

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021**

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00  
Received Sept. 19, 2021 Budget 10,521.26  
Received to date, Budget 324,689.63  
Received Sept. 19, 2021 Bldg. 295.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 31,636.65

**ATTENDANCE SEPT. 19, 2021**

Sunday School.....55  
8:45 Worship Service.....16  
Worship Service.....84 (includes ushers and leaders)  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..86  
Total Worship.....186

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**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill **STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders

**LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Debbie Hinshaw 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey



**THE WINDOW**  
o f  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
September 21, 2021

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Norma Atkins

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

**At Home**

Sue Rushing Martha Bivens  
Deb McGaughey Betty Sue Shumpert  
Jean Sarsgard Robert Darsey  
Elaine Jones Stokes Smith  
Gail Wolanek Billy Buck Staggers  
Boyce McNeece

**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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*First United Methodist Church Dated Material  
P. O. Box 293 September 21, 2021*

*West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED***

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133  
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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  
Dr. Barbara Ann Foster, CDC Director, 494-6811

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 26, 2021  
8:45 & 11:00 AM  
Mark 9:38-50  
“The Way Maker”**

**ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**



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**What Is Bringing Us Joy In September**

Once a month, I enjoy sharing with you about my latest favorites in music, movies, TV shows, books, and podcasts. One of my favorite questions to ask friends when we get together is, “What is bringing you joy lately?” I love hearing the variety of answers to this question! My hope is that in sharing what brought me joy will help you to reflect on what brought you joy.

*Coda* (movie): Two out of three recommendations involve singing. Are you surprised? Whether or not you love music as much as I do, *Coda* is a heartwarming film for many other reasons. The title is not only a musical term but also an acronym for Child of a Deaf Adult. This is a story about a high school student named Ruby who is the hearing child of deaf parents and sister to a deaf brother. We quickly discover, however, that Ruby’s great love is singing—even though no one in her family can hear her. It is a beautiful, coming-of-age story about identity and family and much more. Do know that there is a lot of adult language and situations, so it’s definitely for more mature audiences.

*Sing! Global Deluxe Edition* by Keith & Kristyn Getty (music): You will hear me reference a lot in the near future an online conference I attended last week that was all about congregational singing and especially singing of hymns. Keith and Kristyn Getty are originally from Ireland and are known as modern hymn writers. They celebrate the old hymns while also writing theologically-rich, new hymns for the church. These are songs not meant to be solos but are for all of us. Singing hymns like those on this album deeply forms our faith.

*Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner (book): Winner is now a professor at Duke Divinity School, but this was her first book before she became an academic. She grew up in the Jewish faith and came to the Lord in her 20s. In this lovely little book, she talks about how some of the Jewish practices are now forming her faith as a Christian. The title comes from a coffee house where she would often practice sabbath, and her time there deepened her understanding of sabbath. It is an easy and applicable read for spiritual formation.

all good things to each of you,  
Dr. Darian

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Sept. 13 - Sept. 26** - Jane Caston & Jason McKellar

**Sept. 27 - Oct. 10** - JoAnn Tedford & Barbara Bryan

## CHURCH PICNIC POSTPONED:

The chairpersons for the church picnic have decided to postpone the event until a later date.

Mark your calendar for our **FALL FESTIVAL** on Sunday, October 24 at the church! We will have Trunk or Treat, various games, face painting, a hayride and we hope to add the Chili Cookoff back this year! Volunteers are needed for the Trunk or Treats – call Abbey Dichiaro at 662-574-8231 if you are interested. Watch the newsletter for more details.

## Update from Covid Task Force - September 20, 2021:

**Worship Service:** In-person worship continues to be at 8:45 and 11AM, and virtual worship is at 11AM. We would appreciate it if you would wear face coverings and spread out in the sanctuary during both worship services as an added precaution. There is plenty of room in the early service to spread out for those who want to be extra cautious.

**Small Groups and Sunday School:** We will continue offering Sunday school for youth and children as scheduled. We ask that the adult classes and small groups continue to decide among themselves about whether to meet in person, virtually, or a combination of the two. If your class would like to offer a combination of in-person and virtual but need training in ZOOM, please let Dr. Darian know.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** See Music Notes about children's choir restarting this week and Chancel choir in October.

