

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021**

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00  
Received Nov. 7, 2021 Budget 17,956.32  
Received to date, Budget 402,942.77  
Received Nov. 7, 2021 Bldg. 1,026.85  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 37,136.90

**ATTENDANCE NOV. 7, 2021**

Sunday School.....75  
8:45 Worship Service.....26  
Worship Service.....111  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service....79  
Total Worship.....216

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**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill **STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar

**LAY READERS:** 8:45AM Bruff Sanders 11:00 AM Bob Seitz



**THE WINDOW**  
o f  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi  
November 9, 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 Billy Buck Staggers  
Gail Wolanek Bob Lee  
Bob Drake

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, November 14, 2021**  
**8:45 & 11:00 AM**  
**Hebrews 10:11-25**  
**“Seated at the Right Hand of God”**

**DUGAN**

Martha Priest  
Bitsy Weaver  
Geonette Pendley  
Jennie Cantrell

**ONLINE GIVING QR CODE**



**The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM and on Facebook Live at First UMC of West Point and YouTube.**

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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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  
Dr. Barbara Ann Foster, CDC Director, 494-6811

**Leaning Toward the (Christmas) Light**

Even though we are still a few weeks away from Thanksgiving Day, we wanted to go ahead and share some important information about the Advent and Christmas seasons. I love to plan & prepare in advance, but I’ve also learned with time to hold those plans loosely. Holding plans loosely is necessary because we know circumstances can change, as the pandemic has reminded us over than past year. More importantly, it’s important in the life of the church to hold plans loosely so that we will remain open to how the Holy Spirit leads.

As we move through these last weeks of Ordinary Time, do know that the church’s covid task force continues to be in touch as needed, and we will continue to monitor the covid cases in our community as Christmas nears.

Please mark your calendars with these worship services and times:

**Sunday, November 28** (First Sunday of Advent)

ONE service at 11AM  
Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, December 5**

March of the Angels at the 11AM service

**Friday, December 24** (Christmas Eve)

Services at 3PM and 5PM (The 5PM service will be live-streamed.)

We encourage those who feel more at-risk to attend the 3PM service, where there will likely be more room to spread out.

**Sunday, December 26** (First Sunday of Christmas)

ONE service at 11AM

**Sunday, January 2** (Second Sunday of Christmas)

ONE service at 11AM

I look forward to leaning towards Christ’s eternal light with you!

all good things to each of you,  
Dr. Darian

**SYMPATHY...** We extend sympathy to Tim Thoren and his family on the death of his sister-in-law Jennifer Thoren who passed away on Thursday, November 4.

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Nov. 8 - Nov. 21** - Charlotte Messier & Rhonda Stafford

**Nov. 22 - Dec. 5** - Bob & Nita Wyman

**Veterans Day** - In honor of Veterans Day, we want to recognize our church members who are currently serving or have served in the military during the church service on Sunday, November 14. Please call Stacy at the church or at 662-295-3186 and let her know the branch. We appreciate your service to our country.

**Extra Table Box Project** - We are partnering with Extra Table in Hattiesburg to participate in their Box Project. Extra Table has delivered boxes to the church that will be decorated and filled with healthy, shelf stable food. We will have the boxes available for children, youth, families and individuals to decorate. Extra Table has provided us with a list of healthy choices to be placed in the boxes. We will have a packing party sometime in January, but will need some of the boxes decorated and packed to be used for the Backpack Ministry in December. Contact Stacy for more information.

**Adopt-A-Family** – It is time to think about our annual Adopt-A-Family Mission Project. We appreciate Bob Seitz and Stacy Weems co-chairing. We need people to help shop, wrap, deliver and donate funds. Please designate AAF on your check if making a contribution to this project. We also need boxes, wrapping paper, tape and bows. You can place these items in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall. We will wrap on Monday, December 13 at 9 a.m. You may also take gifts and wrap if that is more convenient. Gifts will be delivered on Wednesday, December 22 beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Stacy Hays for more information.

