

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.

Methodist Purls will meet Monday, March 13th..

Yoga will meet Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Confirmation class will meet Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 PM

Children's Choir will meet March 8th at 6:00 PM.

Chancel Choir will meet March 8th 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.

Family Night Suppers - The Seekers Class will be hosting the Wednesday night supper on March 22nd. 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 19th.

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

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.

The Men's Breakfast Sunday was a success with 28 in attendance. The next breakfast is scheduled for April 2nd.at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MUSIC NOTES



Hello Church Family!

How is Lent going for you? I pray that you are receiving blessing upon blessing during this Sacred time of year. In my studies this Lenten Season, I've been concentrating and learning about the word "witness". The Bible uses this word all throughout scripture when it calls us to be witnesses of our faith. I've really been thinking about what this means and how I can be a witness to other people. I know that one of the best ways I can witness is by singing. If you are looking for ways to share you faith and witness to other people about God's love and devotion, please come join our choir! We are a loving family that has lots of fun during rehearsals and we would love to add you to our ranks! If you are even a little bit interested, please contact me or just talk to anyone you know in the choir. We would love to have you!

Rachel

Did you know...?

The 'Hallelujah Chorus' by Handel is an extremely popular choral piece usually sung during the Christmas season. However, the carol was originally intended to be performed during Easter.

Calling
all kids!



We will have Acolyte and Crucifer training tonight, March 8 at 6:30 following children's choir and bible study. As a reminder, the age for our Acolytes are 1st-4th grade and the Crucifer should be 5th grade or older. If your child is interested, but hasn't signed up, please still come. The more the merrier! We'd love to see them become even a bigger part of the service than they already are!

Jessi

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 2/26/23 \$13,867.00
Received to date, Budget \$102,139.10
Received 2/26/23 Bldg. \$1,625.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$9,230.00

ATTENDANCE March 5, 2023

Sunday School..... 107
8:45 Worship Service.....46
11:00 Worship Service..... .89
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....34
Total Worship.....135

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

COFFEE & JUICE: Wesley Wasson/ Friendly Fellowship

CDC CHAPEL: 3/13 Dr. Darian
3/20 Debbie Hinshaw

LAY READER: 8:45 AM

11:00 AM Ralph Weems

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 3/12 Jennifer and Todd Stuart

3/19 Ashleigh and Kevin Flurry

ACOLYTES: 3/12

3/19 Treston Holcomb

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

**Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 12, 2023
8: 45 AM & 11:00 AM
Exodus 17:1-7
“CROWN: Our Many Emotions”
Anthem
“Jesus, Rock of Ages”**

AT HOME

Jean Sargard
Montez Ganss
Coy Burgess

Robert Darsey
Ann Ross
Max Hinshaw

Ann Miller

Online Giving

DUGAN

Jennie Cantrell
Deb McGaughy
Montez Ganss

WAVERLY CARE

Bobbie Tumlinson
Mary Ann Weems

TRACEWAY

Evelyn O’Hara Wallace
Betty Sue Shumpert



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

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West Point, Mississippi

March 7, 2023

The Missing “E”

Eight years ago, I was walking through the sanctuary of the church I pastored, and nestled beneath a pew were six white beads with black letters, strung together in a semicircle: B-E-L-I-E-V

I thought of the disciple, Thomas, who was one E short of being able to believe that Jesus had risen. I thought of the modern-day Thomases—both those who fill the pews and those who avoid the pews. This spark on the floor spoke as loudly as the stained glass window on the wall.

Sometimes we believe wholeheartedly. Other times we feel like we re one E short. We believe up to a point, but then questions enter. Our minds race. Our thoughts crowd out our faith. No greater blockade is there to joy than confusion. Yet how do we find joy when our circumstances raise endless questions, pressing decisions, and various outcomes—creating a windstorm of confusion?

As I walked to my office and opened my computer , I discovered a new single from Mumford & Sons was releasing at that time. And the title was “Believe.” I listened to it and remember well the prayer offered in it: “I don’t even know what I believe. So open up my eyes. Tell me alive.”

Some of us long for definitiveness. We grow anxious when we don t have all the answers we want. Mystery makes us nervous. The missing E” distracts us. We crawl under pews to search for something that is not on the floor.

Mumford & Sons reminded me to pay attention both to the bracelet on the floor and to the window up above. The Father is in both places. Christ extends his scarred hands toward us from above & below. The Spirit speaks to us from the recording studio and in the sanctuary. To believe is to risk moving forward without the third E”—trusting and hoping that in Him we are indeed complete.

all good things to each of you,

dr. darian