**NEW Young Adult Sunday School Class:** On Sunday, October 3, we will have our first, organizational meeting of a Sunday school class for young adults! We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10AM. And remember that we've got fabulous Sunday school options for our children, so be sure they're in Sunday school by that day, too.

Volunteers are still needed for our **Dream Center project** on October 9 beginning at 8 a.m. The Dream Center Golden Triangle is located at The Mission in West Point. On that Saturday, we will be building beds for local children who have no beds of their own. The Dream Center will provide all the necessary tools and equipment. We are partnering with First Baptist Church to provide the volunteers. At a later date, we will be asking for volunteers to help place the beds in the children's homes.

The Children's Youth and Sunday School classes will be conducting a **pillow drive** in conjunction with this project. A box to collect brand new, standard size pillows will be located outside the fellowship hall. Anyone wishing to sponsor a bed, may still do so. \$175 will completely outfit a bed with linens, a comforter/bedspread as well as provide a Bible for each child, a Bible for the parents and a personal hygiene kit. For more information, contact Stacy.

**MUMS for MISSIONS:** This week is the last chance to purchase MUMS to benefit the Dream 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 or email Stacy at [joeystacyhays@bellsouth.net](mailto:joeystacyhays@bellsouth.net).



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I'm so excited to begin Children's Choir again! I want to say a huge thank you to Jessi Sugg for volunteering to teach the Pre-K-K Children's

Choir. It is really amazing to give of your free time to teach our little ones. I also want to thank our September 22 Meal Volunteers, Dee Echols and Stacy Hays. And another thank you to our chaperones, Sara Frances

Stubbs and Hillary White. You've heard the saying that it takes a village to raise children. This is so true and I truly appreciate everyone who is sacrificing their time to help with our children.

Our volunteers for next week are:  
Chaperones: Cynthia Lyon and Tracey Holcombe  
Meal: Jim and Ladonna Helveston and Laura Tinsley

Chancel Choir will try again to begin rehearsals on October 6th at 6:00. I'm so excited to hear everyone's voices again! Our rehearsals right now are going to be called "Rally Nights". The rehearsals will be laid back and will mostly focus on devotionals, vocal exercises, and singing of familiar hymns. We will also have a time near the end to share our glories and heartaches. If you have been thinking about joining choir, now is the PERFECT time! If you have any questions, feel free to ask any choir member or call me at the office.

Rachel



**PILLOW DRIVE** - We are asking our children to help with our local mission project for the Dream Center by donating a brand new, standard size pillow.

A box is set up outside the Fellowship Hall and by the Children's Sunday school classes to place the pillows in. Please drop pillows on or before Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have 6 children signed up to attend the **Children's Spiritual Life Retreat** at Camp Lake Stephens on October 16-17. Thanks to Lucy and Jason McKellar for agreeing to chaperone this group.



month after youth.

Hello everyone, we will meet this Wednesday and Sunday at 5:30-7. Meals will be provided at both. Parents mark your calendars for a parent meeting on the 29th of this

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Brown	Susie Purnell Randall
Billy Buck Stagers	Mike Meeks
Howard Miskelly	Ann Miskelly
Ashley Britt	Ginger Martin
Elaine Jones	Robert Darsey
Deb McGaughey	Mary Margaret Case
Pam Minx	William Knowles
Gail Wolanek	Carlene Brister
Bobbie Tumlinson	Herbert Wooten
Craig Carson	Paula Norman
Ben Rosenkrans	Randy Michael
Bobbie Trenor	Jace Ferraez
Fred Zepponi, Jr.	Celeste Zepponi
Heather Cunningham	Doug Browning
Karyl Buddington	Stokes Smith
Zach Bryan	Robert Morehead
Ann Miller	Price Brister
Ava Johnson	George Bryan
Boyce McNeece	Liv Brand
Hattie Shell	Stanley Scott

## PLAYGROUND PROJECT - PHASE II

We have collected \$8,422.00 so far from our Wall of Money project! Overall we have raised \$42,508 or 78% of our \$88,850 total goal for the final phase of the Playground. Help us continue to meet our goal by donating to the Playground Project.