

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

### ANGELS IN APRONS

**Apr 24-May 7** Robin McCormick/Gale Griggs

**May 9-22** Debbie Hinshaw/Stacy Hays

**Tornado Relief** – we are accepting monetary donations for the communities affected by the March 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Senior Sunday** - Sunday, May 4 will be Senior Sunday. Our seniors will be recognized during the 11 a.m. service and asked to share their plans for after graduation. United Women in Faith will present each senior with a special gift. The youth will host a brunch in the Fellowship Hall for the seniors and their families beginning at 10 a.m. Our graduating seniors are Josie Facella, Camille Jester, Kyla Stroud and Collins Trolieo.

**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.

**Nursery Care Closet** – NMMC-West Point Women's Pavilion has created a Nursery Care Closet to help newborns in need go home with essentials. If you are interested in donating items for the Care Closet you may leave them in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall. Items needed include diapers and wipes, diaper cream, baby shampoo and soap, diaper bags, blankets and burp cloths, sleepers and onesies, bibs, bottles and nipples, socks and booties, pacifiers, gentle laundry detergent and car seats. Please make sure car seats are in good condition and check the sticker to make sure they are in date.

**Blood Drive** – June 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-7PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! During Children's Choir a few weeks ago, a little boy said that his dad doesn't sing. We were talking about how singing keeps the devil away because the devil cannot get to us when we are singing God's praises. The little boy exclaimed in an outburst of fear that his dad didn't sing during church and maybe that's why the devil wouldn't leave him alone. It was a cute and funny thing to hear but it really struck me how much our children pay attention to what we do. They notice everything we do and especially in church. Singing with a joyful heart is a very important thing that we can model for our children. I just cannot express enough how important music is to your spiritual life. If you find your spiritual life lacking, try singing!

Speaking of dads singing, we are in need of more men in our choir. We have six wonderful, talented, and dedicated men in our choir! But they need help. Right now, they feel as if they cannot miss a rehearsal or a service because of our small numbers. If you have been considering singing, now is the time to join! You don't have to come every single Sunday and Wednesday night. But we sure could use you whenever you can come! If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me or any other choir member.

Remember that the Children will sing again for you on May 14. We will have a Children's Choir Party on May 17 and then will take a break for the summer.

Love to you all!  
Rachel

Calling all kids!



The end of the school year seems to be flying by! Wasn't it just January?? With the busyness of spring sports, field trips, school programs, and planning of summer camps or vacations (just to name a few) I seem to be getting by each day only with my planner in hand. Let's not forget to slow down and take in the goodness that God has provided for us each day. There is plenty to look forward to, but until then let's help our children to practice gratitude each day in the present. If you do want something to look forward to, we will be having a Mother's Day Brunch on May 14 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall! All children and mothers are invited to join us. I hope to see you there!

Jessi

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

Questions asked during the last Methodist information session have been answered and will be distributed in the newsletter at the end of the month.

**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.

*\*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:

Lynda Bell (mother of Hillary Haas)  
Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)  
Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)  
Zach Bryan (Scot Bryan's nephew)  
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)  
Family of Donna Serio (sister of Debbie Bond)  
Family of Rita Davis Priscock (sister of R.B. Davis)  
Christine Montgomery  
Abby Bates  
Elena Jameson (Ben Jameson's wife)

#### 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 4/23/23 \$5,521.00  
Received to date, Budget \$158,116.10  
Received 4/23/23 Bldg. \$65.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$14,365.00

**ATTENDANCE April 23, 2023**

Sunday School.....56  
8:45 Worship Service.....23  
11:00 Worship Service.....78  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....61  
Total Worship.....101

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

**STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders

**CDC CHAPEL:** 4/24 Elizabeth Bailey 4/30 Debbie Hinshaw

**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM 11:00 AM

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** 4/30 Elizabeth and Fred Zepponi 5/7 Allie and Jud Judkins

**ACOLYTES:** 4/30 Treston and Kate Holcombe 5/7 Collier Sugg and Anna Colby Brister

**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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Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

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April 24, 2023

**What’s Bringing Us Joy in April**

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.

*The Book of Common Courage* by KJ Ramsey (book): The subtitle of this prayer book is, “Prayers and Poems to Find Strength in Small Moments,” and it is perfect for all moments. I’ve been meditating on one or two pages each night before going to bed, and it’s helping me sleep better! Ramsey is a therapist and poet who frames the book around Psalm 23, and she brings in other Scriptures to complement it.

*Ted Lasso: Season 3* (TV show): The first time I ever shared monthly “joys,” I included in the list seasons 1-2 of *Ted Lasso*. The third season is releasing weekly on Apple TV, and I still look forward to each new episode. As a reminder, this is a show about a football coach from Kansas who is hired to coach “football” in England (aka soccer, of course). It has always been funny and sweet, but it has also become an excellent look into mental health. The characters are worth meeting and knowing, but keep in mind the language and some scenes are not for the youngest ears and eyes.

*The Vigil* by David Nevue (music): On Good Friday, pianists David Nevue and Joe Buongiorno shared a fabulous piano concert from Arizona on YouTube. One of the pieces David Nevue played was from an album he composed in 1999. *The Vigil* came to him as a way of praying on his church’s piano one night, and he composed most of the album in that one night. It is also a wonderful resource for good sleep.

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

all good things to each of you,  
dr d

Sympathy – We extend sympathy to Debbie Bond on the passing of her sister, Donna Serio, on April 21, 2023. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Sympathy – We extend sympathy to R. B. Davis on the passing of his sister, Rita Davis Priscock, on April 12, 2023. Services were held on April 16, 2023.