

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022

2022 budget \$ 516,660.80
Received November 13, 2022 Budget 5,469.00
Received to date, Budget 505,112.00
Received November 13, 2022 Bldg. 505.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 44,480.00

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Sunday School.....63
8:45 Worship Service.....20
Worship Service.....87
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....
Total Worship.....

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar
COFFEE & JUICE: Seekers Class **CDC CHAPEL:** 11/21Dr. Darian 11/28 Rachel Wood
LAY READER: 8:45 AM 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 11/20 Allison & Colby Brister
11/27

ACOLYTES: 11/20 Jimmy Anderson
11/27 John Marlin Stewart

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

At Home
Jean Sarsgard Robert Darsey Ann Miller
Montez Ganss Kay Powell Ann Ross

DUGAN **Waverly Care** **TRACEWAY**
Jennie Cantrell Bobbie Tumlinson Evelyn O’Hara Wallace
Deb McGaughey Mary Anne Weems Betty Sue Shumpert

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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 15, 2022*
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133
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Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658
Polly Grimes, Organist
Dr. Garrett Torbert, Pianist
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent
Dr. Barbara Ann Foster, CDC Director, 494-6811

**Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, November 20, 2022
8:45 & 11:00 AM
Jeremiah 23:1-6
“Seeing the Shepherd”
ANTHEM
“I Will Give Thanks”**



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

No vember 15, 2022

What’s Bringing Us Joy

It’s been a couple of months since I shared what I’ve been reading, watching, or listening to that has brought me joy over the past month. The hope is that in sharing what has lifted my spirit, you will take time to ask God what has lifted your spirit as well.

The Great British Bake Off (TV Show): When my family visited in October, every night my niece, sister, brother in law, and I watched an episode from the newest season of this pastry-filled competition. New episodes release on Fridays, so we were all caught up by the time Friday arrived! One thing that I like about this show, other than how delicious and beautiful the foods look, is that the bakers seem to form great friendships in the midst of “competing” against each other. Yes, it’s a reality show, but it was a lovely and light world for my family to enjoy together. Don’t watch if you’re hungry!

The Great Passion by James Runcie (book): I all-caps LOVED this piece of historical fiction by the same author who created the Granchester series. It is the story of a teenage boy whose choral teacher was J.S. Bach during the season that the famous musician composed his masterpiece about the passion of Jesus. It has some of the best insights on grief I’ve read in recent years. It’s a heavy read but so imaginative.

Too Blessed to Be Stressed by Paul Thorn: Singer-songwriter Paul Thorn from Tupelo released this album over eight years ago, but I’ve been re-enjoying it with its upbeat melodies and humorous lyrics. Be advised of some adult language in a few songs. Thorn grew up in a very religious household, and I am intrigued to hear singer-songwriters wrestle with what they believe in their songs.

What is bring you joy in this season? I’d love to hear from you!
all good things to each of you,
Dr Darian

AND THE LORD ADDED... We congratulate Allie and Jud Judkins on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Frances who was born on Monday, November 7. Welcoming Amelia Frances home is big sister, Libby.

Sympathy... We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Kenneth Joe Jolly who passed away on Monday, November 7. Services were held on Friday, November 11,

We will not have a newsletter the week of November 21st. Happy Thanksgiving!

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What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Nov. 7 - Nov. 20 - Rhonda Stafford & Diane Haas

Nov. 21 - Dec. 6 - Bob & Nita Wyman

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.

Beautiful Feet – We have a trip scheduled to Beautiful Feet in Fort Worth, Texas, February 2-5. Please let Stacy know if you are interested in going.

Extra Table Turkeys – You can sponsor a turkey for a family in need this Thanksgiving through the Extra Table Tackle Hunger Holiday campaign. Sponsorships are needed for 70 turkeys that will be delivered to the Clay County Food Pantry this week. A \$15 donation will sponsor one turkey. You may Venmo @extratable or make a donation on the website tacklehungertogether.com.

The Dwelling Place – The Dwelling Place in Brooksville, Ms will hold an open house

Saturday, December 3 from 2-5 p.m. Stop by to enjoy good food, fellowship and music.

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.



MUSIC NOTES

We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Garrett Torbert as our new pianist! Teacher, singer, director and

collaborative pianist, Garrett Torbert serves as the accompanist for the Columbus Choral Society. He also serves on the faculty at Mississippi State University as an Instructor of Voice. Among his teaching experience, he is an active performer in opera, oratorio, and recital. He recently sang the role of Prince Orlofsky in Die Federmaus and selections from Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea* with the UA Opera Theatre. He made his professional opera debut with the Mobile opera in Carlisle Floyd's *Susannah* and additional roles with Mobile opera include Trin in *La Fanciulla del West* and Yakuside in *Madama Butterfly*. Other roles include Colonel Johnson in the world premiere of Amir Zaheri's *Freedom and Fire! A Civil War Story*, Fenton in *Die Lustigen Weiber von Windsor*, and Kaspar in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. He has been a featured soloist with both the Kansas City Symphony and the Tuscaloosa Symphony in the Mozart *Requiem* and Handel's *Messiah*. In addition, in June 2021 he formed the Golden Triangle Theatre, a new theatre company in Columbus,

Mississippi that provides opportunities in the theatre and the performing arts for people of all ages. We are so pleased to have him with us. Welcome Dr Torbert!



Caring All Kids! Hey everyone! I am so excited to transition into my new role as Director of Children's Ministries! In case you haven't noticed, we have some pretty spectacular children in our church. I already have some exciting things in mind that I will be sharing with you all soon! I am easily reachable by email at jessisugg@gmail.com or text. My cell number is 901-833-3346. Be sure to go ahead and mark your calendar for December 11, which will be the March of Angels. There will be more details to come. I look forward to the many ways God will continue to use our children to shine His light!



Youth Bake Sale – The Youth will hold a bake sale this Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by to stock up on cakes, desserts, casseroles and even flower arrangements by Laura Williams.

The Youth will meet on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 PM. **The will eat at the Wednesday Night Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30**, then youth will go to the Bryan Youth Center for UMYF.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have collected 76 pledge cards for the Operating budget for a total of \$394,972 and 42 pledge cards for the Building fund for a total of

\$51,400.00. 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 icgray@fumcwestpoint.com or call your pledge into the church office at 662-494-1658.

LET US PRAY...

For our Members:

Ann Miller
Ann Ross

For our Constituents:

Deb McGaughey
Samantha Laird
Bill Messier
Coy Burgess

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
Christopher Cutcliffe (grandson of Charlotte & Bill Messier)
Prentiss McGibbon
Richard Garley (father of Laurann Garley)

Family of Mr. Kenneth Joe Jolly

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.