

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022

2022 budget \$ 510,391.88
Received Jan. 9, 2022 Budget 15,050.00
Received to date, Budget 40,430.00
Received Jan. 9, 2022 Bldg. 2,915.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 4,435.00

ATTENDANCE JAN. 9, 2022

Sunday School.....57
8:45 Worship Service.....22
Worship Service.....87
Virtual 11:00 AM Service....103
Total Worship.....122

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell
USHERS: Freddie Brister, Bradley Coker, Andy Gray, Ralph Weems, III
LAY READERS: 8:45AM George Purnell 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Jessi Sugg 1/16 Elizabeth Zepponi 1/23
ACOLYTES: Hayden Wallace, Henry Coker

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**
Deb McGaughey - NMMC, Tupelo

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

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 16, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 AM**

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-9, 12-14
“What’s the Point of It All?”
ANTHEM
“Bow the Knee”**

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 11, 2022

Learning From Epiphanies Past

(This is an excerpt from the latest weekly musing on my website. To read the whole reflection, visit www.darianduckworth.com/musings)

Last Thursday was the Feast of the Epiphany, when we recall not only the Magi’s visit to King Jesus but also that they had to return home from the Light a different way because of the darkness raging in Herod. That first Epiphany was not so different from two Epiphanies of recent history.

Last year, on January 6, 2021, as chaos unfolded at the U.S. Capitol, I remember sitting in the sanctuary and wondering how such awful events could happen on a day so fraught with beauty and light in the life of the Church. I was angry, hurt, and confused, as I’m sure many of you were, too. There was so much I wanted to say and to do, but instead I simply went home—only to remember another Epiphany of recent past.

Every year on the Epiphany, I have watched the movie, *Spotlight*, since its release. The reason I do this is because it was on January 6, 2002, that the Spotlight team at The Boston Globe published their in-depth investigation of abuse in the Catholic church. The film tells the story of the small team of journalists who brought this dark story to the light.

I watch *Spotlight* every year because I never want to forget some of the worst things that happened in the Church, but I also don’t want to forget we are capable of participating in God’s best work of healing, grace, and justice. One spotlight may not cast out all darkness, but it makes a difference.

This year, may we as a Church choose what is right and good and full of light. Let us continue to reject the powers of evil and oppression in all the forms they present themselves. Let us live as a people of Epiphany.

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

AND THE LORD ADDED... We welcome Rose Hollingsworth Jameson into the membership and fellowship of FUMC. Rose was baptized on Sunday, January 9. She is the infant daughter of Joanna and Jack Jameson.

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, gloves and socks. 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. Call Stacy for more information on how you can help with this important new ministry.

Extra Table Box Packing Party – 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.

Beautiful Feet – There is some interest in a mission trip to Beautiful Feet in Texas in February or March. Dates coming soon so let Stacy know if you would like to participate.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

I've been thinking a lot lately about the term "servant's heart". When we think of the word

"servant", it is easy to confuse that word with the word "slave". But a real servant is someone who wants to serve. Not that it doesn't require sacrifice, because it definitely does. Most often, when I am serving someone, it requires great sacrifice on my part. I think about serving my daughter. Anyone who is a parent knows that parenting can require great sacrifice, but you WANT to make those sacrifices, even when they are hard, because you love your children so much. I think of the sacrifices that God made for me and I'm humbled. When I think of having a servant's heart, I realize I'm not the best at it. Sometimes I grumble or complain about doing the right thing, but I'm always blessed in the end. I think about our Chancel Choir and I'm telling you that they have a servant's heart. I'm grateful to God for everyone who is a part of our Chancel Choir. They sacrifice not because they have to but because they want to. And God blesses them abundantly for it. Thank you Chancel Choir, for your beautiful servant's heart.

Children's Choir will resume on January 19 at 5:15 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to sign up to help chaperone, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49acab2c4bf5c43-childrens> or contact me at the Church Office. We need several more volunteers.

Here are the first 2 weeks of meal volunteers:

January 19 - Laura Stewart

January 26 - Lona Rosetti and Elizabeth Zepponi

Thank you so much to all who volunteer!
Rachel

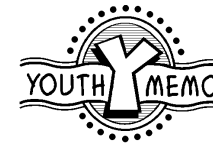


FEBRUARY HIGH ATTENDANCE MONTH FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes Pre-K through 6th Grade
invite your friends
to join you each week in
learning more about Jesus Christ.

I challenge each of you to be the feet for
Christ,
go and invite your friends and neighbors!!!

Love and God bless,
Mrs. Judy



Check out the Youth
Calendar on our church
website
www.fumcwestpoint.com.

Youth group will meet on Wednesday, January 12th at 5:30 PM the Youth House. Supper host is the DeSantis family. The lesson will be on Genesis 1-11a. Excited to see you all!

On Sunday, January 16th we will go to lunch at No Way Jose after church.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

We have received 89 pledges totaling \$463,760.12 for 91% of the \$510,391.88 operating budget. We have received 46 pledges totaling \$50,263.56 for 91% of the \$55,000 building fund budget. If you would like to turn in a pledge card, please contact the church office or email Julie at jcgray@fumcwestpoint.com.

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
Deb McGaughey	Janet Lynn Logan