

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022

2022 budget \$ 516,660.80
Received December 11, 2022 Budget 10,319.00
Received to date, Budget 549,945.56
Received December 11, 2022 Bldg. 1,265.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 47,970.00

ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 11, 2022

Sunday School.....46
8:45 Worship Service.....NA
Worship Service.....197
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....83
Total Worship.....280

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell **STREAM TEAM:** Andy Gray
COFFEE & JUICE: Good Shepherd Class **CDC CHAPEL:** 12/19 Dr. Darian & Rachel
LAY READER: 8:45 AM 11:00 AM Ralph Weems
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 12/18 William Harrell & Youth
12/25 No Children’s Church
ACOLYTES: 12/18 John Marlin Stewart
12/25 John Marlin Stewart

Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital
Hubert Caston - NMMC, West Point
Max Hinshaw - NMMC, West Point

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

DUGAN **WAVERLY CARE** **TRACEWAY** **WINDSOR**
Jennie Cantrell Bobbie Tumlinson Evelyn O’Hara Wallace Elaine Jones
Deb McGaughey Mary Anne Weems Betty Sue Shumpert

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 *December 13, 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

4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 2022
11:00 AM

“Lullabies for a King: A Father’s Calm”

SPECIAL MUSIC
Gary Echols



THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

December 13, 2022

A Heart Holding Love’s Weight

This is a shorter version of a weekly musing on my website, darianduckworth.com

“What heart could hold the weight of your love?”

This is the first line of a song titled, “Holy,” by Matt Redman, and when I hear it, all I can see is that baby named Jesus, even though it’s not technically an Advent or Christmas song. Think about how small a baby’s heart is. Intricate and miraculous like all hearts, yes, but still so small. This tiny heart came into the world to bear the weight of his Father’s love for us. What a heavy load for one so light to carry. Yet His heart was created for this very purpose.

A couple of weeks before Advent began this year, I was climbing into the passenger seat of a car and noticed a distinct red dot on the floorboard. I got closer to discover it was a tiny piece of wood painted red—and shaped into a heart. It is such a little thing; and yet it isn’t little. For in the grander story of Advent, the little wooden heart on the floor calls us back to the little heart of an infant, simply beating and pumping and growing as he becomes a man. His heart will break for the world’s sin and bleed for our healing and eventually stop so that death might be defeated.

But for this season—for this glorious, joyful, and deeply mysterious season, we remember what great things God does with what seems so small by the world’s standards.

Will you pause to sing, “Holy,” over the infant-king?

Will you receive the weight of love his heart brings to you today?

all good things to each of you,
Dr Darian

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What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

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

Dec. 21 - Jan. 3 - Cynthia Lyon & Holly Hitt

FLOWER CALENDAR - We have February 19th open in 2023 on the flower calendar. If you would like to place flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office.

Adopt A Family We will deliver the gifts on Wednesday, December 21st beginning at 9 a.m. Please contact Stacy if you can help deliver. If you would like to make a contribution, please designate AAF on your check. If you shopped and wrapped your own gifts, please have them to the church by Monday, December 19th. Make sure your gifts are in a bag with the application number on the outside.

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

Beautiful Feet – We have a trip scheduled to Beautiful Feet in Forth Worth, TX February 2nd-5th. 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.

Blessing Box – we are in need of canned items for the Blessing Box. You may leave your items in the grocery cart outside the Fellowship hall



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!
I just want to say thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Musical Celebration of the

Christ Child this past Sunday. I thought you all sang beautifully! Thank you to Polly and Garrett for always providing such beautiful music for us. Thank you to Jessi Sugg for her wonderful work with the Children's Choir. And thank you to Collier Sugg who made everybody cry with his beautiful solo. I am so thankful for everyone who participates in our music ministry. I can promise you that they work very hard. We are so blessed with so many gifts at our Church. If you are thinking about joining the choir, the New Year is a great time to come check us out! We would be happy to have you!

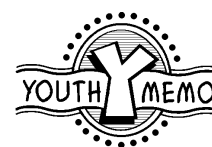
Rachel



Thank you all to everyone who participated in the March of Angels this past Sunday! As always, the children were absolutely precious and brought so much joy to such a special service.

Now onto our next event! **Cookies and Caroling**, this Wednesday, December 14. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 3:30 to get in our groups. If you are unable to be there by 3:30, but want to join us later we would love for you to meet us at one of our stops! We will be visiting Dugan at 4:00, Waverly Care at 4:30, and Henry Clay at 5:00. I will also have a list available for homes to visit. If your child plays the piano or another musical instrument, they are more than welcome to share their talents! We will have pizza and cookies in the fellowship hall when we are finished. Please text me if you have any questions at 901-833-3346. I look forward to seeing all of you Wednesday!

Jessi



The Youth will meet at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, December 14th to help with Cookies and Caroling.

Sunday, December 18th, the Youth will offer a Parent's Day out from 12 - 4 PM to let parents get last minute shopping done.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be on Sunday, December 18th.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have collected 81 pledge cards for the Operating budget for a total of \$412,272.00 and 44 pledge cards for the Building fund for a total of \$52,900.00. 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.



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 14th 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	Ralph Weems
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 McKibbin
Richard Garley (father of Laurann Garley)
Dr. Bill Billington
Frank Alford
Becky Angle

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.