

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Feb. 13-26** Stacy Hays & Rebecca DeSantis

**Feb. 27-Mar 12** Alice Hughes & Debbie McComie

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

**Bunco** – will meet Thursday, February 16, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall

**Ash Wednesday Service** – will be held

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**CDC Board meeting** – will be held Thursday, February 23, 2023 in the Library.

**AED Training** – We are looking for members willing to be training in life saving skills specifically using an AED. Training will be held immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service on February 26<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office to sign up for the training. 662-494-1658.

**Shrove Pancake Supper** – We will be back in person for the Shrove Pancake Supper this year February 21 from 5-7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. While we will be able to enjoy fellowship in person this year, we would like to offer the option of drive thru to-go orders for those interested. Pickup will be from 5-5:30 or 5:30-6 under the portico. You may sign up for a time to pick up at Eventbrite or by calling the church office. Links are posted on our Facebook page and we have also sent a Remind with the links. You do not have to sign up if you plan to eat in the Fellowship Hall. Just come enjoy the fun! All donations will go toward our Lenten Project – the Clay County Food Pantry.

5:00 Carry out sign up -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/500-carry-out-plate-shrove-tuesday-pancake-supper-tickets-541769145097>

5:30 Carry out sign up -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/530-carry-out-plates-shrove-tuesday-pancake-supper-tickets-541771261427>

**Family Night Suppers** – We are looking for Sunday School Classes and other church groups to host our Wednesday Night Suppers. Available dates are March 22, April 19, June 14, August 16 and a date to be determined in November. Please let Stacy know if your organization is willing to host.

**Blood Drive Chair** – We are looking for a volunteer to organize a blood drive for the church. Let Stacy know if you are interested. Thanks to Shannon Coker for chairing so many successful blood drives in the past!

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

Last week at Children's Choir, we talked about how God is our best friend! That might sound silly, but he really is. We can go to him with anything, no matter how great or small. But imagine if you had a best friend that you never talked to. You never called or texted. You never told them what was happening in your life. You never did anything together at all and your children had never even met them! Well, you probably wouldn't be best friends anymore with that person. Relationships take time and care. God is always available to us but we constantly tell him that we are too busy. We have more important things to do than to talk to Him. I encourage you to take some time every day to just sit with God. He is begging for you to spend a little time with him. And he can't wait to bless you when you do! The Children really seemed to understand all of this. They couldn't imagine not talking with God when God is just "right there" as they put it. (In fact, they told me I was standing on him at one point!) Our little ones teach us so many great lessons! Please come hear them sing on February 26 at the 11:00 Service! They will bless your soul!

Rachel

**The Ruth Weems Circle** will meet on Monday, February 20th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Polly Grimes, Roxanne Brown and Luanne Purnell. We will study Chapter 2 in our book *Women of the Bible*.

**Sandy Henley Circle** will meet this Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 AM in the 4th-6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

Calling all kids!



Thank you to everyone who came to the Father/Daughter Dance and the Mother/Son Nerf Gun Challenge this past weekend! It was an amazing time for all of the children and their parents as well. I could not have pulled either of these events off without the help of the Children's Council. Thank you so much for being my right hand and volunteering your time so graciously! I also want to extend a special thanks to Michelle Zimmerman, Joyce and Freddie Brister, Stacy Weems, and George Purnell. I appreciate everything you all contributed to make the weekend successful!

Jessi

**FUMC Youth** Our youth will continue meeting during Sunday School as well as on Wednesday nights. Wednesday Night Dinner is at 5:30 with a meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth House.

*\*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>*

## LET US PRAY...

### For our Members:

Ann Miller

Ben Rosenkrans

Fox Haas

### For our Constituents:

Bill Messier

### For our Family and Friends:

Donna Serio (sister of Debbie Bond)

Lynda Bell (mother of Hillary Haas)

Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)

Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)

Zach Bryan

Mary Clair Ford

Shannon Greenan

Prentiss McKibbin

Dr. Bill Billington

Frank Alford

Becky Angle

Bryan Hughes

Ray Childress

Leslie Whitehead Boatner

Family of Butch Fowler

Family of Richard Garley

Family of George Bryan

Ted Judson

Emily Jones

Tyler Howell

Polly Briggs (sister of Alice Hughes)

Family of Beth Stroud (Mother of David Stroud)

Curtis Lewellen (father of Lona Rosetti)

Karryl Buddington

Colby Brister

Laura Trenor Marro

Family of Gary Golson

Lynne Posey

Family of Paisley Amis

Gail Wolanek

### **For our Nation and World:**

Water Crisis in Jackson, MS, War in Ukraine,

Mass shootings in our country

Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023**

2023 budget	\$610,027.33
Received 2/12/23 Budget	\$6,785.00
Received to date, Budget	\$68,405.72
Received 2/12/23 Bldg.	\$ 640.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$6,595.00

**ATTENDANCE February 12, 2023**

Sunday School.....	103
8:45 Worship Service.....	41
11:00 Worship Service.....	121
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	53
Total Worship.....	215



# THE WINDOW

of  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

February 14, 2023

**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** J.B. Cook Class

**STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar  
**CDC CHAPEL:** 2/13 Dr. Darian Duckworth  
2/20 Debbie Hinshaw

**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 2/19 Samantha & Drew Laird  
2/26 Sara Frances & Vandy Stubbs  
**ACOLYTES:** 2/19 Treston Holcomb  
2/19

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

	<b>AT HOME</b>	
Jean Sargard	Robert Darsey	Ann Miller
Montez Ganss	Ann Ross	
Coy Burgess	Max Hinshaw	

<b>DUGAN</b>	<b>WAVERLY CARE</b>	<b>TRACEWAY</b>	<b>WINDSOR</b>
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**  
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**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  
Ray Purnell, Volunteer Youth Leader  
Julie Gray, Financial secretary, 494-1658  
Melanie Sanders, Office Manager 494-1658  
Polly Grimes, Organist  
Dr. Garrett Torbert, Pianist  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

Dated Material  
February 13, 2023  
**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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WEST POINT, MS  
PERMIT NO 7**

## Moving Forward as a Congregation

In January, the Administrative Council voted unanimously to postpone a congregational vote on disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. The Council realized that even they didn't have a deep understanding about the process, why we were in the process, or what the options are for our church. The vote to postpone will provide time for all the members of our church to study scripture, pray, and seek discernment about our way forward. Dr. Darian is leading the way now in helping us carry out these important practices together. She called together a small but diverse group of members to begin thinking about ways to accomplish these goals. Shane Alpe, Elizabeth Bailey, Freddie Brister, Pam Carson, Jack Jameson and Laura Tinsley gathered around the pastor's dining table and began the discussion. Steven White was unable to attend.

Concerns that were expressed and discussed include the importance of :

- Focusing on the why of disaffiliation as well as the how;
- Avoiding hurry in the process, but moving steadily and prayerfully;
- Learning about all options;
- Keeping communication open;
- Sharing information in a variety of ways;
- Understanding our mission and purpose as this particular congregation.

Two priorities seemed to emerge from the discussion. First, we want to inform the congregation of the reasons that have brought us to this point along with the procedures to move forward. Second, and equally important, we want to bring our vision for West Point FUMC into clear focus as we continue to carry out our mission as God's people in this place. To this end Laura Tinsley has agreed to lead the visioning goal and Freddie Brister the informational goal. The group members expressed deep faith that as God leads us, we will grow as a church in ways we never dreamed.

The committee will meet again to set dates for sharing with the congregation. Please contact any member if you have suggestions.

Elizabeth Bailey