

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

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

**Communion Offering** – For April, our offering will support the Mississippi tornado victims.

**Holy Thursday Service** will be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Good Friday Service** will be held on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

**Easter Service** – April 9<sup>th</sup> – We will only have an 11:00 AM service that day.

**Prayer Service** will be held on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

**Fern sales**- 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** 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. This will be a long-term effort. There will be much need in the weeks and months to come. Stacy is in touch with organizations in those areas and we will plan to send volunteers and supplies at a later date, as needed.

**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.

**The Men's Breakfast** on Sunday was another success with 20 in attendance. The next breakfast will be held Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! Holy Week is finally here and I hope you are spending some special time every day reflecting and meditating on what Christ did for you. I want to take time to thank Polly, Dr. Torbert, and the Chancel Choir for all of their hard work this year and for the beautiful music we will sing for you on Easter Sunday. I am so grateful to all of you and so thankful for your talents and time!

April 16 will be Children's Sabbath and our Children's Choirs are ready to sing for you! Kate Holcombe and Webb Laird will be leading the hymns and I'm very proud of them for stepping up to that challenge. It can be quite scary to lead hymns! It's going to be a wonderful day of Worship, so I really hope to see you there!

Rachel

**Children's Choir** will NOT this week.  
**Chancel Choir** will meet Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after the Holy Thursday service.

**Christ At Home** – we appreciate Charlotte Messier and Patricia Blair volunteering to provide homemade desserts for our Christ At Home Ministry meal on April 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> and we would need your casserole in the kitchen by 9 a.m.

Calling all kids!



Recently during the Children's Moments, I spoke with the children about how we have to pay to communicate with someone that lives far away. Whether it be a stamp for a letter, a phone call, or a text, we have paid for that communication. And guess what? Before Jesus came to Earth, we also had to “pay a price” to ask God for forgiveness, by sacrificing an animal or giving an offering. Can you even imagine walking to church from your house, leading an animal to sacrifice, just to talk to God? I can't! How blessed are we that when Jesus died on the cross, he paid the final price for us to talk to God freely through our prayers whenever and wherever we want!

Jessi

Please make note of the following dates:  
April 8 @ 10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt at Waverly Waters.  
April 16 @ 11:00 am: Children's Sabbath

The **United Women in Faith** honored Helen Facella and Gracy Taylor with the Lifetime Membership Award recently for their dedication and work in our church. Congratulations ladies!

**FUMC Youth** Join us for Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 with a meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth House. We look forward to seeing you there! Please plan to join us on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to attend the Living Pictures at Fairview Baptists Church in Columbus.

*\*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  
Bill Messier  
Lynne Posey  
Colby Brister  
Bowie Swartz  
Gail Wolanek  
Beverly Campbell  
Jordan Helveston

**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)  
Amy Gibson (relative of Nina Millard and Susan Shultz)  
Melissa Newell  
Barry Keel  
Tornado and Recovery Victims  
Family of Ray Childress  
Family of Karyl Buddington  
Family of Sherry Prather

**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 4/2/23/ \$13,734.00  
Received to date, Budget \$137,801.10  
Received 4/2/23 Bldg. \$1470.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$12,505.00

**ATTENDANCE April 2, 2023**

Sunday School.....58  
8:45 Worship Service.....39  
11:00 Worship Service.....140  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....90  
Total Worship.....179

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

**STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders

**CDC CHAPEL:** 4/3 Debbie Hinshaw 4/10 Dr. Darian

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

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** 4/9 Allison & Colby Brister 4/16 Jessi and Greg Sugg

**ACOLYTES:** 4/9 Elam and Mary Michael Flurry 4/16 Collier Sugg & Logan Wallace

**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>
Jennie Cantrell	Bobbie Tumlinson	Evelyn O’Hara Wallace
Deb McGaughy	Mary Ann Weems	Betty Sue Shumpert

**Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 9, 2023  
11:00 AM  
Matthew 28:1-10  
“Come Near, Take Hold,  
and Worship”**

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

Dated Material  
April 3, 2023

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**THE WINDOW**  
of  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
West Point, Mississippi

April 3, 2023

**Entering Holy Week**

During the Lenten season, the choir’s introit was the first verse of a hidden-away hymn on page 285 of *The United Methodist Hymnal*. Many of us are likely not familiar with, “To Mock Thy Reign, O Dearest Lord,” and I would you encourage to become familiar with all of its verses. The first verse is:

*To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns; set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns. They could not know, as we do now, how glorious is that crown; that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.*

Holy Week concludes with the flowering of Easter, but let us not rush to the celebration without pausing with the thorny taunts that accompanied Jesus’ suffering. This is the week we return to what we first heard on Ash Wednesday: from dust we came, to dust we shall return, and we are *all* sinners in need of a Savior.

We have two opportunities for you to pause with the Passion of our Lord this week. Our Holy Thursday service will be at 6PM on April 6, and the Good Friday Reading of the Passion will be at noon on April 7. These are somber but powerful times of worship that bring us face to face with how desperately Jesus loves us. They also prepare our hearts for the coming resurrection. I hope you will embrace these opportunities to worship our dearest Lord in the community of faith.

all good things to each of you,  
dr d

Thank you for contributing to the Mississippi tornado relief offering this past Sunday. You raised \$ 1, 444.00 to aid in local missions. If you would like to contribute further to this cause, the offering during the Holy Thursday service will benefit this need as well. Again, thank you for loving your neighbors in Christ.

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

We will not be sending out a newsletter next week, April 10<sup>th</sup>.