

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022

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ATTENDANCE JAN. 2, 2022

Sunday School.....32
8:45 Worship Service.....NA
Worship Service.....80
Virtual 11:00 AM Service....70
Total Worship.....150

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
USHERS: Vandy Stubbs, Jud Judkins, Robin McCormick, Ralph Weems, III
LAY READERS: 8:45AM George Purnell 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Hillary White 1/9 Jessi Sugg 1/16
ACOLYTES:

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

At Home
Sue Rushing Jean Sarsgard
Robert Darsey Betty Sue Shumpert
Gail Wolanek Heather Cunningham
Bob Drake Billy Buck Staggers
Martha Bivens

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Sunday, January 9, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 AM**

**Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
“Making the Most of Every Moment”**

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE

DUGAN
Geonette Pendley
Jennie Cantrell
Martha Bivens



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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THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
J anuary 4, 2022

**January Worship Series: A Quest to Live Well
A Study of Ecclesiastes**

Every year in the Revised Common Lectionary, the Old Testament lesson is a familiar passage in Ecclesiastes. In fact, it’s possibly the only passage many of us have read in this short book of wisdom. When we look at the whole book, however, we discover a wealth of insight for how to live well.

Most likely, King Solomon deserves credit for much of the writing in Ecclesiastes in the later part of his earthly life. However, the word, “Ecclesiastes” is a Greek word translated as preacher, teacher, or quester. I especially like that third term that Eugene Peterson favored in his Message translation of Scripture. Isn’t the start of the new year a great time to embark on a ‘quest’ to live well?

For the month of January, we are going to dig more deeply than the familiar “season” passage of the third chapter and study some passages from Ecclesiastes. With five Sundays in January, we won’t cover all twelve chapters, but we should be able to touch on most of its themes. You’ll quickly notice that this book is a bit repetitive and sometimes reads like someone speaking his thoughts out loud in a stream of consciousness. It’s a very different book of Scripture but a rich one that will take us on an adventure together.

I hope your new year includes plans to study and meditate on God’s Word. If you ever want a conversation partner on what you’re reading, know that I would love to discuss with you over a cup of tea or coffee! Here’s to a new year of growing closer to God with one another and in His Word!

all good things to each of you,
Dr Darian

Update on the church’s covid task force: We are so thankful to Melanie Sanders, Bill Maclean, Jim Helveston, Jessi Sugg, Robin McCormick and Marc Stewart for nearly two years of leading us through the covid pandemic. They are taking a well-deserved break in this new year, and please thank them for their invaluable service. If needed, I will assemble a new task force from our current leadership and keep you posted. In the meantime, know that I’ll be consulting with our church’s leaders as we continue to monitor the pandemic. Thank you for continuing to do your part to keep our church family safe. all good things
~ Dr. Darian

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Jan. 3 - 16 - Debbie Hinshaw & Carolyn Burgess

Jan. 17 - 30 - Anna Dill & Mary Carr Ecklund

Stream Team - We are looking for another volunteer to help with the Facebook Live streaming on Sundays. If you are interested in helping, please contact Art Shirley or the church office. Thanks to Colby Brister, Andy Gray, Jason McKellar, Melanie Sanders and Art Shirley for continuing to serve.

Blessings Box – We now have a community Blessings Box under the carport on the side of the church. It will be open 24/7 and is available to anyone who needs help. We would like for the congregation to help keep it stocked by providing non-perishable food items, school supplies, diapers, powder washing detergent and travel size personal hygiene items. If possible, please provide canned items with the pop tops, although we have placed can openers in the box to be used if needed. Other suggestions would be cake mix, canned icing, coffee, tea, small boxes and bottles of dishwashing detergent, boxed milk, season salt, pepper. You can place these items in the grocery cart outside the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a donation toward this project, please note that it is for the Blessings Box. Special thanks to Julie Gray for painting the cabinet and Allison Trolio for doing the lettering. Also to Andy Gray, Critz Campbell, Steve and Mary Campbell Dragoo for moving the cabinet to the church once it was finished. Call Stacy for more information on how you can help with this important new ministry.

Packing Party – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE! We will have a packing party for our Extra Table Box Project on Sunday, January 23 at 2 p.m. We still have a few boxes that need

to be colored and folded. Let Stacy know if you can help. The boxes will be filled with healthy foods. Some will be placed in the Blessings Box and some will be taken to the local food pantry.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and very happy

New Year! Thank you so much to all of our fabulous musicians who played so beautifully over the course of the last few Sundays. Caston McKellar, Eli McKellar, and Faith Taunton did a great job on December 26. If you missed that service, be sure to check it out on Facebook or Youtube. Joni Sietz also sang “Breath of Heaven” in this worship service and was absolutely breathtaking. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to provide beautiful music for our Lord during the Christmas Season.

Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on January 5 at 6:00. We would love for you to join us! Children’s Choir will resume on January 19 at 5:15. Hope to see you all this Sunday!

Rachel



The start of a new year is an ideal time to reflect on the past, take account of your Christian walk, and consider the direction God may want to lead you in the coming days.

Set aside some time to pause and evaluate your spiritual condition as you read the following poem by Mary Fairchild.

Instead of making a New Year’s resolution
Consider committing to a Biblical solution.
Your promises are easily broken
Empty word, though earnestly spoken.
But God’s Word transforms the soul
By the Holy Spirit making you whole.
As you spend time alone with Him,
He will change you from within.

Parents, please help us grow our Sunday School by having your child (children) here each week and invite some of their friends to come too.

We have wonderful teachers and exciting literature for the children. Let’s make 2022 a banner year for FUMC Children’s Sunday School.

Thanks in advance for joining us in making 2022 “A Year of Growth.”

There will be a meeting of the 2022 Children’s Council during Sunday School on January 9 in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to be present. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

In Christian love, Mrs. Judy



Youth group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, January 5th at 5:30 PM the Youth House. Excited to see you all!

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
Marie Perkins	George Tucker
Exir Brennan	Bob Drake
Martha Bivens	Butch Fowler