

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

May 23-June 4 Elizabeth Bailey/Becky Brabham

Jun 5-19 Luann Purnell/Sherrill Weems

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 in Amory– We will be going to Amory on Friday, June 9th from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. to distribute personal hygiene packs, Blessing Bags and to do some light yard work and debris clean up. Please contact Stacy or Pam Carson if you are interested in going with us. Many thanks to Joyce Brister, Anna Colby Brister, Evan Brister, Pam Carson and Debbie Hinshaw for packing the hygiene bags.

Blessing Bags – If you are willing to fill a Blessing Bag (or two!) for the trip to Amory, the bags can be picked up in Stacy’s office, along with the list of needed supplies. A list will also be located at the back of the sanctuary.

Blood Drive – We will hold a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall Monday, June 5th from 3:30-7 p.m. To sign up, please contact Charlotte Messier at 860-729-5376.

Blessing Box – We are in need of canned food, snacks and personal hygiene items for the Blessing Box. You may leave your items in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

In this newsletter, I wanted to take time to really thank all of the members of the Chancel Choir! Each member works tirelessly to bring you beautiful music every Sunday. Our members' dedication and commitment to our Church really shines in everything they do, but especially in Chancel Choir. Sometimes we have lots of new music to learn and the choir always get it done, even if they have to take it home and work on it. I love every single member of our Choir Family and you all deserve a big thank you! The next time you are at church and see a Chancel Choir Member, please take a moment to tell them that you appreciate all the work that they do.

Celebrating Our CDC

The week of May 8th was busy at the Child Development Center. On Monday Pam Carson brought her puppet Lala, and they sang and illustrated how Jesus performed miracles by telling the story of Jesus feeding the multitudes. All the children were able to play with Lala, and they left with snacks of goldfish. The teachers were celebrated each day for Teacher Appreciation Week with a dessert bar, breakfast, movie night kit, lunch and a sweet treat on Friday provided by Rachel and Kathy Wood. The culminating CDC activity for the week was Muffins with Moms. The moms and children enjoyed fruit, juice and muffins in the classrooms before the children presented gifts to their mothers that they had made with help from the staff. Finally, Jane Caston visited the classrooms and read various books including *Charlie Monkey* and *Finding Nemo*. Our church is blessed to be able to serve these children. Thanks to everyone who participated this week.

Calling
all kids!



Last week, we celebrated the end of the semester with a party for the children’s choirs. Honestly, I don’t think the kids want to break for the summer! They simply just love being at church. They associate church with being with their friends, having fun, and singing or learning about Jesus. I am learning so much from them! I too should have this same perspective. Choir may be over for the summer, but Sunday School will continue! Please bring your children each week so they can continue to learn about Jesus and be with their friends, all while having fun!!

I hope to see you Sunday!

Jessi

Vacation Bible School will be June 11-14, 5:30pm - 8:00pm. Please let Jessi know if you would like to volunteer!

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

Discernment Update:

The Selection Committee, comprised of Shane Alpe, Freddie Brister, Robin McCormick, Rodney Mortimer, and Belk Weems met on Monday, May 22, for a time of prayer and setting the foundation of our work. As a reminder, if you would like to submit a nomination for the Discernment Committee, please email msanders@fumcwestpoint.com or drop the form by the church office by Sunday, May 28th.

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:

Beverly Campbell
Jordan Helveston
Montez Ganss
Deb McGaughey
Bubba Atkins
Tom Storey
Price Brister

For our Family and Friends:

Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)
Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)
Zach Bryan (Scot Bryan’s cousin)
Mary Clair Ford
Shannon Greenan
Ted Judson (brother of Deb McGaughey)
Emily Jones
Polly Briggs (sister of Alice Hughes)
Tommy Briggs (brother-in-law of Alice Hughes)
Family of Dr. Bill Billington
Family of Donna Serio (sister of Debbie Bond)
Family of Rita Davis Prisock (sister of R.B. Davis)
Christine Montgomery
Abby Bates
Elena Jameson (Ben Jameson’s wife)
Robert Rosenkrans (Ben Rosenkrans’ nephew)
Camillia Zepponi
Family of Lynda Bell (mother of Hillary Haas)
Harold Tedford

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 5/21/23	\$9,304.00
Received to date, Budget	\$194,174.10
Received 5/21/23 Bldg.	\$145.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$17,960.00

ATTENDANCE May 21, 2023

Sunday School.....	75
8:45 Worship Service.....	34
11:00 Worship Service.....	99
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	56
Total Worship.....	134

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
COFFEE & JUICE: Good Shepherd Class
CDC CHAPEL:

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

LAY READER: 8:45 AM
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: 5/28 Anna and Jordan Thompson 6/4 Jennifer and Todd Stuart
ACOLYTES: 5/28 Treston and Kate Holcomb 6/4

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**
Tom Storey

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

**Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 28, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 AM
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
“Baptized Into One Body”
Anthem: “Peaceful Spirit Medley”**

DUGAN	WAVERLY CARE	TRACEWAY
Jennie Cantrell	Bobbie Tumlinson	Evelyn O’Hara Wallace
Deb McGaughy	Mary Ann Weems	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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Leaning Into Wisdom

This past Sunday, I shared that so often we lean the opposite way that Proverbs 3:5 instructs us. This well-known verse commands us, “Lean not on your own understanding.” The other half of the verse is an invitation to lean onto the Lord, to trust him with all the heart. Why do we choose our own knowledge time after time over his wisdom? To be a people of spiritual discernment, who hear the Holy Spirit in community, it is imperative for us to lean into the Lord with trust. The wisdom books are the best place to start. Starting Wednesday, May 24, when many of you will receive this newsletter, please join me in daily readings from Psalms and Proverbs. You can read or listen to the passage, electronically or in print. There will be no quiz! Let’s simply start reading together daily as a congregation.

Wednesday, May 24: Psalm 101, Proverbs 1

Thursday, May 25: Psalm 105, Proverbs 2

Friday, May 26: Psalm 102, Proverbs 3

Saturday, May 27: Psalm 107, Proverbs 4

Sunday, May 28: Psalm 104, Proverbs 5

Monday, May 29: Psalm 9, Proverbs 6

Tuesday, May 30: Psalm 36, Proverbs 7

all good things to each of you,
dr. d

An Announcement from the Staff-Parish Committee:

“Bishop Sharma D. Lewis and the Cabinet of the Mississippi Conference, during the Appointment Sessions, worked prayerfully together to appoint clergy to every church in our Annual Conference. We give thanks for the ministry of our pastor, **Rev. Dr. Darian Duckworth**, who has been a servant leader among us. Our pastor is reappointed to serve for another appointment year. We ask for your prayers for her.”