

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Apr 10-23 Becky Shirley/ LaDonna Helveston
Apr 24-May 7 Robin McCormick/Gale Griggs

Memorial service for Donnie Hammack – will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we remember one of God's servants.

Tornado Relief – we are accepting monetary donations for the communities affected by the March 24th tornadoes in Mississippi. Please designate "tornado relief" on your check.

Volunteers for Tornado Relief – We are beginning to make plans to send a group to help with the tornado clean-up. If you are interested in going, please let Stacy know. After we get a group together, we will make plans to meet and decide on a date or dates.

Mission Trip – We have scheduled a mission trip to Guatemala December 26th-31st. 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 Thanks to the Elizabeth Bailey Circle for agreeing to host Family Night Supper on April 19. The menu will be Zachary's pasta, green beans, salad and dessert.

Remind – If you do not already receive text messages from FUMC – West Point and would like to, please call the office to request an addition to the list.

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.

Christ At Home –For May, we would like to provide delicious casseroles for our recipients. If you have a casserole (with meat) that your family loves, please share with us! The meal date is May 10th and we would need your casserole in the kitchen by 9 a.m.

MUSIC NOTES



Hello Church Family!

I am so proud of all the children who participated in Children's Sabbath this past Sunday! You all did an amazing job. It is super hard to get up in front of everyone and lead in the most important thing we do in our lives, worshipping Christ. Little Children are the best at showing us how God works. My little girl always asks me about the cemetery when we drive by it. The other day, she told me that God was going to come "fix us all up" so we could all be together again one day. Wow! She gets it and I love how innocent her view is. What are your children teaching you about God? Our Children's Choir will sing for you again on May 14. I hope you will mark your calendars to be there.

Rachel

Calling all kids!



First of all, I want to extend a very special thank you to the Children's Council for all of their hard work to help plan and execute the Easter Egg Hunt! Even though it was indoors, it was a blast and brought together so many families in the house of the Lord. Also, I want to thank every single child that participated in the Children's Sabbath on Sunday. It is a breath of fresh air to see our youngest members so energized to serve in our church. Everyone did a magnificent job and I couldn't be more proud of you!

With love,

Jessi

Did you know???

Did you know that Methodist congregations have been participating in Children's Sabbaths since 1991? It is time set aside within the church to recognize the needs of children and to pray for guidance as to where God might be calling his church to action.

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:

Doris Bruce
Bill Messier
Beverly Campbell
Jordan Helveston
Montez Ganss

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
Ted Judson (brother of Deb McGaughy)
Emily Jones
Polly Briggs (sister of Alice Hughes)
Tommy Briggs (brother-in-law of Alice Hughes)
Barry Keel
Tornado and Recovery Victims
Family of Ray Childress
Family of Sherry Prather
Family of Dr. Bill Billington
Family of William Mayfield (Barry Keel's father-in-law)
Christine Montgomery

For our Nation and World:

War in Ukraine, Mass shootings in our country, Turkey and Syria
MS tornado victims and recovery

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget	\$610,027.33
Received 4/16/23/	\$4,403.00
Received to date, Budget	\$152,595.10
Received 4/16/23 Bldg.	\$1,155.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$14,300.00

ATTENDANCE April 16, 2023

Sunday School.....	61
8:45 Worship Service.....	0
11:00 Worship Service.....	165
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	90
Total Worship.....	165

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
COFFEE & JUICE: Seekers Class

STREAM TEAM: Melanie Sanders

CDC CHAPEL: 4/17 Linda Drake 4/24 Elizabeth Bailey

LAY READER: 8:45 AM 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 4/23 Abby and Jeff Hairston 4/30 Elizabeth and Fred Zepponi

ACOLYTES: 4/23 Anna Colby Brister and Jack Hairston 4/30 Treston and Kate Holcombe

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

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

DUGAN	WAVERLY CARE
Jennie Cantrell	Bobbie Tumlinson
Deb McGaughy	Mary Ann Weems

TRACEWAY
Evelyn O’Hara Wallace
Betty Sue Shumpert

**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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Dated Material
April 17, 2023

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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West Point, Mississippi

April 17, 2023

Easter Worship Series: Celebrations

We have entered into a 50-day celebration of the resurrection that begins with the empty tomb and concludes with our Lord Jesus returning to his Father at the ascension. As I began planning for this Easter worship series, I noticed something significant: every single Sunday already had a celebration built into it!

Over the years, you’ve heard me refer frequently to “glory sightings,” a term Bishop Swanson lifted up in his tenure as our leader, to remind us to be on the lookout for signs of God’s presence that we must celebrate. Bishop Swanson retired in December, and he served as pastor and mentor to our new bishop, Sharma Lewis. She has continued to hold up the need to give thanks, praise God, and celebrate his glory in our lives.

During the Easter season, we will have a glory sighting each Sunday. From Children’s Sabbath to scouting to Methodist Senior Services, and more, there will be no shortage of joy in how God is moving. I could list for you what is in store for each Sunday.... but how much more glorious would it be simply to show up & see & be surprised by where resurrection is at work?

May the glory of the risen Christ accompany and strengthen you this week. Let us give him our thanks and praise, for he has conquered the grave!

all good things to each of you,
dr darian

An Update From the Administrative Council: At our March 5 question & answer session regarding unrest in the denomination, we gathered your questions and have been working on answering them. Compiling unbiased information has been much more difficult than anticipated, and know that we are working to get accurate answers to you in the next week and before Administrative Council meets on April 30.