

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021**

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00  
Received Oct. 3, 2021 Budget 7,031.91  
Received to date, Budget 336,890.54  
Received Oct. 3, 2021 Bldg. 640.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 32,516.65

**ATTENDANCE OCT. 3, 2021**

Sunday School.....71  
8:45 Worship Service.....28  
Worship Service.....78  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service..68  
Total Worship.....174

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**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill      **STREAM TEAM:** Colby Brister  
**LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Bruff Sanders      11:00 AM Laura Tinsley



**THE WINDOW**  
o f  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
October 5, 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      Kenny Hinshaw

**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*      *October 5, 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  
Dr. Barbara Ann Foster, CDC Director, 494-6811

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 10, 2021**  
**8:45 & 11:00 AM**  
**Hebrews 4:1-13**  
**“The Rest We Need - And Want”**

**ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**



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**Exciting Times, Upcoming Opportunities at First UMC**

Over the past few months, it has been a delight to see some activities picking back up at the church. This newsletter is a little fuller each week with upcoming opportunities to serve and celebrate God’s goodness in our lives. This week I wanted to highlight a few of those opportunities and encourage you to give and to participate as God leads you.

**Playground Project:** Thank you to everyone who filled an envelope from the “wall of money.” The last day to give with the envelopes will be Oct. 15, so choose your favorite number before then.

**Dream Center Outreach:** Your generosity for this important new ministry in our community has been amazing. Don’t forget that we’re asking youth and children to donate pillows for the completed beds. Check out the youth and children’s portions of the newsletter for more information. We will share with you soon the grand total raised for the Dream Center. This upcoming Saturday, Oct. 9, keep our volunteers in prayer as they build beds.

**New Young Adult Sunday School Class:** We had our first organizational meeting this past Sunday and invite anyone who’s interested in this new class to attend in the weeks ahead. We will be setting up a group text on Group Me to keep in touch and send out sample devotionals. We hope to see you in the fellowship hall at 10AM on Sundays.

**Fall Festival:** This annual celebration will be on Sunday, October 24. Would you be willing to decorate a trunk and provide candy for our kids? Co-chairs Allison Brister and Abbey Dichiara would appreciate your help in making this event as fun as always! Read more details in the family portion of the newsletter.

And that’s only the beginning. Stay tuned for more opportunities. The Holy Spirit is on the move among us, and even better days are ahead for First UMC. Thanks be to God, and thank you for your faithfulness to his Church!

all good things to each of you,  
Dr. Darian

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** - Contribution envelopes for 2022 are in and can be found on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like us to drop your off in your mailbox, please call the church office.

**NEWSLETTER...** We will not have an newsletter the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

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

**Oct. 11- Oct. 24** - Sara Frances Stubbs & Jessi Sugg

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.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - A blood drive will be held Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Shannon Coker 662-251-0813 or the church office to schedule an appointment. To support a safe environment and most efficiently follow CDC guidance, masks are required for all donors, staff, volunteers and guests at Vitalant blood drives, regardless of vaccination status.

**DREAM CENTER** - Our build a bed project with the Dream Center is this Saturday, October 9 from 8 am. until noon at The Mission. Weather permitting, the project will be held outside. We do not have to bring any tools or materials; the Dream Center will provide everything needed. Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to help. Stacy will be in touch with each of you this week with more details.

These beds are being provided to local children who have no beds of their own. For \$175, you can sponsor a bed and completely outfit it with linens, a comforter/bedspread as well as provide a Bible for each child, a Bible for their parents and a personal hygiene kit. Donations can be sent to the church and earmarked for the Dream Center. Big thanks to everyone who purchased mums. The proceeds will go to the Dream Center.

**MISSION TRIP TO GULF COAST** - There has been interest in a mission trip to the Gulf Coast during the Christmas holidays. The trip would be for 3 days and 2 nights, December 27-29. For more information or if you would like to participate, call Stacy in the church office or send an email to [joeystacyhays@bellsouth.net](mailto:joeystacyhays@bellsouth.net).

## 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.



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!  
Congratulations to Mary Michael Flurry and Evie Stubbs, our Children's Choir Members of the Week! Thank you to Jim and

LaDonna Helveston and Laura Tinsley for the delicious meal. Also, thank you to Cynthia Lyon and Tracey Holcombe for chaperoning. We could not do this without you! Here are the volunteers for the next two weeks:

### Meals:

10/06/21 = Julie Gray and Gail Foote  
10/13/21 = Barbara Bryan and Jane Caston

### Chaperones:

10/06/21 = Shannon Coker and Kate Anderson  
10/13/21 = Jennifer Stuart and Elizabeth Zepponi

Chancel Choir Rehearsals will begin Wednesday,

October 6 at 6:00 P.M. in the Choir Room. Our rehearsals are going to be laid back and fun. We are going to be focusing on reconnecting our breath with our voice and reconnecting with each other. If you have been thinking about joining Chancel Choir, now is a GREAT time to start! We would love to have you. For those who feel uncomfortable rehearsing in person, you can join us via Zoom! Rachel Wood is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. If you need any help with Zoom, just let me know!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8896626757?pwd=dml2MTZNOVB4S1hKSjJrRkxmUzQvUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 662 6757

Passcode: R6f7RP

Rachel



Happy October birthdays to the following:

Sam Hairston - October 1  
Rorie Thompson - October 2  
Sophie Stubbs - October 11

We often see the statistics about the percentage of young people who walk away from church after high school graduation. The percentage varies from report to report, but the fact is that many young people do.

One major reason for their departure may be that they have only a head knowledge, not a heart knowledge of God. Head knowledge without heart transformation leads to spiritual emptiness.

Jesus said in Matthew 22:37, "You must love the Lord you God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." Notice what comes first...the heart. When the heart is right, everything else will follow.

We must all work together to help our children learn that following Jesus is about knowing Him personally, not just knowing about Him.

We need to ask God to make His Word come alive in the hearts of our children. When this happens, there will be no departure from church after graduation. Our children will seek to be in God's house worshipping with fellow Christians.

There will be a Bible Study on Wednesday nights for grades 4-6th. Thanks to Shannon Coker, Rebecca DeSantis and Cynthia Lyon for agreeing to teach this group. It will begin at 5:15 with dinner followed by the Bible study in the 4th-6th grade Sunday School room. It will end at 7:00 PM.

Don't forget to bring your pillows by Wednesday for the Dream Center.

May God bless all of you.  
Mrs. Judy



Hello everyone, we are having youth this Wednesday 5:30-7 at the youth house. We will be having youth on Sunday immediately following church at 12-1:30. We are continuing our

study of Esther. Please join us for fellowship on these days.

The Youth are also encouraged to donate to the **PILLOW DRIVE** - by donating a brand new, standard size pillow.

## 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
Ted Judson	Doris Thomas
Ben Harlow	Kenny Hinshaw