

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Jan. 16-29 Anna Dill & Mary Carr Ecklund

Jan. 30-Feb. 12 Debbie Bond & Ethlyn Mortimer

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>

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

Bunco will resume on Jan. 19th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Choir – will resume on Jan. 18th

Beautiful Feet – Our trip to Beautiful Feet has been cancelled

Blessing Box – Canned goods still needed for the Blessing Box as well as toothpaste. Items may be placed in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

"Souper Bowl" Canned Food Drive – Plans are underway for a canned food drive for Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. We will be accepting donations of soups and other canned goods for our Blessing Box. More details coming soon! Thanks to everyone who supports this important ministry which benefits the people of our community.

Grief Committee Volunteers Needed – We still need volunteers for our Grief Committee. This committee provides a meal for church members who have lost a loved one. If you could help host, clean up or provide a salad, vegetable, or dessert, please let Stacy know.

Christ At Home – our next Christ At Home meal will be Wednesday, February 8th. We will be serving chicken quarters with hashbrown casserole, green peas, rolls and dessert. If you are willing to provide a 9X13 hashbrown casserole or dessert please contact Stacy.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

Children's Choir will resume this week on January 18 at 5:30 PM. We usually provide a free dinner for the children but our Wednesday Night Supper will take the place of our usual meal. Be sure to sign up and bring money if you choose to eat with us this night. Rehearsal will begin at 6:00 and will conclude at 6:30. This semester, our theme is "Born to Praise You" which is based on Psalm 8:1-2. "O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. You have taught children and infants to [give you praise], silencing your enemies and all who oppose you". It's an amazing thing to think that our children were born into this world already knowing how to praise God. We could learn so much about worship from these little ones! I can't wait to worship with them again through song!

Rachel



Calling
all kids!

I am so excited for Bowling With Your Buddy this Sunday! I know it will be a wonderful time of fellowship for all. If you plan to carpool or ride the van, please be at the church ready to leave at 2:30. Otherwise, please meet us at Event Zona Bowl in Columbus at 3:00. If you wish to play arcade games, you will need to bring money for that. If you missed the sign up and want to go, please let me know as soon as possible (901-833-3346). See you Sunday!

Jessi



FUMC Youth Thank you to all who prayed for our youth and chaperones for the Strength to Stand Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN on January 14-16th.



If you receive a message from our FUMC Staff, requesting that you send money to a specific account, please disregard. Over the last few weeks, various emails have been received supposedly from the church staff either requesting money or for other specific actions. These emails are NOT originating from the church. Please do not click any links within the email for your own protection.

LET US PRAY...

For our Members:

Ann Miller	Ann Ross
Nita Wyman	Max Hinshaw
Ben Rosenkrans	Lynne Posey
Fox Haas	

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 McKibbon
Richard Garley (father of Laurann Harrell)
Dr. Bill Billington
Frank Alford
Becky Angle
Bryan Hughes
Family of George Bryan
Family of Elaine Jones
Ray Childress
Leslie Whitehead Boatner

For our Nation and World:

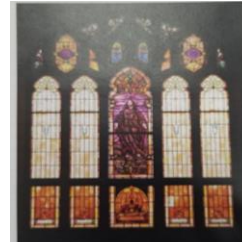
Water Crisis in Jackson, MS, War in Ukraine, Mass shootings in our country
Unless told otherwise, we will leave these names on the prayer list for two months. Please update us on anyone you have added to the list. <http://www.fumcwestpoint.com>

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget \$610,027.33
Received January 15, 2023 Budget \$6,708.00
Received to date, Budget \$35,640.72
Received January 15, 2023 Bldg. \$135.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$2,565.00

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 15, 2023

Sunday School.....65
8:45 Worship Service.....29
11:00 Worship Service.....81
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....65
Total Worship.....240



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

January 18, 2023

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
COFFEE & JUICE: Men’s Bible Class

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley
CDC CHAPEL: 1/23 Elizabeth Bailey
1/30 Linda Drake

LAY READER: 8:45 AM
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 1/22 Jessi & Greg Sugg
1/29 Abby & Jeff Hairston

ACOLYTES: 1/22 John Marlin Stewart & Treston Holcomb
1/29 John Marlin Stewart

11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey

**3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday, January 22, 2023
8: 45 AM & 11:00 AM
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
“Division is Divided Vision”
Anthem
“They’ll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love”**

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**
Elaine Jones

AT HOME
Jean Sargard 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
Deb McGaughy Mary Ann Weems Betty Sue Shumpert
Montez Ganss

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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P. O. Box 293 January 10, 2023
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Dr. Garrett Torbert, Pianist
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

Growing and Building Trust in 2023

Four years ago, when I embarked on my doctoral research project, ten church members volunteered to participate in a Bible study and information sessions around the topics of grief, hospice, and end-of-life care. We studied the story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, and we heard from hospice employees about what is expected at the end of life. At the beginning and end of the study, the group answered questions about what helped them the most.

Two outcomes intrigued me. One was that the sharing of direct information about hospice put many more at ease by dispelling misconceptions. Another was that the group felt they had bonded and built trust with one another because of the time spent together.

As we begin to unearth God’s vision for us as a congregation this year, I remembered these two insights from the study and realized how they apply to us as a church. In order for us to grow, we have to build trust with one another. To build trust, we have to get to know one another, spend time with one another, pray together, and study God’s Word. This is a priority for us as we explore God’s vision for us moving forward.

Last December, our Annual Conference treasurer, David Stotts, shared a lot of information with us about happenings in our denomination and the disaffiliation process at an Exploration meeting. Minutes from that meeting are available in the church office if you’d like a copy. If you couldn’t attend, I encourage you to talk to folks who did. More about this information will be shared and discussed as we move through this year.

We are working on some times of prayer, Bible study, and discussion that we’ll be sharing more with you in the week ahead. Please be sure that you are worshipping each Sunday as we listen for God’s unfolding vision. I’ll share more information in next week’s newsletter, in the worship services, and at Wednesday Night Supper. What a great year we have in store of growing closer to God and building trust with one another!

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

Sympathy: We extend sympathy to the family of Ms. Elaine Jones who passed away on Monday, January 16, 2023. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.