

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2021

2021 budget \$ 608,213.00
Received Nov. 14, 2021 Budget 6,714.00
Received to date, Budget 409,656.77
Received Nov. 14 2021 Bldg. 625.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 37,761.90

ATTENDANCE NOV. 14, 2021

Sunday School.....74
8:45 Worship Service.....20
Worship Service.....108
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....53
Total Worship.....181

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **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 16, 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

DUGAN

Martha Priest
Bitsy Weaver
Geonette Pendley
Jennie Cantrell

**Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, November 21, 2021
8:45 AM Hebrews 10:35-39 and
11:13-16
“Setting Sail”
11:00 AM Hebrews 12:1-3, 18-24
“Drifting”
Guest Speaker Bill Duckworth**

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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What is Bringing Us Joy in November

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.

Faith of My Father by Steffany Gretzinger (music): Worship songs of the 80s and 90s were very formative to my spiritual growth, as they were for worship leader and recording artist Steffany Gretzinger. On her newest album, she has recorded some of these familiar, powerful songs at the church she grew up in and where her parents served faithfully for years. She lost her father last year, and she wrote that sitting on the floor, around the altar, of the church he served brought much healing in the midst of her grief. We practiced yoga to this album last week, and I hope you find it as peaceful as we did.

Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout (book): How do you write a sequel to a beloved book, with all the expectations and pressures? For Elizabeth Strout, who waited 10 years to write the sequel to her novel, *Olive Kitteridge*, the passage of time aged her characters and story like fine wine. I would even say I liked this sequel better than the first novel! Olive is such a memorable person, and the people we meet and re-meet in each chapter are snapshots of a town where we want to spend a little more time ourselves.

Wind River (movie): This was a very difficult movie to watch, and I want to acknowledge up front that it contains severe violence and mature subject matter. It is not for everyone. I recently re-watched it and remembered that it was not a movie I wanted to see but one I needed to see. It is about the murder investigation of a young woman on a Native American reservation, and though the story is fictional, the reality of crimes against women on reservations is very real and under-reported. Films that educate us can be such an eye-opening gift, and *Wind River* does so with a balance of truth-telling and beauty.

all good things to each of you,
Dr Darian

NEWSLETTER... We will not have a newsletter the week of November 22nd. Happy Thanksgiving from the FUMC Staff.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

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

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

Christ at Home – Our Christ At Home recipients were treated to a Thanksgiving feast, compliments of members of our congregation. Thank you to Lynne Posey, Stacy Weems, Ruth Alice Echols, Norma Atkins, Barbara Donahoo and Rhonda Stafford for the sweet potato casseroles; Ann McClellan, Judy Sanders and Beth Raines for the rolls; Janet Jameson, Diane Haas and Stacy Hays for the chicken and dressing and Kristy Alpe and Mary Carr Ecklund for the desserts.

We had such a great response, that we would like to offer them a Christmas meal on December 8. If you are interested in providing a pan of dressing, a green vegetable casserole or a pre-wrapped dessert, please contact Stacy in the church office or at 662-295-3186

March of Angels – The March of Angels will be held Sunday, December 5 during the 11 a.m. service. Children up to sixth grade are encouraged to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift to be placed under the tree. Gifts will be donated to Toys for Tots. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 to adorn your wings.

Adopt-A-Family – Our families have been chosen and we will wrap for Adopt-A-Family on Monday December 13 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You may also pick up some gifts to wrap at home if that is more convenient. We need boxes, wrapping paper, tape and bows. You can place these items in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall. Gifts will be delivered on Wednesday, December 22 beginning at 9 a.m. We will need people to wrap as well as deliver. Thanks to Bob Seitz and Stacy Weems for chairing this project.

Caroling and Santa – Make plans to join us for caroling on Sunday, December 12. We will leave

from the church at 4 p.m. We will return to the church after caroling for chili and hotdogs and a special visit from Santa Claus.

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.

