

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022**

2022 budget \$ 516,660.80  
Received December 4, 2022 Budget 16,256.00  
Received to date, Budget 539,626.56  
Received December 4, 2022 Bldg. 1,350.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 46,705.00

**ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 4, 2022**

Sunday School.....86  
8:45 Worship Service.....25  
Worship Service.....133  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....35  
Total Worship.....193

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**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill      **STREAM TEAM:** Andy Gray  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** Good Shepherd Class      **CDC CHAPEL:** 12/12 Debbie Hinshaw 12/19 Dr. Darian & Rachel  
**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM      11:00 AM Ralph Weems  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 12/11 No Children's Church  
12/18 William Harrell & Youth  
**ACOLYTES:** 12/11 Jimmy Anderson  
12/18 John Marlin Stewart

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

Hubert Caston - NMMC, West Point  
Max Hinshaw - NMMC, West Point  
Elaine Jones - Baptist GT, Columbus

**At Home**

Jean Sarsgard      Robert Darsey      Ann Miller  
Montez Ganss      Kay Powell      Ann Ross  
Coy Burgess

**DUGAN      Waverly Care**

Jennie Cantrell      Bobbie Tumlinson      **TRACEWAY**  
Deb McGaughy      Mary Anne Weems      Evelyn O'Hara Wallace  
Betty Sue Shumpert

**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 You Tube.**

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*First United Methodist Church      Dated Material*  
*P. O. Box 293      De cember6, 2022*  
*West Point, MS 39773      **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED***

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133  
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198  
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries, 494-2198  
Jessi Sugg, Children's Ministries 494-2198  
Kaeley Tackett & Ray Purnell, Volunteer Youth Leaders  
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



**THE WINDOW**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

Decem ber 6, 2022

**A Full and Beauty-Filled Month**

It's the most wonderful time of the year for the Church — and one of the busiest as well. I wanted to take a moment to highlight what we've been doing, what we're doing now, and what is coming up.

Exploration Meeting Follow Up: Thank you to everyone who came to the Exploration Meeting on Dec. 1. Lots of good and helpful information was shared by Annual Conference Treasurer David Stotts and our District Superintendent, Rev. Paulette Buford-James. After Mr. Stotts' office sends us a summary of the presentation, we will compile information to share with you this week, especially for those who could not be present.

Adopt A Family: You've been reading and hearing about this important outreach for a few weeks now, and we need your help. Please check out the second page of this newsletter for more information, and let Stacy know how you can help. Psalm 72 called us yesterday to work for justice and peace for the poor, and we have an opportunity to obey the Scripture with Adopt a Family.

Third Sunday of Advent: We will have ONE worship service at 11a.m. this upcoming Sunday, December 11. Our choirs will lead us in worship, and we will live into our worship theme of offering lullabies to the infant King Jesus. Please make your plans to attend. All children are invited to participate in the March of Angels as well.

A phrase I am meditating on a lot this season is from the hymn, "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus," and it says: Joy of Every Longing Heart. What does your heart long for this season? Let us look to Jesus our Joy to satisfy each and every longing!

all good things to each of you,  
Dr. Darian

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# What's Happening at FUMC.....

## ANGELS IN APRONS

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

Dec. 7 - Dec. 20 - Melanie Sanders & Lavern Fowler

**Adopt A Family** – We still have 2 families we need someone to shop for. You may pick up an application in the church office or contact Stacy at 662-295-3186 if you would like her to select a family for you. Gifts would need to be delivered to the church office by Friday, December 9th and we will wrap the gifts on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You may wrap the gifts ahead of time and deliver to the church office by Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> if you prefer to do that. We will deliver the gifts on Wednesday, December 21st beginning at 9 a.m. Please contact Stacy if you can deliver and/or wrap. If you would like to make a contribution, please designate AAF on your check.

**Prayer Service** – Our monthly prayer service will be held Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Christmas Worship Schedule** – Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> by candlelight, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. One service at 11 a.m. Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. No Sunday School on Christmas Day. One service Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. No Sunday School that morning.

**Beautiful Feet** – We have a trip scheduled to Beautiful Feet in Forth Worth, TX February 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact if you are interested in going. 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 Fort Worth.



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope that you enjoyed the music this past Sunday! I want to say a big thank you to Dr. Garrett Torbert, Lauren

Boozer and Dr. Joe Ortiguera for sharing their amazing talents with us. I hope that their music filled you with peace. This coming Sunday, our Music Ministry will lead you in worship with lots of familiar Christmas Carols and Scripture. It's going to be a beautiful service! Thank you to the Chancel Choir for all their hard work and sacrifice in preparing this music for worship. We will see you all there!

Rachel



**MARCH OF ANGELS-** Sunday, December 11 at 11:00. Please have your child bring an unwrapped toy to place under the tree. The children should be in the fellowship hall by 10:50 to put

their wings on.

**COOKIES AND CAROLING-** Wednesday, December 14. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 3:30 to get in our groups. After caroling we will return to the church for pizza and cookies! Thank you to the children and youth for hosting this event! We hope to see many of you join us!



The Youth will meet on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. **They will eat supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30**, then youth will go to the Bryan Youth Center for UMYF.

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, the Youth will offer a Parent's Day off. More details to come.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have collected 79 pledge cards for the Operating budget for a total of \$406,572 and 43 pledge cards for the Building fund for a total of \$52,400.00. 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 [jcgray@fumcwestpoint.com](mailto:jcgray@fumcwestpoint.com) or call your pledge into the church office at 662-494-1658.



## CDC NEWS...

The CDC Board would like to announce Dr. Barbara Ann Foster has tendered her resignation and is planning to retire at the end of December 2022. We are grateful for Dr. Foster's service at our Center. We will have a reception for Dr. Foster on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 PM in the CDC. We hope you will stop by to wish Dr. Foster well.

## LET US PRAY...

### For our Members:

Ann Miller  
Ann Ross  
Nita Wyman  
Hubert Caston  
Max Hinshaw  
Ben Rosenkrans  
Lynne Posey  
Elaine Jones

### 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)  
Susie Purnell Randall  
Nancy Wilson (sister of Linda Drake)  
Mary Clair Ford  
Shannon Greenan  
Christopher Cutcliffe (grandson of Charlotte & Bill Messier)

Prentiss McGibbon

Richard Garley (father of Laurann Garley)

Dr. Bill Billington

Frank Alford

### 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.\**