

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Jan. 2-15** Debbie Hinshaw & Carolyn Burgess

**Jan. 16-29** Anna Dill & Mary Carr Ecklund

**Wednesday Night Supper** – Our Family Night Supper will be held Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 p.m. The menu is chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad and dessert. You may sign up at Eventbrite or by calling the church office. Cost will be \$7 for ages 13 and up. \$4 for ages 3-12 and no charge for 2 and under. Maximum \$30 per family. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 15. Hosted by the Men's Bible Class.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wednesday-night-supper-tickets-494213234087>

**Beautiful Feet** – Our trip to Beautiful Feet has been cancelled

**Blessing Box** – Canned goods still needed for the Blessing Box as well as toothpaste. Thanks for your support of this important ministry! Items may be placed in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Angels in Aprons** – The Angels in Aprons committee list will go out this week. This committee provides a meal for church members who have come home after a stay in the hospital. Jessi Sugg and Diane Haas are the chairpersons this year. We want to thank Debbie Hinshaw who has co-chaired over the last few years and done an outstanding job.

**Grief Committee Volunteers Needed** – We also want to thank Ethlyn Mortimer and Stacy Weems who have been chairing the Grief Committee. Job well done! Our new co-chairs are Janet Jameson and Lona Rosetti. This committee provides meals for family members who have lost a loved one. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let Stacy know. We need hosts/hostesses, people to help clean up, as well as individuals to provide salads, vegetables, and desserts.

**Yoga** – Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Bunco** will resume on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ruth Weems Circle** The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, January 16th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Nita Wyman, Wilma Hinshaw and Judy Shirley. We will begin our new book *Women of the Bible*.

## MUSIC NOTES



Hello Church Family! How was your Christmas season? I hope it was filled with blessings. My favorite part of Christmas was definitely getting to spend some extra time with my family. Jesus felt like his apostles and disciples were family and said so on many occasions. He called them all his "brothers and sisters". I'm really humbled when I think of Jesus calling me sister. Speaking of families, our choir is one big family! We love each other as sisters and brothers and we would love to add to our rank. The New Year is always a time when we decide to do things that benefit us or others, like exercising or volunteering more. I've got the perfect opportunity for you if you want to volunteer and the best part is that it won't feel like work! God will bless you in so many ways for giving back part of your talent to him. Our rehearsals are at 6:30 in the choral room on the 3rd floor. We would love to see you there!



**FUMC Youth** will be attending the Strength to Stand Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN on January 14-16th. Please be in prayer for this wonderful group of young people as they draw closer to God at this conference. Please pick up a sheet at the back of the sanctuary to pray specifically for one of our youth members.



I am so excited about launching "Bible Buddies" this year! Each youth will be paired with a child and will serve as a mentor as they build their relationship with Jesus together. The youth buddy will serve as a positive role model for the child to watch and look up to in our church. We will have many opportunities for them to fellowship together in a group, however they will be encouraged to share one on one time as well. Our first outing together will be January 22 at 3:00 pm in Columbus at Event Zona Bowl. Make sure you are signed up on Eventbrite so that I reserve enough lanes. I can't wait to see all the ways God will use these buddies for His greater purpose!

**Children and Youth:** Bowling with your Buddy! Mark your calendar for the afternoon of Sunday, January 22. There will be more details to come!

Jessi



## Running the RACE

2 Timothy 4:7

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have collected 81 pledge cards for the Operating budget for a total of \$412,072.00 and 43 pledge cards for the Building fund for a total of \$51,800.00. 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.

The 2023 Operating and Building Fund Budgets are enclosed with the newsletter for your review.

