

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022

2022 budget \$ 516,660.80
Received November 6, 2022 Budget 16,065.00
Received to date, Budget 499,643.00
Received November 6, 2022 Bldg. 1,200.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 43,975.00

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Sunday School.....80
8:45 Worship Service.....47
Worship Service.....119
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....96
Total Worship.....262



THE WINDOW
o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

No vember 8, 2022

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar
COFFEE & JUICE: Seekers Class **CDC CHAPEL:** 11/14 Norma Atkins 11/21 Dr. Darian
LAY READER: 8:45 AM 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 11/13 Hillary & Steven White
11/20 Allison & Colby Brister
ACOLYTES: 11/13 Jimmy Anderson
11/20 Jimmy Anderson

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

At Home

Jean Sarsgard Robert Darsey Bill Maclean
Montez Ganss Kay Powell Ann Miller
Ann Ross

DUGAN Waverly Care

Jennie Cantrell Bobbie Tumlinson
Deb McGaughey Mary Anne Weems

TRACEWAY

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace
Betty Sue Shumpert

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 13, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 AM
Isaiah 65:17-22
"Glimpsing the Kingdom"
ANTHEM
"How Great Thou Art"**

ONLINE GIV ING 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 You Tube.

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 No vember 8, 2022
*West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED***

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133
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Stacy Hays, Family Ministries, 494-2198
Kaeley Tackett & Ray Purnell, Volunteer Youth Leaders
Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658
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Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent
Dr. Barbara Ann Foster, CDC Director, 494-6811

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Mark Your Calendars: Exploration Meeting

Earlier this year we shared with you at Wednesday Night Supper and in Sunday school classes about happenings in our denomination. We are pleased to follow up on those conversations by hearing from two wonderful leaders in our Annual Conference to First UMC.

On Thursday, December 1, at 7PM, we will welcome our district superintendent, Rev. Paulette Buford-James, and Conference Treasurer David Stotts to FUMC West Point for an exploration meeting in the fellowship hall. It is open to all members of the church. The purpose of this meeting is for Rev. James and Mr. Stotts to share information about what is happening in our denomination, particularly in the area of disaffiliation.

There is a lot of information circulating about the disaffiliation process, and our hope is that this meeting will be fact-finding session that clarifies and answers questions.

Two weeks prior to the meeting, we will include an insert in the newsletter with meeting guidelines. Anyone who plans to attend must comply with these guidelines, and we ask that you read them carefully when they arrive.

We give thanks for this opportunity to gather with these trusted leaders and one another in the first week of Advent—a week representing hope, and how wonderful a hope we have in Christ Jesus our Lord.

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

Newly Appointed Bishop - Last week, the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church announced that the new bishop of the Mississippi annual conference will be Reverend Sharma Lewis. Bishop Lewis currently serves as the bishop of the Virginia Annual Conference. Please be in prayer for our new episcopal leader during this time of transition. We will be sharing more information with you as she prepares to move to Mississippi.

2023 Offering Envelopes are in. Please pick them up on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Nov. 7 - Nov. 20 - Rhonda Stafford & Diane Haas
Nov. 21 - Dec. 6 - Bob & Nita Wyman

Wednesday Night Supper – Wednesday Night Supper is scheduled for November 16th at 5:30 and will be hosted by The Seekers Class and the Youth. Costs will be \$7.00 for ages 13 and up; \$4.00 for ages 3 to 12 and no charge for under age 2. Maximum is \$30 per family. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com/e/457073006667 or call the church office at 662-494-1658. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 13.**

Christ At Home – The December Christ At Home meal will be **December 7th** instead of December 14th. We need 9X13 pans of dressing, 9X13 vegetable casseroles (or vegetables), and desserts. Please contact Stacy if you can help.

Small Meals for Shut-Ins – Each year during the December Christ At Home delivery, we provide our church shut-ins with individual size casseroles, soups, desserts, etc. We will be doing that again this year. Contact Stacy if you would like to drop off frozen items any time before **December 7th** to be placed in the freezer or you can deliver your meals that morning by 9 a.m.

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 will wrap on Monday, December 12 at 9 a.m. You may also take gifts and wrap if that is more convenient. Gifts will be delivered on Wednesday, December 21 beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Stacy for more information.

Christmas Poinsettias - United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) will be selling poinsettias again this year to raise funds for their mission projects. The cost this year will again

be \$20.00. Please remember and honor friends and loved ones by purchasing these plants.

