

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

Aug 14-27 Laura Williams/Kristy Alpe

Aug 28-Sept 10 Jane Meeks/Heather Cunningham

**Invitation to Join Revive** – Revive is a support group for FUMC members who wish to remain in the United Methodist Church. We are women and men who are diverse in age, experience, and opinion, but most, if not all, of us are traditional Methodists. We meet on Tuesdays from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd classroom. Gloria Bunnell leads us in a Bible study, and we welcome all who feel led to be part of our group. For more information, contact Elizabeth Bailey at 662-295-6219 or any Revive participant.

**Donations for Hawaii Relief Efforts** - The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is currently coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide a solidarity grant for emergency supplies for those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii. Wind-driven fires have prompted evacuation and caused loss of life and devastating damage. We are now accepting donations for this effort. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to FUMC and write Hawaii Relief on the memo line.

**Church Picnic** - Plans are already underway for our annual church picnic, Sunday, September 24th at Waverly Waters Pavilion. Thanks to Dee Echols for chairing again this year. We will need volunteers to help set up and clean up. We will be serving barbecue, so contact Stacy or Dee if you can prepare baked beans for the event or provide buns, chips or a dessert. We will also need volunteers to set up and clean up.

**College Connection** – We want to stay in touch with our college bound students. If you have a child that is headed to college this month, please add them to our College Connection list by contacting Stacy. If you already have a student in college, please let us know if their address or other information has changed.

**School Supply Drive** – We will have a school supply drive throughout the month of August. A drop off box is located at the back of the sanctuary, or you may leave your items in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall. The school supplies will be placed in the Blessing Box. Items needed are notebook paper, notebooks, pens, number 2 pencils, mechanical pencils, index cards, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, and scissors.

**Blessing Box** – We need canned vegetables, deodorant, small combs and shampoo for our Blessing Box. You may leave your donations in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

One of my favorite things about praying in the morning is that it makes me feel shielded and protected throughout the day. Psalm 46:1 says, “God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” It helps me to know that God is ready to jump in and help me whenever I ask. I love reading a Psalm in the morning and then focusing on it all day. In this way, I can really see how The Lord works in my life.

I loved being able to share in a time of music with our Children’s Sunday School last week! We were all making a joyful noise as we learned “Father Abraham”, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”, and “This Little Light of Mine.” It feels good to sing these songs that I learned in my childhood. What are some songs that you learned during your childhood that you could sing to help you worship today? I look forward to worshipping with you all this Sunday!

Rachel



### Youth Supper Hostess (es) @ 5:00

**Aug. 23** – Stacy Hays and Donna Davis Cook

**Aug. 30** – Diane Haas/Vandy Stubbs

Thanks to all who came to the Youth Fishing event at the Dill’s pond on Sunday afternoon. We had a great time and a few fish were caught. Thanks to the Revive group for hosting this event for the youth, to Elizabeth Baily for sharing a devotion and to Kenny and Anna Dill for sharing their pond to fish. It was a great time of fellowship, food and fun. We look forward to planning more events for the youth soon.

Calling  
all kids!



We are learning so much in Sunday School! This week we learned why being honest is important to God. I know as a parent, that is a very important lesson I need my kids to understand and live by each day. Make sure and ask your kiddos what their take aways were!

Wednesday night activities resume Sept 6! The 4th-6th grade Bible Study group is in need of a leader. If you are interested in leading this group for the semester, or just volunteering for a few weeks, let Jessi know! Anything is helpful and appreciated!

Jessi



### Celebrating Our CDC

The Child Development Center is continuing many programs from the last school year. Chapel, organized by Jessi Sugg on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. Reading Days and Fun Fridays have started back. Pam Carson will be recruiting individuals to read to the classes, and Gail Foote will be searching for volunteers to provide snacks to the staff on Fridays. If you would like to help with these activities, you may contact Pam Carson at 662-456-8627 or Gail Foote at 706-217-5293. The Center appreciates all the support it receives from FUMC members.

