals. It was a beautiful reminder that outside our door is an entire world so intricately and carefully made. There is life and wonder and adventure all pieces together by the same God who made each of us in His image. I encourage you this week and in this Thanksgiving season you take a step outside and give thanks for the truly amazing things that God has created.



We started a new teaching series this past Sunday, called "Mountains + Valleys." We'll be talking about the very up-and-down story

of Joseph and the way that God worked to write such an incredible story with his life. This week we talked about Genesis 37. Joseph goes from being the favorite child with a very comfortable life to being a lonely slave in Egypt. We're excited to continue his story!

We will be taking our Junior High kids to Camp Lake Stephens this weekend for their Spiritual Life retreat! Please pray that we can all arrive with open hearts and minds and Leave with fun memories!

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Brown	Jean Sarsgard
Betty Sue Shumpert	Laney Wooten
Mary Margaret Case	Lila Usry
Daniel McBrayer	Foster Kennedy
Susie Purnell Randall	Emily Braddock Jones
Mamie Seitz	Billy Buck Stagers
Bennie Hitt	Mary Katherine Fowler
Mary Beth Boykin	Howard Miskelly
Ann Miskelly	Peyton Williams
Sherry Dragoo	Shannon Roberson
Kim Fears	Mike Meeks
Ashley Britt	Donna Donahoo
Price Brister	Anne Hinshaw Noble
Buddy Rushing	Walter Rushing
Ginger Martin	Hope Jennings
Ralph Nichols	Shane Kelly
Russell Fletcher	Diane Fletcher
Josephine Wish	Jim Murray
Elders and Workers @ Dugan Nursing Home	

Family of Mrs. Jeanette Pyle