

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Jan. 16-29 Anna Dill & Mary Carr Ecklund

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

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

Children's Choir – will meet on Jan. 23rd

Blessing Box – Canned goods still needed for the Blessing Box as well as toothpaste, tooth brushes, wash cloths, deodorant and shaving cream. Items may be placed in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

“Super 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.

Pastor Visitation Schedule – If you would like to be added to the monthly visit rotation either with a home visit or a phone call, please contact the church office to determine a convenient time. 662-494-1658 or

fumc@fumcwestpoint.com



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

The Children's Choir, Jessi, and I had a wonderful time this past Wednesday talking about how we were born to Praise God. Thank you to all the children who came and had such a great attitude about learning how to sing for Jesus! We hope you will all continue to attend rehearsals.

The Chancel Choir and I are learning a new hymn by Keith and Kristyn Getty called “May the Peoples Praise You”. Before ascending into Heaven, Jesus gave his church instructions to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Mathew 28:19-20). There are still an estimated 17,000 tribes and peoples that do not know Jesus. Our work is NOT done! “May the Peoples Praise You” is a hymn about going to every nation and making disciples of them. One of my favorite lines in the hymn is “All your blessing comes that we may praise”... How many blessings have we all been given? Some say we are the most blessed people on Earth. But that comes with responsibility. How are you using your blessings? Are you using them to Praise Jesus? Come join us in Chancel Choir if one of your blessings is the ability to sing (yes, that's you!!!!) and we will all Praise Jesus together!

Rachel



Thank you to everyone who joined us for bowling on Sunday! I can't wait for many more activities throughout the year that not only bring us closer to one another, but also closer to God. If you are not a parent of a child but are interested in volunteering or helping with our monthly activities, please let me know! There will be ample opportunities to get involved with our little ones. They are a really amazing group!

Jessi



FUMC Youth Our youth will continue meeting during Sunday School.



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)
Curtis Lewellen (father of Lona Rosetti)
Richard Garley (father of Laurann Harrell)
Christopher Cutcliffe (grandson of Charlotte & Bill Messier)
Butch Fowler (brother of Kenny Fowler, Debbie Hinshaw and Becky Brabham)
Donna Serio (sister of Debbie Bond)
Lynda Bell (mother of Hillary Haas)
Nancy Wilson (sister of Linda Drake)
Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)
Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)
Mary Clair Ford
Shannon Greenan
Prentiss McKibbin
Dr. Bill Billington
Frank Alford
Becky Angle
Bryan Hughes
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 22, 2023 Budget	\$8,246.00
Received to date, Budget	\$43,886.72
Received January 22, 2023 Bldg.	\$185.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$2,750.00

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 15, 2023

Sunday School.....	85
8:45 Worship Service.....	32
11:00 Worship Service.....	105
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	52
Total Worship.....	274

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: 1/29 Abby & Jeff Hairston
2/5 Elizabeth & Fred Zepponi

ACOLYTES:
1/29 John Marlin Stewart
2/5 Treston Holcombe

**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 Jennie Cantrell
WAVERLY CARE Bobbie Tumlinson
Deb McGaughy Mary Ann Weems
Montez Ganss

TRACEWAY
Evelyn O'Hara Wallace
Betty Sue Shumpert

WINDSOR

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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What's Brought Me Joy in January?

Every month I like to set aside a week in the newsletter to share what I've been watching, reading, or listening to. My hope is that in sharing with you what brought me joy, that you will pay attention to what brings you joy as well. This month's selection is quite diverse, and as always, keep in mind these are not for everyone!

Vengeance (movie): I love the work of B.J. Novak, who is best known for his work on *The Office*. He wrote and directed this dark comedy/satire about a party-loving podcaster who travels to west Texas to investigate a true crime mystery. The film sheds a lot of light on how we consume stories in our modern age and what it means to be truthful.

Live From the Prayer Room by Jeremy Riddle (music): On a totally different note, I listened to this worship album everyday for the first two weeks of the year, sometimes multiple times a day. The song on it that has become my primary prayer for this season is, "Jesus Have it All."

Station 11 by Emily St. John Mandel: This book was published with much acclaim in 2014, and I have tried three times to read it. Once I got past the first 60 pages on the third try, I was hooked. It is set in a post-apocalyptic world and weaves the story of survivors with a fantasy in a place called Station 11. I am still reading it now and taking my time absorbing the beautiful language.

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

NOTE: Last week I said in the newsletter that I would share at Wednesday Night Supper about upcoming opportunities, but I decided to wait instead. I am still working on those and have been assembling a small group to help with the planning. Thank you for your patience as we lean into God's good timing for our visioning as a church family!