*\*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  
Deb McGaughey  
Mary Anne Weems  
Betty Sue Shumpert  
Debbie McComic  
Louis Facella

#### For our Family and Friends:

Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)  
Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)  
Mary Clair Ford  
Polly Briggs (sister of Alice Hughes)  
Tommy Briggs (brother-in-law of Alice Hughes)  
Robert Rosenkrans (Ben Rosenkrans’ nephew)  
Catherine Morehead (Caroline Harrell’s daughter)  
Don Hoover, Jr. (Beth Raines’ nephew)  
Greg Jolly – friend of Chuck and Pam Carson  
Will Soniat – nephew of Chuck and Pam Carson  
Family of Helon Delk – (grandmother of Rachel Wood)  
Family of Margaret Cunningham  
Joseph Swatley (nephew of Stacy Hays)  
Family of Gene Dannan (Cindy Thomas Dannan’s father in law)  
Karen Cliett  
Albert Lee (Wilma Lee’s husband)  
Family of Bill Maclean

**For our Nation and World:**  
War in Ukraine, Mass shootings in our country, Turkey and Syria  
MS tornado victims and recovery  
Hawaii fire victims and recovery

**Communion Preparation** – We have changed the way we do communion set up and clean up. Worship committee volunteers who help with communion will now be doing communion set up AND clean up for just one service. If you are interested in volunteering for the worship committee, please contact Stacy.

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023**

2023 budget \$610,027.33  
Received 8/20/23 \$ 5,002.00  
Received to date, Budget \$ 292,646.10  
Received 8/20/23 Bldg. \$345.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$ 26,675.00

**ATTENDANCE August 20, 2023**

Sunday School.....82  
8:45 Worship Service.....N/A  
11:00 Worship Service.....106  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....73  
Total Worship.....106



**THE WINDOW**

of  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

August 21, 2023

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** Men’s Bible Class  
**CDC CHAPEL:**  
**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM  
**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** 8/27 Anna/Jordan Thompson 9/3 Abby/Jeff Hairston  
**ACOLYTES:** 8/27

**STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar

11:00 AM Bob Seitz

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

Jean Sarsgard  
Montez Ganss  
Ann Miller

**AT HOME**  
Robert Darsey  
Ann Ross  
Max Hinshaw

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

**Scripture Lesson:** Exodus 2:1-10

**Sermon – “Step Into the River”**

**Anthem: “Ride On, King Jesus”**  
arr. Kern

**DUGAN**  
Jennie Cantrell  
Deb McGaughy  
Mary Anne Weems

**WAVERLY CARE**  
Bobbie Tumlinson

**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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**The Best of Words**

*When we receive grace, it frees us from so many things.  
~Tommy Bryan, August 13, 2023*

I am so grateful to Tommy Bryan for filling the pulpit on August 13 when I was away on vacation. I listened to the message after coming home and was thrilled hear him talking from his heart about his love of the church, which is rooted in his love of Christ. The above quotation was something that he said that really stuck with me.

There are few better words in the world than “grace.” It carries the weight of a Savior’s love for us, the gentleness of being patient with one another, the wind of God’s Holy Spirit leading and guiding us. Earlier this year, I was teaching a course for licensing school, the United Methodist program for those who wish to become licensed local pastors. The students in my class mostly worked full-time jobs or were in school full-time but felt called to serve in pastoral roles too. They were all busy with work, family, and their own church involvement, and I could sense the pressure in the room with all the assignments they needed to do. The first thing I said to them was, “You will have to put in work. You will have to put in effort. But there is also grace. And grace is abundant. If you are struggling with the assignments, please talk to me. I’m here to walk alongside you.”

There was a collective sigh in the room with that bit of permission: grace is here. Simply ask. And freedom will follow.

God desires for us to live a free and full life, not weighed down but waiting on him. Where do you need grace today? To whom will you extend grace? Do not hold back. The best of words is waiting to give you new life!

all good things to each of you,  
dr. darian

Sympathy – We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Bill Maclean who passed away on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.