

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00
Received July 11, 2021 Budget 11,754.40
Received to date, Budget 238,248.93
Received July 11, 2021 Bldg. 2,306.85
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 23,572.95

ATTENDANCE JULY 11, 2021

Sunday School.....67
8:45 Worship Service.....23
Worship Service.....79 (includes ushers and leaders)
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..81
Total Worship.....183

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

STREAM TEAM: Jason McKellar

LAY READERS: 8:45 AM Debbie Hinshaw 11:00 AM George Purnell

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home

Martha Bivens Boyce McNeece - Fulton
Sue Rushing Billy Buck Staggers
Foster Kennedy Betty Sue Shumpert
Jean Sarsgard Price Brister
Robert Darsey Laney Wooten
Elaine Jones Ben Rosenkrans
Eunice Coleman Deb McGaughey
Bobbie Trenor

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 of West Point and You Tube.

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 July 13, 2021
West Point, MS 39773

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries, 494-2198
Judy Sanders, Children’s Ministries, 494-2198
Camden Shock, Interim Youth Director
Kaeley Tackett, Youth Intern
Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658
Polly Grimes, Organist, 494-2198
Jace Ferraez, Pianist, 494-2198
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

**8th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 18, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 AM**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
“SUMMER: Easygoing”**

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THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
July 13, 2021

What We Must Not Take For Granted

Yesterday afternoon I learned that the United Methodist church in Vidalia, Louisiana, burned to the ground in the early Sunday morning hours. Thankfully no one was injured, and the fire was contained, but the church building was destroyed. Photos of the fire were haunting, as flames shot through the roof of the sanctuary and the wall that remained standing bore a cross, visible from the outside.

Vidalia is across the Mississippi River from Natchez, and when I lived in that area, I drove often by Vidalia United Methodist Church. Ten years ago, I preached at a Lenten luncheon in their sanctuary, and then walked to the nearby fellowship hall to eat and mingle with the congregants. Both of those buildings are now gone.

We expect “church” to always “be there.” Though we know that church encompasses more than a building, the building itself is a huge part of our worship of Almighty God. It’s easy for us to take that kind of dependability for granted. The fire at the church in Vidalia reminded me of how quickly we can lose the places and spaces we expect will always “be there.”

This week, I ask you to do two things. The first is to take time every day to a prayer of thanksgiving for First UMC of West Point, especially the sanctuary and surrounding buildings. Thank the Lord not only for the space itself but for its protection and betterment.

The second is to come and worship in the sanctuary on a regular basis once again on Sunday mornings. *Let me be very clear: I know some of you are physically unable or emotionally apprehensive to come to the church building, and that’s okay!* Our virtual ministries are one of the best things to come out of the pandemic, and we know you will be with us in spirit on Facebook and the radio. But if you live here in West Point and are able to do so, don’t miss out on the privilege and honor of coming to the Lord’s house. “Be there” in the space that we always want to “be there” for us. Be there to worship the Lord — and discover that he will be there waiting for you, too.

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

July 5- July 18 - Jane Caston & Jennie Caston

Dear Church Family,

I enjoyed my first week on the job and I'm looking forward to my new role as the Director of Family Ministries. Please know that I am open to any new ideas you may have, and I also look forward to working with you on the upcoming activities already planned for the church.

While this role is a new one for me, I have been the executive director for United Way of Clay County for over 28 years so I understand the importance of volunteers and their love for not only their church, but the community as a whole. I know First United Methodist Church will continue to thrive with your involvement and commitment.

I want to thank Gail Foote for her leadership and service. She has left behind a legacy of caring that I hope to continue in the years to come. Thanks also to Julie and Darian for their guidance during the first week. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff.

I can be reached through the church, on my cell at 662-295-3186 or by email at joeystacy@bellsouth.net. Stacy Hays

Join us for a Splash Bash!

Wednesday, July 21st

5:30 – 7:00 PM @ the Harrell Barn

Water slides, games and the Snowcone truck!

Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. Supper will be served.

All children and youth are invited!

