

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

ANGELS IN APRONS

**Mar 13-26** Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

**Mar 27-Apr 9** Jane Caston/Jason McKellar

**Hydrangea sale** – The J.B. Cook Class is selling hydrangeas as part of our Lenten project. If you would like to purchase a white hydrangea in honor or memory of someone special, please contact a member of the Sunday School Class or the church office at 662-494-1658. Or you may email [msanders@fumcwestpoint.com](mailto:msanders@fumcwestpoint.com) to order.

**Yoga** will meet Tuesday at 6:00 PM

**Confirmation class** will meet Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 PM

**Children's Choir** will meet March 22 at 6:00 PM.

**Chancel Choir** will meet March 22 at 6:30 PM.

**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.

**Family Night Suppers** - The Seekers Class will be hosting the Wednesday night supper on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The menu will be chicken strips, mac and cheese, green beans, roll, tea and dessert. You may sign up at Eventbrite or by calling the church office. Cost will be \$7 for ages 13 and up. \$4 for ages 3-12 and no charge for 2 and under.

Maximum \$30 per family. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wednesday-night-supper-march-22nd-tickets-574600484517>

We are still 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.

**Communion Set Up/Cleanup** – We need a few extra volunteers to assist with Communion set up and cleanup. If you are willing to help, please let Stacy know.

## MUSIC NOTES



Hello Church Family!

There will be no Children's Choir rehearsal this week due to Spring Break! Be sure to mark your calendars for April 16, which will be our annual Children's Sabbath. Our children will sing again for you on that day as well as lead the entire worship service. This is always one of my favorite Sundays of the year! Our children always do a wonderful job of leading us into the presence of God. I hope to see you all there!

Rachel

**Vintage Group** – It's time to begin getting together again and hitting the road for some fun activities. We are putting together a committee to make plans. If you have any ideas on short day trips or other activities let Stacy know by calling or texting 662-295-3186.

### United Women in Faith Meeting

The combined meeting of United Women in Faith will take place on Monday, March 27 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our hosts for the meeting will be the members of the Sandy Henley Circle and the Elizabeth Bailey Circle.

### Ruth Weems Circle

The Ruth Weems Circle will meet on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Norma Atkins, Patricia Blair, Debbie Bond and Barbara Bryan. We will study Chapter 3 in our new book *Women of the Bible*.

Calling  
all kids!



A few Sundays ago, I talked with the children about Lent and ways they could also participate in it. They really get the concept! Several of them knew the answers to my questions already. Good job parents! We discussed that during this season, we all have the opportunity to grow closer to God by giving up something that tempts us or by adding something healthy for our soul! Another way we can participate in Lent is by giving. I sent home Lenten Offering Boxes with the ones that were here. Don't worry, there are more if you didn't get one! The offering will go to the Clay County Food Pantry. If they place it in the offering plate, please make sure to label it as the Lenten offering. Encourage your children to fill their boxes!

March 26 @ 3:00: All ages are welcome to join us in the fellowship hall as Todd Smith amazes us with his magic show, while sharing a bit of his testimony. Trust me, you do not want to miss this!

Jessi

### Snack Drive for NMMC Hospice Unit

– We will be collecting snacks to take to the North Mississippi Medical Center Hospice Unit in Tupelo. These snacks are provided free of charge to family members so they don't have to leave the unit where their loved one is being care for. Items needed are individually wrapped snack crackers, snack cakes, candies/cookies, chips etc. You may place your donated items in the grocery cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

**FUMC Youth** Join us for Wednesday Night Supper 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  
Bill Messier  
Lynne Posey  
Colby Brister  
Bowie Swartz  
Gail Wolanek  
Beverly Campbell

#### 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 Mark Marro (father-in-law of Laura Trenor Marro)  
Ted Judson (brother of Deb McGaughy)  
Emily Jones  
Tyler Howell (nephew of Pam Carson)  
Polly Briggs (sister of Alice Hughes)  
Curtis Lewellen (father of Lona Rosetti)  
Karryl Buddington  
Amy Gibson (relative of Nina Millard and Susan Shultz)  
Melissa Newell

#### 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 3/12/23/23	\$7,477.00
Received to date, Budget	\$109,616.10
Received 2/26/23 Bldg.	\$1,245.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$10,475.00

**ATTENDANCE March 5, 2023**

Sunday School.....	46
8:45 Worship Service.....	29
11:00 Worship Service.....	77
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	53
Total Worship.....	106

**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell

**STREAM TEAM:** Art Shirley

**COFFEE & JUICE:** Wesley Wasson/ Friendly Fellowship

**CDC CHAPEL:** 3/20 Debbie Hinshaw  
3/27 Pam Carson

**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM

11:00 AM Ralph Weems

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 3/19 Jennifer & Todd Stuart  
3/26 William Harrell/Youth

**ACOLYTES:** 3/19 Treston Holcomb

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 19, 2023 8: 45 AM &amp; 11:00 AM 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13 "CROWN: Waiting and Ready" Anthem "Take My Life and Let It Be"</b>
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Jean Sarsgard  
Montez Ganss

**AT HOME**  
Robert Darsey  
Ann Ross  
Max Hinshaw

Ann Miller

**Online Giving**



**DUGAN**  
Jennie Cantrell  
Deb McLaughv

**WAVERLY CARE**  
Bobbie Tumlinson  
Marv Ann Weems

**TRACEWAY**  
Evelyn O'Hara Wallace  
Bettv Sue Shumnert

**WINDSOR**

**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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CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth, 494-5133  
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Dr. Garrett Torbert, Pianist  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

Dated Material  
March 13, 2023

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

March 13, 2023

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## An Update from the Administrative Council

Dearly Beloved Friends,

In early January, the Administrative Council met and unanimously approved not to enter into a disaffiliation process. This group of leaders discussed a deep need for the congregation to have as much information as possible before entering into such an important decision making process.

Since then, a small, diverse group was gathered to brainstorm ideas for our next steps. As Elizabeth Bailey shared with you a few weeks' ago, the group saw the two main areas that needed attention were to work on casting our vision as a church and to provide accurate, thorough, and unbiased information on what is happening in our denomination. The next step we decided on was to offer a space and time to gather people's questions, which we held on March 5.

This past Thursday, the Administrative Council met to look over those questions and to decide on what our next step would be. After much discussion, the committee approved continuing to gather information to share with you. We will begin with answering those questions that were submitted. We have not entered into the disaffiliation process now. It is important to be mindful of our time but not to be rushed, and we are working to live in that balance. Be on the lookout for more correspondence from the Administrative Council in the next week.

Three years ago this week, the covid-19 pandemic began to affect the world in ways we never imagined. Still, God was on his throne through it all, and He still sits enthroned over any and every situation His Church finds Herself in. Let us keep our vision fixed on Him as we seek His will as a congregation and continue to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the King of Kings.

all good things to each of you,  
dr. darian