

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

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

Feb. 13-26 Stacy Hays & Rebecca DeSantis

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

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

“Souper Bowl” Canned Food Drive – We will be collecting canned food for our Blessing Box Sunday during our “Souper Bowl” food drive. Drop off locations will be at the back of the sanctuary, downstairs near the children’s Sunday School classes and in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help with this important ministry!

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 pickup for those interested. A link to sign up and more information coming soon! If you would like to volunteer to help that night, please contact Stacy at 662-295-3186. Thanks to Bob Seitz for chairing this event again this year.

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!

Mark your calendars for February 26. On that day during the 11:00 Service, our Children’s Choirs will sing their first song of the semester for you! They are super excited to worship with you and so are Jessi and I! Last week, we talked about how singing praises to God is a great weapon against the Devil. The Devil is really jealous and doesn’t want us to sing praise because he knows that singing about God’s love helps us to feel happy and loved. And that old Devil just doesn’t want that! It’s a great lesson for all of us really, not just the children. Singing God’s praise can silence the Devil and if you are feeling tempted, praising God can help you overcome it! As I have said so many times before, there are multiple reasons why God commands us to sing. And all of those reasons are for our own benefit! I hope that you will consider singing this week and see for yourself some of the ways in which praising God can bring us happiness and joy!

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 22 in our book *Women of the Bible*.



Calling all kids!

I am so excited for our Children’s Activities this weekend! The Father/Daughter Dance is Friday, Feb 10 at 6:30 and the Mother/Son Nerf Gun Challenge is Sunday, Feb 12 at 3:00. All ages are welcome to join in on the fun! All of the Bible Buddies are encouraged to gather at whichever event applies to them to exchange a small Valentine’s happy. This could be candy, a stuffed animal, coloring book, gift card, etc. If you would like to volunteer for either event please let me know. We are going to have a blast! 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.

Communications Survey – Please take a few moments to let us know how you prefer to receive your church information. Surveys are located at the back of the church. You may complete a paper copy or use the QR code.

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
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

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 1/29/23 & 2/5/23 Budget	\$17,734.00
Received to date, Budget	\$61,620.72
Received 1/29/23 & 2/5/23 Bldg.	\$ 3,205.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$5,955.00

ATTENDANCE February 5, 2023

Sunday School.....	103
8:45 Worship Service.....	37
11:00 Worship Service.....	106
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	39
Total Worship.....	143



THE WINDOW

of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

February 7, 2023

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

STREAM TEAM: Jason McKellar
CDC CHAPEL: 2/6 Pam Carson
2/13 Dr. Darian Duckworth

LAY READER: 8:45 AM
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 2/12 Allie & Jud Judkins
2/19 Samantha & Drew Laird
ACOLYTES: 2/12 Corbin Tinsley
2/19

11:00 AM Bob Seitz

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

**6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, February 12, 2023
8: 45 AM & 11:00 AM
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
“Obeying the Command to ‘See’”**

	AT HOME	
Jean Sargard	Robert Darsey	Ann Miller
Montez Ganss	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.**

**First United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 293**

Dated Material
February 7, 2023

West Point, MS 39773 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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
Kaeley Tackett & Ray Purnell, Volunteer Youth Leaders
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

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What’s Worth Salvaging

I subscribe to a meal delivery service, and last week, the bag containing one of three meal kits was soaked. A small plastic bag that contained a pre-made, cream cheese base for a soup had torn in transit and now soaked all the other ingredients in the bag.

I reacted with a shrug of the shoulders and resignation that the meal was lost. I confess that my first instinct was to throw it all away —until I looked more closely. Nothing else was bruised, torn, or broken. Messy and sticky on the outside, yes, but on the inside the ingredients were whole and fresh and ready for cooking. The meal was not beyond repair. Its pieces simply needed salvaging. I washed everything, one piece at a time, dried them, and placed them swaddled in a cloth inside the bowl.

Life can get messy. We mere mortals have torn places within us, we sometimes feel torn by others, and we tear at others. Sometimes we can’t see what is whole because of the mess of what is broken. How easily we forget that the body of Christ is made up of broken and torn people whom He felt were worth salvaging. Shouldn’t we do the same?

There is no better time for the body of Christ to focus on two immediate tasks, two lessons from yet-unprepared soup. One is to remember our baptisms. We are cleansed one by one, and baptism is the outward sign of what Jesus has done in the hearts of those who believe. The other is to wash one another’s feet. Before he went to the cross, Jesus cleansed one foot at a time. These were the same feet that would flee from him in abandonment in his hour of need. Yet they were worth salvaging.

Beloved, you are worth salvaging today. You are not beyond repair. Remember your baptism. Be thankful. Let us not be quick to judge, but instead let us be quick to kneel, to plunge our hands into the water and find a way forward. In our brokenness we are whole, and in our cleansing, we have been made free.

all good things to each of you,

Dr. Darian

New Baby: We congratulate Marcus and Cady Livesay on the birth of their son, Hank Harrell, January 30, 2023. Welcoming home Hank is big brother, Blair.

Sympathy – We extend sympathy to the family of Beth Stroud who passed away February 1, 2023. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.