

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 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 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.

Family Night Suppers - The Seekers Class will be hosting the Wednesday night supper on March 22nd.

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.

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.

2023 Church Directory – available at the back of the sanctuary. One per family please.

MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope that you had an amazing Spring Break. We are quickly approaching Holy Week, one of the most Sacred times of the year. There are many different things you can do to help make Holy Week meaningful for you. For example, reading scripture, meditating, attending Holy Week services, giving extra donations to the poor, and yes, even singing can all help to experience the love of Christ even deeper. There will be many opportunities to sing during Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, we will rejoice and remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We will end that service in remembering his death. Maundy Thursday, we will sing to remember the Last Supper and how Jesus became the suffering servant. Good Friday, we remember his horrific death. And on Easter, we will sing songs of rejoicing because our Lord triumphed over the power of death. It is because he triumphed over death and has promised this power to all of us, that he indeed deserves the praises of the songs we sing. It is but only a small gift that we can give him. I challenge you to deeply engage in Holy Week this year. Try to set aside some time to focus on what our amazing Savior has done for us. O the deep, deep love of God! Rachel

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.

Calling
all kids!



I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break and is charged up to dive into the rest of the semester. We still have so many wonderful opportunities to gather and rejoice in the Lord! Please mark your calendars with the following dates:
March 26 @ 3:00 pm: Todd Smith Magic in the Fellowship Hall @ 3:00 pm. All ages are welcome!

April 2 @ 11:00 am: Palm Sunday! The children will process down the aisle waving their palm branches proudly.

April 8 @ 10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt at Waverly Waters. The hunting will begin at 10:00 am!

April 16 @ 11:00 am: Children's Sabbath. Our children will be leading us in worship from beginning to end. You will not want to miss this!!

Please let me know if you have any questions or want to be involved with any of these wonderful events! 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.

Methodist questions? – Shane Alpe will be available for conversations/discussions regarding Methodist topics on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00 PM beginning March 22nd in the Church Library. For appointments, please call the church office – 662-494-1658.

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
Ted Judson (brother of Deb McGaughy)
Emily Jones
Polly Briggs (sister of Alice Hughes)
Family of Karyl Buddington
Amy Gibson (relative of Nina Millard and Susan Shultz)
Melissa Newell
Family of Sherry Prather

For our Nation and World:

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

FUMC Youth Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 with a meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth House.

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget	\$610,027.33
Received 3/19/23/	\$6,925.00
Received to date, Budget	\$116,541.10
Received 3/19/23 Bldg.	\$485.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$10,960.00

ATTENDANCE March 19, 2023

Sunday School.....	79
8:45 Worship Service.....	38
11:00 Worship Service.....	91
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	68
Total Worship.....	129

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 3/26 Jennifer and Todd Stuart
4/2 Hillary and Stephen White

ACOLYTES: 3/26 Elam and Mary Michael Flurry
4/2 Treston Holcomb and Madelynn Myers

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 26, 2023
8: 45 AM & 11:00 AM
John 11: 1-3, 17-26
"CROWN: Nearing the Tomb"
Special Music
"And Can It Be?"**

AT HOME

Jean Sarsgard	Robert Darsey	Ann Miller
Montez Ganss	Ann Ross	
	Max Hinshaw	

**Online
Giving**

DUGAN	WAVERLY CARE	TRACEWAY	WINDSOR
Jennie Cantrell	Bobbie Tumlinson	Evelyn O'Hara Wallace	
Deb McCaughy	Mary Ann Weems	Betty Sue Shumpert	
Montez Ganss			



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

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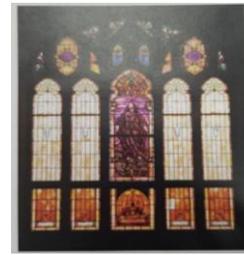
CHURCH STAFF

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

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THE WINDOW

of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

March 20, 2023

All The Good Things at FUMC

I thought this fourth week in the Lenten season was a most appropriate time to take a look at a few of the good things God is doing in the life of our congregation. How important it is for us to pause and give thanks for his goodness!

Youth Intern: The Staff Parish Committee is thrilled to share that we have hired Lance Dalton as an intern with our youth group. Lance will be working with youth volunteer Ray Purnell to lead weekly lessons and help with activities as needed. Lance is a junior at Mississippi State and was a guest speaker with the youth group a few weeks ago. We look forward to having him on board. On a personal note, Lance was in the church I served in Cleveland, where I confirmed and baptized him seven years ago! He will begin working with our youth this Wednesday night. Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome him to our church family.

New Members: In February we welcomed five new adult members to our church family, as well as a delightful first-grader whom we expect to join by baptism and confirmation at the right time! The Lairds and Messiers have been a part of our church family for a while, and we're delighted that they made it official. With Easter approaching, it is an ideal time to reach out to a friend and invite them to come and see what God is doing here.

High-Tech Sunday School: We are working on some new and easy ways to keep up with Sunday school attendance. There is now a QR code in the Sunday school classrooms that members can scan and fill in with all the pertinent information. With the recent communication survey as well, we are working on new and better ways to communicate what is going on.

Prayer: For the past few months it has blessed my soul to see so many people attend the monthly prayer service. Of course, Jesus is present when there are only two or three as easily as when there are 23 of us, but I am delighted to see so many of us making corporate prayer a priority. Be on the lookout for more opportunities to pray together as a church family.

I could go on and on, but just turn to page two of this newsletter to see more!

What are the good things you're celebrating in our church?

all good things to each of you,
dr darian