

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022

2022 budget \$ 516,660.80
Received December 18, 2022 Budget 22,717.00
Received to date, Budget 570,412.56
Received December 18, 2022 Bldg. 2,675.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 50,645.00

ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday School.....39
8:45 Worship Service.....28
Worship Service.....108
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....46
Total Worship.....182

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **STREAM TEAM:** Andy Gray

COFFEE & JUICE: Good Shepherd Class **CDC CHAPEL:**

LAY READER: 8:45 AM 11:00 AM Ralph Weems

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 12/25 No Children's Church
01/01 No Children's Church

ACOLYTES: 12/25 John Marlin Stewart

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home

Jean Sarsgard Robert Darsey Ann Miller
Montez Ganss Kay Powell Ann Ross
Coy Burgess Max Hinshaw
DUGAN WAVERLY CARE TRACEWAY WINDSOR
Jennie Cantrell Bobbie Tumlinson Evelyn O'Hara Wallace Elaine Jones
Deb McGaughey Mary Anne Weems Betty Sue Shumpert
Hubert Caston

CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, December 25, 2022
11:00 AM

Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:12-14

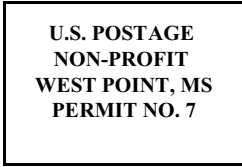
“God Himself Dwells With Us”

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.

First United Methodist Church Dated Material
P. O. Box 293 December 20, 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

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

December 20, 2022

What Brought Us Joy in 2022

It's hard to believe that 2022 is coming to a close. Next week we will not have a newsletter, so I wanted to take a moment to share some of the things that have brought me joy. I hope as you enter the Christmas season and prepare for a new year that you'll take some time to reflect on this year.

Where did you experience joy?
When did you experience grief?
How did God reveal himself to you in those moments?

Lucy By the Sea by Elizabeth Strout (book): I love Strout's novels, and this one was especially poignant because it was set at the beginning of the covid-19 pandemic. There was such a balance of joy and grief as friendships formed and deepened in the story, against a backdrop of loss.

Abbott Elementary (TV show): Told in the mockumentary style of shows like *The Office* and *Parks & Recreation*, this delightful show that airs on ABC follows the happenings of an elementary school in Pennsylvania. It doesn't shy away from the troubles of funding and resources but also carries an optimism you can't resist in the lead character of Janine. I look forward to it every week.

Blood Oranges in the Snow by Over the Rhine (music): Released in 2014, this is the album I listen to the last few weeks of every year. It is more than a Christmas album, even though Christmas is a central character. The last track, "New Year's Song," which includes, "Auld Lang Syne," is perfect for the dawn of a new year.

all good things to each of you,
Dr Darian

FUMC Staff Announcement: The Staff Parish Committee is happy to share the hiring of Melanie Sanders as office manager. Melanie will begin on January 1, 2023. Julie Gray will transition to the role of financial secretary on the same date. As a reminder, the church office is open Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM, and Friday 8AM-12PM. Please congratulate Melanie and Julie on these new roles!

Holidays - The church office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 for Christmas. The church office will also be closed on Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2, 2023 for New Years. We will not have a newsletter the weeks on December 26 or January 2nd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your FUMC Staff.

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Donnie Hammack who passed away on Friday, December 16.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Dec. 19- Jan. 1 - 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 Thanks to everyone who shopped, wrapped and delivered for our Adopt A Family Ministry. We adopted 19 families this year. Special thanks to Bob Seitz and Stacy Weems for chairing this program.

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 hope that you have a very wonderful and blessed Christmas this year.

Remember to give praise to God for his gifts of love, joy, peace, and hope. Make it extra special by singing your favorite Christmas Carols with your whole family. May you be blessed and full of joy!

Rachel

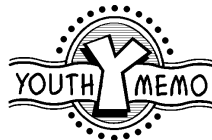


Caroling All Kids! Thank you to all who joined us for Cookies and Caroling! We had a blast and were able to spread so much joy and Christmas cheer to the residents of Dugan, Waverly Care, and

The Henry Clay. We enjoyed singing, passing out ornaments that the children had made, and Jimmy and Everett Anderson shared their musical talents with us by playing the piano and violin. They were wonderful! I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

With joy,

Jessi



The Youth will not meet the weeks on December 19th or 26th.



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.

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 McKibbon
Richard Garley (father of Laurann Garley)
Dr. Bill Billington
Frank Alford
Becky Angle

Family of Donnie Hammack

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.