

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00
Received January 10, 2021 Budget 22,522.40
Received to date, Budget 25,235.40
Received January 10, 2021 Bldg. 2,076.85
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 2,431.85

ATTENDANCE JAN. 10, 2021

Sunday School.....NA
Worship Service.....57 (includes ushers and leaders)
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..223
Total Worship.....280



THE WINDOW
o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
W est Point, Mississippi
J anuary 12, 2021

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
LAY READER: Elizabeth Bailey

TECH TEAM: Art Shirley & Colby Brister

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital
Robert Darsey - NMMC, Tupelo

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

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 17, 2021
11:00 AM
John 1:43-51
“Seeing the World”

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



Dugan
Martha Priest
Bitsy Weaver
Geonette Pendley
Jennie Cantrell

The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM and on Facebook Live at First UMC and You Tube.

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CHURCH STAFF

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Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658
Polly Grimes, Organist, 494-2198
Jace Ferraez, Pianist, 494-2198
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent
Georgia Graham, CDC Director, 494-6811

Bright Spots on a Dark Day

Last Wednesday, on a day when the Church celebrates Christ’s eternal light with the Epiphany, we witnessed a lot of darkness at the U.S. Capitol. There are many layers to those events that will take time and effort for all of us to unpack, and I encourage you to stay well-educated and to “pray without ceasing” in the weeks to come.

In the midst of a dark day, I read a couple of articles that revealed true bright spots, of Epiphany light. I am sharing them here and encourage you to seek them out online at the publication sources. They are two among many.

“How House Chaplain calmed tense hours in besieged Capitol with prayers for ‘God’s covering”” (Religion News Service: religionnews.com): January 6 was only the third day of work for the House of Representatives’ new chaplain. Read how the power of prayer and Scripture brought comfort and strength to those huddled in fear.

“ ‘What Else Could I Do?’ NJ Rep. Kim helps clean up Capitol” (Associated Press, apnews.com): A photo of Andy Kim helping to clean up the Rotunda shed an important light on the faithful staff who showed up in the middle of the night to do their unseen, unappreciated jobs of literally picking up the pieces. When I read this article, I couldn’t help but think of Jesus kneeling down to wash the disciples’ feet, and how he views “success,” even in the grandest halls of the world.

And now, beloved friends, how will YOU shine Epiphany light this week?

all good things to each of you,
Dr . Darian

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to Mrs. Exir Brennan and her family on the death of her daughter, Ms. Sandra Brennan who passed away on Friday, January 8.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 18th to observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Jan. 4 - Jan. 17 - Debbie Hinshaw & Carolyn Burgess

UPPER ROOM - The Upper Rooms for January/February are in. If you would like us to drop one by your house or mail you one, please call the church office.

Thank You, Angels in Aprons 2020

Angels in Aprons is a special ministry of our FUMC. When a church member returns home from a hospital visit, he or she receives a meal from the church. We want to thank the following people who served on this committee during 2020: Debbie Hinshaw, Carolyn Burgess, Anna Dill, Mary Carr Ecklund, Ethlyn Mortimer, Debbie Bond, Ann McClellan, Janet Jameson, Lynne Posey, Betsy McGlohn, Stacy Hays, Rebecca DeSantis, Sherry Storey, Mary Strobel, Becky Shirley, Andrea Stevens, Robin McCormick, Wendy Childress, Peggy Trulove, Caroline Harrell, Luann Purnell, Sherrill Weems, Heather Blaylock, Becky Brabham, Julie Gray, Lona Rosetti, Jane and Jennie Caston, Jane Smith, Stacy Weems, Judy Staggers, Gen Thomas, Laura Williams, Kristy Alpe, Jane Meeks, Heather Cunningham, Monte Brasfield, Jason McKellar, Charlotte Messier, Rhonda Stafford, JoAnn Tedford, Barbara Bryan, Dee Echols, Cheryl, Weems, Sara Frances Stubbs, Jessi Sugg, Bob and Nita Wyman, Melanie Sanders, Lavern Fowler, Deborah Smith and Gail Foote. We especially want to thank Debbie Hinshaw and Laura Williams who chair this group. Thank you, Angels, for all your help.