Mississippi State University is conducting a research study through the Department of Psychology and is looking for participants. The study is to understand more about individuals with large amounts of clutter in northern Mississippi. If you are 60 years or older with large amounts of clutter in your home and are interested in participating in the study, you may contact Dr. Mary Dozier at 662-325-0523 for more information. Participants will receive free treatment for excess clutter and up to \$40 in Walmart gift cards for completing the pre-treatment and post treatment assessments.

If you are interested in going on the mission trip to the Gulf Coast December 27-29 please let Stacy know. Church members will be doing hurricane relief work such as cleanup, construction, and food relief.

**LIFELINE SCREENING** will be providing preventive screenings on Monday, November 15 in the FUMC Fellowship Hall. Call 1-888-653-6450 to register for an appointment.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX DROP OFF DATES at Faith Baptist Church

Monday, Nov. 15 - 10:00AM-1:00 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 16 - 10:00AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 10:00AM-1:00 PM

Thursday, Nov. 18 - 10:00AM - 1:00 PM

Friday, Nov. 19 - 10:00AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday, Nov. 20 - 10:00AM - 12:00 PM

Sunday, Nov. 21 - 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Monday, Nov. 22 - 8:00AM - 10:00 AM



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! A big thank you to Norma Atkins and Ivey Thoren for the meal they provided for our children on Wednesday Night! Also, a big thank you to Tracey Holcombe and Abby Hairston for chaperoning! All of our volunteers are so special and I am so grateful

for their help. Here are our volunteers for the next 2 weeks:

## Meals

11/10 - Debbie Hinshaw and Pam Carson

11/17 - Elizabeth Bailey and Mary Carr Ecklund

## Chaperones

11/10 - Allison Brister and Abby Hairston

11/17 - Jennifer Stuart and Elizabeth Zepponi

Chancel Choir Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 6:00 and we would love to have you! This coming Sunday, we will be honoring the Veterans among our congregation. I hope you will join us!

Rachel



In today's world, we often hear parents expressing concern over the future for their children. They are worried about what their children will have to face as they mature. Do you remember the song, **"DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY?"** How are you doing with that? Seriously, where your life is concerned, how is the worry thing going for you?

Worry often comes when we have taken control rather than relying on God to meet our needs. We may worry when we have not adequately prepared for something, or we are unsure of where we stand in a situation. Worry does not come from God! Paul wrote to the church at Philippi: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything." Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done for you.

When you do this, you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your heart and mind as you live in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4: 6-7)

God, who loves to pour out good gifts to His children, is listening. He has plans to prosper you, but He is waiting for you to acknowledge that you need Him to help you. He is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords! So why worry? God is on the throne. He is faithful to hear His children and supply their needs.

**DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY!!!! GOD IS IN TOTAL CONTROL!!!!** Mrs. Judy



Hello everyone, we will be meeting this Wednesday and Sunday 5:30-7. We are going to continue to be studying the

book of Psalms. Please join us for dinner and fellowship.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Steve Brown         | Susie Purnell Randall |
| Billy Buck Staggers | Mike Meeks            |
| Howard Miskelly     | Ann Miskelly          |
| Ashley Britt        | Ginger Martin         |
| Elaine Jones        | Robert Darsey         |
| 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      |
| Ann Miller          | Price Brister         |
| Ava Johnson         | George Bryan          |
| Boyce McNeece       | Liv Brand             |
| Hattie Shell        | Stanley Scott         |
| Ted Judson          | Doris Thomas          |
| Ben Harlow          | Kenny Hinshaw         |
| Jerry Ishee         | Tricia Lambert        |
| Nathan Rushing      | Bob Drake             |
| Gil Lyon            | John Dukeminier       |
| Joy Posey           | Sophie Stubbs         |
| Bob Lee             | Dylan Scott           |

Family of Jennifer Thoren