Poinsettia Time Again - The United Methodist Women will be selling poinsettias again this year to raise funds for their mission projects. The cost is \$20.00, and the deadline to purchase will be December 5th. Please remember and honor friends and loved ones by purchasing these lovely plants. The honorees' names will be listed in a booklet, which will be distributed on December 12th, and most of the poinsettias may be picked up on Saturday morning, December 11th from 9:00 until 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to keep at least 30 to place in the sanctuary during the Christmas season, and these poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service. A poinsettia form can be found in the newsletter. Please return the form to the church office with your check stapled to it.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! First, I want to say thank you to Eli McKellar for the wonderful job he did playing "Peace Like a River" on Sunday,

November 7. I am so proud of you and how you are using your talents to give back to The Lord! Second, I want to thank Debbie Hinshaw and Pam Carson for the wonderful meal they provided for the kids last Wednesday Night. It was enjoyed by all! Third, I want to thank Abby Hairston and Allison Brister for helping to chaperone the choirs. We couldn't do it without you! Here are the volunteers for the next two weeks:

Meals

11/17 - Elizabeth Bailey and Mary Carr Ecklund

11/24 - No Wednesday Night Activities

Chaperones

11/17 - Jennifer Stuart and Elizabeth Zeponi

11/24 - No Wednesday Night Activities

We will not have Wednesday Night Activities on November 24 due to Thanksgiving. Chancel Choir continues to meet at 6:00 on Wednesday Nights. We are scheduling our first anthem for December 19 and are also planning to sing at the 5:00 service on Christmas Eve. This coming Sunday, November 21, our 1st-3rd Grade Children's Choir will be singing our favorite song we have learned this semester, "Thankful", at the 11:00 Service. I hope you will join us!

Rachel



GOD PROVIDES

Not long after Solomon's death, the Israelites started to worship idols. Some worshiped Baal, while others worshiped Ashtoreth in the Temple of

Molech.

God hated this idolatry. He called Elijah, a man from the land of Gilead, to be a prophet who would speak His Word to Israel. Elijah worshiped and obeyed only the true God.

God was displeased with wicked Ahab, who was now the King of Israel. God told Elijah to tell Ahab that He would not send any more rain for several years. This made Ahab extremely angry at Elijah. God sent Elijah to hide in the wilderness near a brook called Cherith. Each morning and evening, God sent ravens to bring Elijah bread and meat. At first Elijah had enough drinking water from the brook, but it soon dried up from lack of rain. All the land of Israel was stricken with famine. Then God sent Elijah north to the city of Zarephath, where He had commanded a widow to take care of Elijah.

As Elijah arrived at the city gate, he saw a woman gathering sticks. First, he asked for a drink of water, then for a piece of bread. The woman told Elijah that she only had a handful of meal and a little oil. She explained that she was gathering sticks to make a fire and bake a cake for her son and herself before they starved to death. Elijah told the woman not to be afraid, but to go and do as she had planned. However, she was to first make Elijah a little cake, and afterward make one for

herself and her son. He reminded her that God had promised that she would not run out of meal and oil until He sent rain again. The widow obeyed, believing in God's Word. From that day on the widow and her son had as much food as they needed. God and His angels

must have had a wonderful time as they kept filling those containers of meal and oil.

Psalm 33: 18-19 - "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy. To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine."

Parents, teach your children to put their trust in Jesus, the only real hope there is in this life. God has assured us that He will provide and shelter His children through the storms of life.

God bless, Mrs. Judy



Hello everyone, this week we will be meeting Wednesday and Sunday 5:30-7 at the youth house. On Sunday we will be having hot chocolate and

decorating cookies. There will also be a fire. So please join us for fellowship with each other.

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
Gail Wolanek	Carlene Brister
Bobbie Tumlinson	Herbert Wooten
Craig Carson	Ben Rosenkrans
Randy Michael	Bobbie Trenor
Heather Cunningham	Doug Browning
Karyl Buddington	Ann Miller
Price Brister	Ava Johnson
George Bryan	Liv Brand
Hattie Shell	Stanley Scott
Ted Judson	Doris Thomas
Ben Harlow	Tricia Lambert
Bob Drake	John Dukeminier
Joy Posey	Bob Lee
Dylan Scott	Bubba Atkins
Paula Fletcher	Mary Lou Darsey
Tom Storey	