COVID-19 Vaccination Help - Elizabeth Bailey has graciously offered to help anyone who needs assistance registering for the COVID-19 vaccine. She is also willing transport any church member who needs a ride for the vaccine. If you need assistance, please call the church at (662) 494-1658, Gail Foote at (706) 217-5293, or Elizabeth at (662) 295-6219.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!
I am reading an amazing book called "Sing!" by Keith and Kristen Getty. This book

is inspiring, encouraging, and reveals great truths about how we were created to sing and why singing is important, even if you think you can't sing. I would love to study this book with you in depth. If you are interested in having a Zoom Lunch "book club" in order to study this book, please let me know. I would be thrilled to share the insights of this book with you.

I recently sent out emails to the parents of the Children's Choir with materials to prepare for a virtual Children's Choir. If you did not get that email and wish to participate, please contact me and I will get those to you ASAP. There is no age limit. I wish for every child who wants to be able to participate.

I also have the materials ready for an adult virtual choir. If you would like to participate, we would love to have you! Please contact me and I will deliver those materials to you.

We have some great special music coming up. Gary Echols will sing on January 17 and Charlie Harrell will be playing the postlude for us. Jace will be singing a beautiful offertory for us on January 24 and we are also planning a duet, Lord willing, on January 31.

We are changing up our Wednesday Worship Series a bit. We will now be offering a Monthly Music Series which will be longer and follow a theme. Our first Worship Night will be February 3 and the theme will be "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands". Jace, Polly, and I are thrilled to bring you some beautiful insights into this old spiritual and to "spice it up" for you a bit.

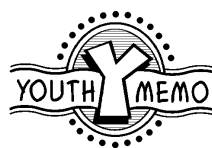
I will leave you with this quote from Keith and Kristen Getty's book. "Echoing through our

congregational singing is the communication the divine Author has written into the world. Melodies matter. Words matter. Our songs always say something".

Rachel



I hope you all enjoyed some fun in the snow this week! Stay tuned this week for updates on upcoming events!



Stay tuned this week for updates on upcoming events! We will be making some announcements soon!

The COVID-19 task force met this week to reassess our in-person gatherings in light of the ongoing spike in cases. We decided the following and will reassess in two weeks, at the end of the month.

- We will continue to offer in-person worship at 11AM on Sundays. Masks continue to be required for the whole service.
- We are bringing back the children's sermon on Sunday mornings during worship, starting this Sunday.
- We are working on getting acolytes restarted in the worship service.
- Youth will be begin gathering again, and be on the lookout for more information from Kyle in the next few days.
- In-person Sunday school and meetings in the church building are still on hold, and we will reassess in 2 weeks.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have received 63 pledge cards for the operating account for a total of \$287,462.00 or 47% of the Operating Budget and 44 pledge cards for the Building Fund for a total of \$37,670.00 or 57% of the Building Fund budget. We will continue to accept cards throughout January. You may bring your pledge card to church office, mail it to P.O. Box 293, or call Julie at 494-1658 to turn in your pledge. Thank you for your continued support of the FUMC ministries.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Brown	Betty Sue Shumpert
Mary Margaret Case	Lila Usry
Foster Kennedy	Susie Purnell Randall
Emily Braddock Jones	Mamie Seitz
Billy Buck Staggers	Lavern Fowler
Howard Miskelly	Ann Miskelly
Sherry Dragoo	Peyton Williams
Kim Fears	Mike Meeks
Ashley Britt	Price Brister
Anne Hinshaw Noble	Ginger Martin
Ralph Nichols	Donnie Hammack
Norma Hubbard	Kim Wofford Pepper
Ellis Atkins	Twila Alpe
Helen Facella	John Facella
Cathy Rogers	Buddy Rushing
Mimi Curtis	Paula Morrow
Robert Darsey	
Hillary White & baby Harper Louise	

Family of Ms. Sandra Brennan