

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Mar 27-Apr 9** Jane Caston/Jason McKellar  
**Apr 10-23** Becky Shirley/ LaDonna Helveston

**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

**Children's Choir** will meet March 29 at 6:00 PM.

**Chancel Choir** will meet March 29 at 6:30 PM.

**Fern sales-** Kimberley Queen and Boston Hanging Ferns will be available for order until April 5th.

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.

**Starkville Community Theater** – We are planning to attend the play Suite Surrender at the Starkville Community Theater Thursday night, April 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in going, contact Stacy. This comedy revolves two feuding Hollywood divas who have been booked into the same luxury suite at a Palm Beach hotel. More details coming soon!

**Mission Trip** – We have scheduled a mission trip to Guatemala December 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. We will be distributing food to needy families, coordinating some kind of event for the children, such as a Vacation Bible School with a Christmas theme as well as doing other outreach work. If you are interested in going or would like more information, let Stacy know.

**Family Night Supper** – We are looking for a host for Family Night Supper on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. If your church group or Sunday School Class is willing, please call the church office.

**Desserts** – If you are willing to donate a dessert for the Christ At Home meal on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, please let Stacy know.

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and I am excited to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with you. I can't wait to see the children walk down the aisle while waving their Palm Branches, placing them on the altar as a sign of giving our lives to him. I'm humbled by the thought of the King of kings riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. The choir will be singing a glorifying anthem called, "Jerusalem, Behold Your King" with "The Holy City." It will be a wonderful day of rejoicing and worship. This will mark the beginning of Holy Week and I hope you have been thinking of ways that you can make Holy Week special for you and your family. I hope to see you all this Sunday!

Rachel

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

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

**FUMC Youth** Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 with a meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth House. We will be stuffing Easter eggs as well as having a lesson from Lance Dalton, our youth intern. We look forward to seeing you there!

Calling  
all kids!



On Sunday, we had a wonderful time watching and listening to the most talented, Todd Smith. It truly is amazing how God blesses each of us with gifts, even as unique as becoming an illusionist, to be used to share His story to others. We all have a special gift. We just have to do our part and let it shine! April will be full of opportunities to let your gifts shine! Please save the dates below.

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!!

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

Jessi

**Hospice Snack Pantry** – We are still collecting individually wrapped snacks for the Snack Pantry at the NMMC Hospice Unit. These snacks make it possible for family members to avoid leaving the unit to get something to eat. Items needed are crackers, cookies, snack cakes, chips, etc.

*\*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

Barry Keel

Tornado and Recovery Victims

**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 3/26/23/	\$7,526.00
Received to date, Budget	\$124,067.10
Received 3/26/23 Bldg.	\$75.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$11,035.00

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** Seekers Class

**STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders

**CDC CHAPEL:** 3/27 Pam Carson  
4/3 Debbie Hinshaw

**ATTENDANCE March 26, 2023**

Sunday School.....	72
8:45 Worship Service.....	22
11:00 Worship Service.....	146
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	83
Total Worship.....	168

**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** 4/2 Hillary and Stephen White  
4/9 Allison & Colby Brister

**ACOLYTES:** 4/2 Treston Holcomb and Madelynn Myers  
4/9 Elam and Mary Michael Flurry

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

	<b>AT HOME</b>	
Jean Sarsgard	Robert Darsey	Ann Miller
Montez Ganss	Ann Ross	
	Max Hinshaw	

<b>DUGAN</b>	<b>WAVERLY CARE</b>	<b>TRACEWAY</b>	<b>WINDSOR</b>
Jennie Cantrell	Bobbie Tumlinson	Evelyn O’Hara Wallace	
Deb McGaughy	Mary Ann Weems	Betty Sue Shumpert	
Montez Ganss			

**Online  
Giving**



**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**

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

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March 27, 2023

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West Point, Mississippi

March 27, 2023

**What’s Bringing Us Joy in March**

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.

*Branches* by Luke and Rosemary Skaggs (music): This 26-minute EP that released two weeks ago is playing on repeat at my desk with its slow, acoustic sounds. They are all original songs by this remarkably talented husband and wife, and they are a perfect accompaniment to the dawn of the spring season. My personal favorite is the last track: “A Place Where The Highway Stops.”

*Libertie* by Kaitlyn Greenidge: With spring cleaning as a priority these past few weeks, I’ve again appreciated audiobooks to keep me company. This historical fiction novel based on the story of one of the nation’s first African-American, female physicians was both educational and captivating. I loved the characters, and to me the mark of a good book is when you don’t want to say goodbye to them when the last chapter ends. Such was the case with this young woman named Libertie.

*Women Talking* (movie): I’m very far behind on watching Oscar nominees and winners for this year, but I was grateful I made time for this important film. Based on a true story and set in an isolated Mennonite community, the film’s title says a lot. It is a story about women who live in a place where they are disempowered, but their voices in community give them power. I was especially moved when they would start singing hymns they had committed to memory because they were illiterate. It is a serious film but has light moments to balance the heavy storyline. I am really glad I watched it.

I’d love to hear what’s bringing you joy this month!

all good things to each of you,  
dr d

*Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims of tornados that tore across our state this weekend. This recovery will be long-term, and our church has a wonderful opportunity to make a long-term commitment to helping restore & rebuild. Stacy Hays is gathering information about how to help. Numerous aid groups are asking that we not self-deploy right now. Be on the lookout for more information on how to donate monetarily and in other ways.*

Sympathy – We extend sympathy to the family of Mrs. Sherry Prather who passed away on March 19, 2023.

Sympathy – We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Ray Childress who passed away on March 24, 2023.