## LET US PRAY...

### For our Members:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Ann Miller     | Ann Ross    |
| Nita Wyman     | Max Hinshaw |
| Ben Rosenkrans | Ralph Weems |
| Lynne Posey    | Fox Haas    |
| Elaine Jones   |             |

### For our Constituents:

Deb McGaughey  
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)  
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 Harrell)  
Dr. Bill Billington  
Frank Alford  
Becky Angle  
Bryan Hughes  
Family of Hubert Caston  
Family of Donnie Hammack  
Family of George Bryan

### For our Nation and World:

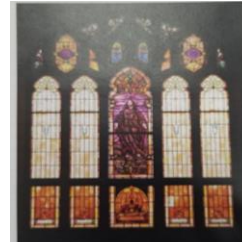
Water Crisis in Jackson, MS, War in Ukraine, Mass shootings in our country  
\*Unless told otherwise, we will leave these names on the prayer list for two months. Please update us on anyone you have added to the list. \*<http://www.fumcwestpoint.com>

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023**

2023 budget \$610,027.33  
Received January 8, 2023 Budget \$14,147.00  
Received to date, Budget \$29,292.72  
Received January 8, 2023 Bldg. \$1,425.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$2,430.00

**ATTENDANCE JANUARY 8, 2023**

Sunday School.....92  
8:45 Worship Service.....33  
11:00 Worship Service.....97  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....60  
Total Worship.....282



**THE WINDOW**  
of  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
West Point, Mississippi

January 10, 2023

**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** Men’s Bible Class

**STREAM TEAM:** Art Shirley  
**CDC CHAPEL:** 1/16 Debbie Hinshaw  
1/23 Elizabeth Bailey

**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** 1/15 Allison & Colby Brister  
1/22 Jessi & Greg Sugg

11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey

**ACOLYTES:** 1/15 John Marlin Stewart  
1/22 John Marlin Stewart

**2nd Sunday of Epiphany  
Sunday, January 10, 2023  
8: 45 AM & 11:00 AM  
John 1:35-42  
“What Are You Looking For?”  
Anthem  
“Bow the Knee”**

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

**AT HOME**  
Jean Sargard Robert Darsey  
Montez Ganss Kay Powell  
Coy Burgess Max Hinshaw

Ann Miller  
Ann Ross

**DUGAN** **WAVERLY CARE** **TRACEWAY** **WINDSOR**  
Jennie Cantrell Bobbie Tumlinson Evelyn O’Hara Wallace Elaine Jones  
Deb McGaughey Mary Ann Weems 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.**

**First United Methodist Church** **Dated Material**  
**P. O. Box 293** **January 10, 2023**  
**West Point, MS 39773** **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133  
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Melanie Sanders, Office Manager, 494-1658  
Polly Grimes, Organist  
Dr. Garrett Torbert, Pianist  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

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**The Eyes of Jesus: An Epiphany Worship Series  
Jan. 15 - Feb. 19, 2023**

2023 has dawned, and we have entered a new season on the church calendar. The season after Epiphany is a time where we bask in the light of Jesus, a time of spiritual growth as we stand between the wonder of Bethlehem’s star and the love of the cross.

Last November, we began talking about the topic of vision, and this month we will pick up on that theme. If we are to seek God’s vision for our lives and for our Church, we sometimes inadvertently skip an important step by offering a vital prayer:

*Jesus, help me to see through your eyes.*

If we are to seek Jesus’ vision, we have to pray that he would help us to see through his eyes. When I was a teenager, there was a contemporary Christian song titled, “Through His Eyes,” whose lyrics have held a place in my memory.

*If we could see through his eyes, then we could dare to love the way God loves.  
If we could see through his eyes, then we would understand the way God understands.  
For his eyes see through the surface right down to our needs,  
Far beyond where we are to where we can be  
If we can only see through his eyes.*

This is my heart’s prayer for us as we search God’s Word together in the weeks ahead. I look forward to the ways God will show us His vision for His church, and it begins with us praying earnestly. Will you join me in this prayer for the new year?

all good things to each of you,  
Dr. Darian

**New Baby:** We congratulate Jack and JoAnna Jameson on the birth of their daughter, Alice Anne, December 28, 2022. Welcoming home Alice is big sister, Rose. Proud grandparents are Sonny and Janet Jameson and great grandmother is Ann Jameson.

**Sympathy:** We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Hubert Caston who passed away on December 31, 2022. Services were held Thursday, January 5, 2023.

**Sympathy:** We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. George Bryan who passed away, Friday, January 6, 2023. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with the service at 2:00 p.m. at Mossy Oak Golf Club.