

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021**

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00  
Received August 29, 2021 Budget 9,115.00  
Received to date, Budget 291,542.06  
Received August 29, 2021 Bldg. 295.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 27,704.80

**ATTENDANCE AUGUST 29, 2021**

Sunday School.....31  
8:45 Worship Service.....21  
Worship Service.....78 (includes ushers and leaders)  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..95  
Total Worship.....194

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**SOUND TECH:** Julie Gray      **STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders  
**LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Judy Sanders 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey



**THE WINDOW**  
o f  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
August 31, 2021

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins  
**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**  
Boyce McNeece - NMMC, Tupelo

**At Home**  
Sue Rushing Billy Buck Staggers  
Deb McGaughey Betty Sue Shumpert  
Jean Sarsgard Robert Darsey  
Elaine Jones Stokes Smith

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 5, 2021**  
**8:45 & 11:00 AM**  
**Mark 7:24-37**  
**“The Miracle Working God”**

**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 of West Point and You Tube.**

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**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  
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Jace Ferraez, Pianist, 494-2198  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

**September Worship Series: Who Do You Say That I Am?**

My dog, Isaac, likes to express in his canine way what his favorite music is. It’s always entertaining in our early morning time with the Lord, when I’m playing worship music, to observe which songs awaken Isaac from his lingering sleepiness. He’ll snore through one song after another, but then one will catch his attention. As soon as that momentarily favorite tune is over, he falls right back asleep.

One of his most recent favorites is “1000 Names” by Phil Wickham, and the chorus says to the Lord, “I know you by a thousand names / and you deserve every single one / You’ve given me a million ways / to be amazed at what you’ve done / I am lost in wonder at all you do / I know you by a thousand names / and I sing them back to you.”

There are so many names ascribed to God in the Scriptures: Prince of Peace, Messiah, Emmanuel, Father, Spirit, Healer, to name a few. When Jesus asks his disciples in Mark 8, “Who do you say that I am?”, there are indeed a thousand choices for the answer!

During the month of September, we will park ourselves in Mark’s gospel on Sunday mornings and explore answers to this question together. I’d encourage you to carry the question into your daily time with the Lord, too. When you read the Scriptures, who do you say he is in a particular passage? If Jesus were sitting with you at the kitchen table during a meal and asked you this question, how would you answer it?

We’ll likely have a 1000 different answers, but may all of those answers lead to the awe, wonder, and rejoicing that his name deserves!

all good things to each of you,  
Dr. Darian

**Sympathy...** We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Rod O’Hara who passed away on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Services will be held at a later date.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day. We will not have a newsletter the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>.

# What's Happening at FUMC.....

## ANGELS IN APRONS

August 30 - September 12 - Jane Meeks & Heather Cunningham

## Update from Covid Task Force - August 19, 2021

- **Worship Service:** We will continue to offer in-person worship at 8:45 and 11AM and virtual worship at 11AM. We would appreciate it if you would wear a face covering while in the church building and spread out in the sanctuary during both services as an added precaution.
- **Small Groups and Sunday School:** Some of our small groups and Sunday school classes have already decided to meet virtually or to postpone their in-person meetings, and we thank them for making for making those decisions. We ask that the adult classes and small groups decide among themselves about whether or not to meet. We plan to continue offering Sunday school for youth and children as scheduled. If any of our teachers for youth and children are not comfortable teaching right now, please let us know, as we want to honor your decision and can make other plans in your absence.
- **Wednesday Night Children's Activities:** We have tentatively rescheduled the start of children's choir to September 22 and will assess the covid numbers in our community closer to then.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Dream Center of the Golden Triangle is now located at the Mission in West Point. This organization builds beds for local children who have been screened by Child Protective Services. On Saturday, October 9, we need volunteers to help build the beds at the Mission. The Dream Center will provide all the needed materials and tools, all we have to do is provide the volunteers. We will also be accepting

donations to outfit the beds. A total of \$175 is needed to completely construct and outfit the bed with pillows, sheets, and bedspreads/comforters as well as provide a Bible for each child, a Bible for the family and a hygiene kit for the parents. Once the beds are ready, we will also be seeking volunteers to set up the beds in the homes at a later date. Donations can be sent to the church and earmarked for the Dream Center. We would like to invite our Sunday school classes and other groups to get involved and raise money for a bed or beds. To put this project into perspective, John Almond, executive director of the Dream Center, said there have been 264 beds recently placed in homes just in the Golden Triangle area and many more children awaiting beds. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, contact Stacy at 494-2198 or [joeystacy@bellsouth.net](mailto:joeystacy@bellsouth.net)

**MUMS for MISSIONS:** We will be selling MUMS through September 24th to benefit the Deram Center. 8 inch are \$12 and 10 inch are \$20. Colors available are yellow, bronze/orange, red, and lavender. Pickup will be Saturday, October 2, from 9-11am. To place your order, please call the church office, email Stacy at [joeystacyhays@bellsouth.net](mailto:joeystacyhays@bellsouth.net). your order beginning in September to benefit this project as well.



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! This week, I've been working on preparing some research about how singing affects us emotionally and physically. In preparing this research, I got caught up in watching lots of TED Talks. If you are not familiar with TED Talks, I encourage you to look them up. I find most of them highly engaging and very informative. One particular TED talk stood out to me because the speaker was someone who grappled with childhood trauma. You could tell he was very introverted as he could barely hold his head up enough to look at the audience. About halfway through his speech, he admitted that he was not religious but that he had faith. He said that he thought that there was no greater proof of God's existence than the music of Beethoven, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, etc.

The famous sci-fi writer Kurt Vonnegut has said close to the same thing.

"Music is, to me, proof of the existence of God. It is so extraordinarily full of magic, and in tough times of my life I can listen to music and it makes such a difference." When has music made a difference in your life? When has God put the right song in the right place in the right time just for you? Pay attention this week to the music around you. God might just be telling you something that you need to hear. Isn't he an amazing God, full of mystery and full of love for his creation?

Rachel



Even though our new church year for Sunday school starts on September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday School "Kickoff Breakfast" has been postponed. We will monitor the Covid-19 numbers and keep you posted. I miss seeing everyone and I continue to keep you all in my prayers.

Love in Christ,  
Miss Judy



Hello everyone, we will be having in person youth this Wednesday at the Harrell's barn. We will have dinner provided starting at 5:30. We will not have youth this Sunday for Labor day weekend.



## PLAYGROUND PROJECT - PHASE II

Be sure to check out the WALL OF MONEY fund-raiser! **We have collected \$7,518 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. 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	Emily Braddock Jones
Susie Purnell Randall	Billy Buck Staggers
Mamie Seitz	Ann Miskelly
Howard Miskelly	Ashley Britt
Mike Meeks	Elaine Jones
Ginger Martin	Buddy Rushing
Donnie Hammack	Robert Darsey
Norma Hubbard	Mary Margaret Case
Deb McGaughey	Pam Minx
Sue Rushing	Gail Wolanek
William Knowles	Carlene Brister
Fox Haas	Hebert Wooten
Bobbie Tumlinson	Paula Norman
Craig Carson	Randy Michael
Ben Rosenkrans	Jace Ferraez
Bobbie Trenor	Celeste Zepponi
Fred Zepponi, Sr.	Doug Browning
Heather Cunningham	Stokes Smith
Karyl Buddington	Robert Morehead
Zach Bryan	Price Brister
Ann Miller	Gail Wolanek
Ava Johnson	George Bryan
Shirley Smith	
Boyce McNeece	

Family of Rod O'Hara  
Family of Rev. Rex Wilbourne  
Family of Mary Bibb Cook Collier