

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

ANGELS IN APRONS

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

**Feb. 27-Mar.12** Alice Hughes

Debbie McComie

**Canned Food Drive** – We had a successful “Souper Bowl” canned food drive last weekend! Thanks to everyone who donated. The items will be used in our Blessing Box.

**Valentine's Flowers** – Many thanks to the Elizabeth Bailey Circle for providing Valentine's flowers to the widows and widowers in our church. The flowers were beautiful and appreciated.

**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.

**Methodist Purls**– Our Methodist Purls knitted caps, scarves and hand warmers that have been sent to Beautiful Feet Ministries in Fort Worth, Texas. The mission of Beautiful Feet 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. The items donated by the Methodist Purls will bless so many and we are so thankful for their talent and servant hearts.

**Hygiene Packs** – We appreciate our Confirmation Class packing hygiene packs for our Blessing Box. We are always in need of hygiene items such as travel size shampoo, soap, deodorant, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and razors. You may place your donations in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Ash Wednesday Service** – will be held Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**AED Training** – If you are interested in participating in the AED training on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service, please let us know. Lunch will be provided prior to the training. Please contact the church office (662-494-1658) or email msanders@fumcwestpoint.com to sign up.

**CDC Board Meeting** – Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM

**Painting donation** – A special thanks to Angie Jones for the beautiful painting donated to the Friendly Fellowship Class in memory of her parents, Paul and Elaine Jones. Be sure to stop by the classroom at the back of the sanctuary to see the lovely addition to the room.

**Fern sales-** Kimberley Queen and Boston Hanging Ferns will be available for order until March 27<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will benefit the Lenten – Project Homestead Food Pantry. Ferns will be available for pick up on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 AM

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

We will not have Children's Choir rehearsal on February 22 due to our Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00. Chancel Choir will meet immediately following the service. Both of our Children's Choirs will sing for you at the 11:00 Service on February 26. I'm super excited for you to hear how well our children praise our Lord! The PreK-K Choir will be singing “Best Thing, God” and our 1st-3rd Grade Choir will be singing “Jesus, Only You” with Webb Laird and Kate Holcombe as soloists. I hope to see you all there!

Rachel

## Rotary Club of West Point

Scholarships are available to Clay County high school seniors preparing to enter college and pursue a career in the health care industry.

To apply, download the application form and requirements at:

[www.nmhs.net/scholarships](http://www.nmhs.net/scholarships)

Application deadline is **March 1, 2023**.

Calling  
all kids!



This month is just flying by. It is so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of activities and parties, especially during holiday months. Today marks the beginning of a new season, however probably not one our children are as familiar with. We all know they are very comfortable with celebrating Christmas as soon as Thanksgiving is over and continue to celebrate for a whole month! Yes, they most likely know what the true meaning of Easter is, but do they know what Lent means? Do they know that this season lasts for 40 days? Do they know this is how long Jesus wandered in the desert, fasting, while he resisted Satan's temptations? We have the opportunity to challenge our children to be like Jesus during these next 40 days and also resist temptations just as He did. How exciting it is that we all have 40 days to focus solely on growing closer to God!

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  
Max Hinshaw  
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  
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  
Doris Bruce

### For our Nation and World:

Water Crisis in Jackson, MS, War in Ukraine, Mass shootings in our country

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023**

2023 budget \$610,027.33  
Received 2/19/23 \$14,575.38  
Received to date, Budget \$82,981.10  
Received 2/19/23 Bldg. \$785.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$7,380.00

**ATTENDANCE February 19, 2023**

Sunday School.....88  
8:45 Worship Service.....33  
11:00 Worship Service.....112  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....55  
Total Worship.....145

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** J.B. Cook Class

**STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar  
**CDC CHAPEL:** 2/27 Elizabeth Bailey  
3/5 Linda Drake

**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 2/26 Sara Francess & Vandy Stubbs  
3/5 Anna and Jordan Thompson

**ACOLYTES:** 2/26  
3/5 Treston Holcomb

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**  
Doris Bruce

**AT HOME**  
Jean Sargard Robert Darsey  
Montez Ganss Ann Ross  
Coy Burgess Max Hinshaw

**First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, February 26, 2023  
8: 45 AM & 11:00 AM  
Matthew 4:1-11  
"CROWN: Called to the Wilderness"  
Anthem  
"Dwell Within My Soul"**

Ann Miller

**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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Dr. Garrett Torbert, Pianist  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

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# THE WINDOW

of  
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West Point, Mississippi

February 20, 2023

## The Crown of Thorns: A Lenten Worship Series

Of all the images associated with Jesus' passion and death, the crown of thorns is likely one of the most familiar to us. Three of the four gospel writers include this detail of the soldiers placing this crown on Jesus' head as a tool of torture. I find this interesting because there is a lot about Jesus' passion that they don't tell us—likely because of how incredibly violent it was.

Why is the crown of thorns important enough to name over and over? Why would we make this a guiding image for our Lenten series together?

Of course, the obvious answer is that Jesus is the King of Kings who gave up his heavenly crown to take on the thorns of sin. In this series, though, I invite you to think about this: the crown of thorns caused tremendous pain on Jesus' head. The mind of Christ was literally surrounded by suffering. When we think of mental health, and the pain that so many are enduring, often quietly, the Scriptures remind us that Jesus is well-acquainted with what our minds endure.

I am not a mental health expert, but I do know that working on our spiritual health can only have a positive impact on us mentally, physically, and emotionally as well. In this series, as we walk from the wilderness through the streets and towards the cross with Jesus, we will listen for the peace he speaks to our minds as well as our hearts. For we know the end of the story: he endured the crown of thorns and now sits enthroned and crowned as King forever. So let us cast our earthly crowns down and invite him to heal our minds, too.

all good things to each of you,  
Dr. Darian

And the Lord added Scot Bryan to the First United Methodist Church, February 19, 2023. Please join us in welcoming our new brother in Christ following his baptism this past Sunday.