

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Feb. 27-Mar.12 Alice Hughes

Debbie McComic

Mar 13-26 Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan
Family Night Suppers – We are looking for Sunday School Classes and other church groups to host our Wednesday Night Suppers. Available dates are 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.

AED Training – was held after the 11:00 service on Feb. 26th. Approximately 15 church members have now been certified in the life saving equipment at the church. Thank you to all of those volunteers.

Methodist Purls will meet Monday, Feb. 27th.

Yoga will meet Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 6:00 PM

Prayer Service – Our monthly prayer service will be held Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30 in the Sanctuary.

Confirmation class will meet Wednesday, March 1st at 6:00 PM

Children's Choir will meet March 1st at 6:00 PM.

Chancel Choir will meet March 1st at 6:30 PM.

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

Blessing Box – We are in need of canned items for the Blessing Box. You may leave your items in the grocery cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Breakfast – will be held this Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 7:30 AM. Guest speaker will be retired football coach and Hall of Famer Bubba Davis.

Communion Offering – For March, our offering will support the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

MUSIC NOTES



Hello Church Family! I hope that your Lent has started off well, full of meaning and ever growing closer to God. I hope that you might begin incorporating praise into your daily routine this Lent. Singing to God can really help us with our feelings. It also makes the devil flee from us. On days when I am down, a hymn of praise is sometimes just what I need to turn my day around. Psalm 147:1 says “Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him.” It is pleasant to praise him and VERY fitting. He made you out of dust! How wonderful and marvelous are his works that he can make something so amazing out of nothing but dirt! Praise him and give him the glory that is due is marvelous Name!

Rachel

Information Session: We will have an information session regarding current topics within the Methodist Conference next Sunday, March 5th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a specific question, we kindly ask that you submit those via email to msanders@fumcwestpoint.com or call the church office at 662-494-1658.

Calling
all kids!



Recently, a few of our young members expressed interest in becoming an Acolyte, wanting to know if they were old enough to light the candles yet. After some discussion, we thought, “Sure, why not?!” This led to further discussion to once again begin the service with the procession of the cross, as we did prior to the pandemic. Acolyting will now be available to those interested, ages 1st grade- 4th grade. Our Crucifer each week will need to be ages 5th grade or older, as the cross can be a little heavy for our younger ones. We will have Acolyte and Crucifer training on March 8 at 6:30 following children's choir and bible study. A Sign-up Genius link has been sent out over Remind, however if you did not receive this and would like to sign up, let me know! Please talk to your children and share how important their contributions to the church are. We'd love to see them become even a bigger part of the service than they already are!

Jessi

FUMC Youth This Wednesday we will have a special guest speaker, Lance Dalton. Please be sure to join us for an inspirational night. 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

Fox Haas

Doris Bruce

Joy Posey

Ray Childress

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

Dr. Bill Billington

Becky Angle

Bryan Hughes

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

For our Nation and World:

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

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget \$610,027.33
Received 2/26/23 \$5291.00
Received to date, Budget \$88,272.10
Received 2/26/23 Bldg. \$225.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$7,605.00

ATTENDANCE February 26, 2023

Sunday School.....84
8:45 Worship Service.....26
11:00 Worship Service.....160
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....82
Total Worship.....186

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray

COFFEE & JUICE: Wesley Wasson/ Friendly Fellowship

CDC CHAPEL: 2/27 Elizabeth Bailey
3/5 Linda Drake

LAY READER: 8:45 AM

11:00 AM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 3/5 Anna and Jordan Thompson
3/12 Jennifer and Todd Stuart

ACOLYTES: 3/5 Treston Holcomb
3/12

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

**Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 5, 2023**

8: 45 AM & 11:00 AM

Psalm 121

“CROWN: Raising Our Eyes”

Special Music

“Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes)”

AT HOME

Jean Sargard
Montez Ganss
Coy Burgess

Robert Darsey
Ann Ross
Max Hinshaw

Ann Miller

DUGAN

Jennie Cantrell
Deb McGaughy
Montez Ganss

WAVERLY CARE

Bobbie Tumlinson
Mary Ann Weems

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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Polly Grimes, Organist
Dr. Garrett Torbert, Pianist
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

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February 27, 2023

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West Point, Mississippi

February 27, 2023

What's Brought Us Joy in February

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.

There's a Light by Liz Vice (music): Liz Vice's voice first captured my attention in her work with the worship collective, The Porter's Gate. Her first solo album, *There's a Light*, released years ago but I'm only now finding and enjoying it. Vice received a kidney transplant nearly 20 years ago, and one year after the transplant, she felt God "nudging" her to join the worship team at her church even though she was scared to do so. Since then, her music has soared in a way that only God could work.

The Reset: Returning to the Heart of Worship and a Life of Undivided Devotion by Jeremy Riddle: Last month I shared with you how I had worship leader Jeremy Riddle's latest album playing on repeat in my ear buds. Then I discovered he had written a book about worship, and it is one I want to read and re-read. What's especially interesting is that everything he is calling the Church to do is exactly what students at Asbury University did in the time leading up to the current revival.

Elvis (movie): I know I'm late to the party, but I finally watched this musical biopic and so enjoyed the glitz and glamor of it. I only wish I'd seen it on the big screen!

all good things to each of you,
Dr. Darian

And the Lord added Charlotte and Bill Messier to the First United Methodist Church, February 26, 2023. Please join us in welcoming our new members.

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