The honorees' names will be listed in a booklet which will be distributed on December 11th. Forty poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. People who would like to pick their plants up early may do so on Saturday, December 10th, in the Fellowship Hall. The remaining poinsettias may be collected after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24.

Beautiful Feet – We have trip scheduled to Beautiful Feet in Fort Worth, Texas, February 2-5. Please let Stacy know if you are interested in attending or need more information. The mission of Beautiful Feet Ministries is to share the love of Christ by reaching out to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poor and homeless in the Fort Worth area.



MUSIC NOTES

Dear FUMC Family,

Words cannot begin to express my sincere appreciation for allowing me to use my talents and play the piano at FUMC of West Point over the last three and a half years. Even before I became the accompanist, every visit to your wonderful church proved to be such a blessing, and I knew that God was doing something special in and through your church. When the accompanist position became available, I could not turn down the opportunity to be a part, albeit a small part, of what I saw was a valuable ministry to the West Point community through music. Ever since I became the accompanist, I was welcomed and shown so much love from each and every one of you, and I will be forever grateful for the relationships and friendships I developed over the past few years. While we endured the COVID-19 pandemic through a significant portion of my time with you, through leadership, vision, and some adaptation, FUMC of West Point now has an even more substantial reach beyond the West Point community. Even though I might not be physically present every Sunday, I know I can continue to worship with you via social media. Besides, how else am I going to keep Polly in check?

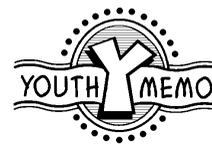
I would be remiss if I leave my tenure with you without

specifically thanking the Chancel Choir for their steadfast commitment to leading worship each and every Sunday. While many church choirs continue to dwindle, their weekly commitment to glorify God through song is admirable, and should not go unnoticed or without admiration. I also want to thank Polly Grimes, who was not only able to put up with my sometimes rigorous music selections, but also my invariably sardonic quips and demanding work schedule. To Rachel Wood, thank you for providing steadfast leadership over the music program, and to Dr. Duckworth, thank you for your unwavering support of the music ministry (including some very long preludes and offertories). While I cannot mention each and every one of you by name, and I would if there was space in the newsletter, thank you for opportunity to do what I love; thank you for the love and support during my hip surgeries and recovery last year; and thank you for being the kind of church that shines a light in what can often seem like a dark world. I hope and pray that FUMC of West Point continues to be open and accepting to anyone and everyone who needs a church family--just as you were to me.

Sincerely, Jace Ferraez



Upcoming events:
March of Angels - Sunday,
December 11th.



The Youth will meet on
Wednesday, November 9th at
5:30 PM. **Supper will be
served in the Fellowship
Hall at 5:30**, then youth will
go to the Bryan Youth Center for UMYF.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have collected 70 pledge cards for the
Operating budget for a total of \$362,212.00 and 41

pledge cards for the Building fund for a total of \$50,200.00. If you would still like to make a pledge for 2023, you may mail your pledge card to P.O. Box 293, email your pledge to jcgray@fumcwestpoint.com or call your pledge into the church office at 662-494-1658.

LET US PRAY...

For our Members:

Ann Miller
Dixie Dukeminier
Annabelle Stubbs
Ann Ross

For our Constituents:

Deb McGaughey
Samantha Laird
Bill Messier

For our Family and Friends:

Owen Lusk (father of Diane Haas)
Carlene Brister (mother of Freddie Brister)
Randy Michael (father of Ashleigh Flurry)
Lorene Bruff (mother of Judy Sanders)
George Bryan (father of Laura Williams and Wilkes Bryan)
Mary Margaret Case
Donna Serio (sister of Debbie Bond)
Lynda Bell (mother of Hillary Haas)
Butch Fowler (brother of Kenny Fowler, Debbie Hinshaw and Becky Brabham)
Tom Briggs (nephew of Alice Hughes)
Steve Roberson
Susie Purnell Randall
Nancy Wilson (sister of Linda Drake)
Mary Clair Ford
Mary Wood Ruddock (mother of Linda Drake)
Shannon Greenan

For our Nation and World:

Water Crisis in Jackson, MS
War in Ukraine
Mass shootings in our country

Unless told otherwise, we will leave these names on the prayer list for two months. Please update us on anyone you have added to the list.