Tending To Our Minds: A 5-Week Summer Yoga Series

July 20 - August 17, Tuesdays@ 6PM

FUMC Fellowship Hall

* All levels welcome* Classes will last approximately 1 hour* There is no fee but donations will be welcome for a mission or project to be determined* You're encouraged to bring

your own mats, but I will have some available (and sanitized!) if needed*

Backpack Project - FUMC will begin the Backpack Outreach Project again in August. This year the church will be packing 120 meals at the beginning of each month. We will gladly accept all donations toward this project. You may contribute at any time by placing your donation in the baskets at the back of the church, mailing your offering to P.O. Box 293 or using the online service at www.easytith.com. Please designate the donation for the Backpack Ministry. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please call the church office @ 662-494-1658.

Save the Dates

We are beginning to plan activities for the summer and fall. Please put these items on your calendars, and we will continue to update the list as planning continues.

Sunday, August 1 - Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 1 - Back to School Swim Party @ Old Waverly from 4-6

Sunday, August 8 - Promotion Sunday & Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Friday, August 13- Backpack Meals Due to Church Hill/Southside

Monday, September 20 - Ruth Weems Circle

Sunday, September 26- Church Picnic at the Harrell Barn

Monday, October 18 - Blood Drive from 2:30 until 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 24 - Fall Festival at the church



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

In September, we will begin our Children's Choirs again! We are looking for people to help provide meals for the Children and also for

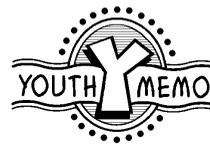
people to help Chaperone. If you are interested in helping us with either of these, please contact me and I will get you signed up! Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on August 4 at 6:00. If you have been thinking about joining us, now is the time to do it!!! We would LOVE to have you as part of our choir family! If you have been participating in our Virtual Choirs and would like to keep participating, don't worry! We will

continue to have Virtual Choirs every few months so that our Church Family all over the United States can keep helping us praise the mighty name of the Lord!

Rachel



Thank you to the parents who attended the Sunday School meeting yesterday. Thanks also to Julie Gray for her help in arranging the meeting. There will be a meeting of all children's Sunday School teachers up to Grade 6 at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18 in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in working with these students are encouraged to attend. If your child has not been attending Sunday School since the pandemic, I want to extend a special invitation for him or her to join us for an exciting new year in the Lord!



Camden Shock, our new interim youth director, is currently on a trip with the Boy Scouts. Kaeley Tackett, our new youth intern, has been meeting with the students and coordinating the youth gatherings for these two weeks in his absence. Please be sure to welcome both of them, and we look forward to planning for the fall upon Camden's return. Here is the youth schedule for the next two weeks:

Wednesday, July 14th- Stewarts' home @ 6:30, outdoor movie

Sunday, July 18th- no youth—enjoy time with your families!

Wednesday, July 21st - Splash Bash at the Harrell Barn at 5:30 PM.

The Geyser Falls trip, originally scheduled for July 24, will be rescheduled! Be on the lookout for more information.



PLAYGROUND PROJECT - PHASE II

Be sure to check out the WALL OF MONEY fundraiser! **We have collected \$4,655 so far! Help us raise the money left on the wall.** You can find envelopes on the wall in the hall at the back of the Sanctuary and downstairs in the CDC. Choose an envelope and donate the amount on the outside of the envelope. Instructions are inside. Checks can be made to FUMC. The playground brings much joy to our children on Sunday mornings and special events such as VBS, and during the week for our daycare children. Our children are the future of the church and community. Please prayerfully consider a gift toward this project through a donation or by participating in one of the upcoming fund-raisers. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Brown	Foster Kennedy
Susie Purnell Randall	Emily Braddock Jones
Mamie Seitz	Billy Buck Stagge
Howard Miskelly	Ann Miskelly
Peyton Williams	Kim Fears
Mike Meeks	Ashley Britt
Price Brister	Ginger Martin
Anne Hinshaw Noble	Donnie Hammack
Norma Hubbard	Buddy Rushing
Robert Darsey	Deb McGaughey
Sue Rushing	Laney Wooten
Mary Margaret Case	Elaine Jones
William Knowles	Pam Minx
Gail Wolanek	Fox Haas
Carlene Brister	Bobbie Tumlinson
Hebert Wooten	Craig Carson
Paula Norman	Ben Rosenkrans
Randy Michael	Bobbie Trenor
Jace Ferraez	Fred Zepponi, Sr.
Celeste Zepponi	Heather Cunningham
Gracy Taylor	Jim Chandler
Andrew Hicks	Doug Browning
Karyl Buddington	Marty Ishee