

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

Aug 28-Sept 10 Jane Meeks/Heather Cunningham  
Sept 11-24 Pam Carson/ Joyce Brister

**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 beginning at 5 p.m. 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.

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

Hello Church Family! I want to thank you again for all the cards and sweet notes that you have sent concerning the loss of my grandmother. The cards are still arriving, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate your care and concern. It is very moving and meaningful to me. Speaking of family, our choir is a big family, and we are constantly looking to bring more people into it. I encourage you to talk to a choir member if you are even considering the possibility of joining. We love our rehearsals and our time together. We are a family that prays together and worships together which has created an unshakeable bond between us all. We would love to talk to you about it! In the meantime, I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!  
Rachel



**Youth Supper Hostess (es) @ 5:00**  
**Aug. 30** – Diane Haas/Vandy Stubbs

**School Supply Drive** – Thanks to everyone who has donated to our school supply drive. The response has been great and we will continue the drive through this week. Of course, donations of canned goods, personal hygiene items and school supplies for the Blessing Box are always appreciated throughout the year.

Calling  
all kids!



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 me know! Anything is helpful and appreciated!

All 3rd-6th graders are invited to attend Camp Lake Stephens Weekend Retreat Sept 30-Oct 1. The deadline to sign up is Sept 16th! Cost is \$45 per camper. A sign up genius has been sent over Remind, however if you need this link again please let me know!



Jessi

### Celebrating Our CDC

Things are getting back to normal in the Child Development Center. During the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>, Pam Carson showed the children the small replica of our church, and she explained how Jesus represented the church. She led the children in fingerplay with the rhyme "Here Is the Church" and the song "We Are the Church." Finally, she illustrated how the church performs good deeds in the world by letting the children give a gift of appreciation to Karen Cliett for her dedication to the Child Development Center. Rebecca DeSantis engaged the children by leading the songs "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and "Jesus Loves Me." She also read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Smooch Your Pooch*. In addition, Julie Gray and Stacy Hays reinstated Fun Fridays by treating the staff with donut holes, cookies, chips, and drinks. Thank you, volunteers, for giving your time and talents to enhance the learning for these children.

*\*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  
Paula Shute (cousin of Joyce Brister)

#### 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

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

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023**

2023 budget \$610,027.33  
Received 8/27/23 \$ 7,719 .00  
Received to date, Budget \$ 292,646.10  
Received 8/27/23 Bldg. \$555.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$ 26,675.00

**ATTENDANCE August 27, 2023**

Sunday School.....68  
8:45 Worship Service.....N/A  
11:00 Worship Service.....114  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....62  
Total Worship.....114

**SOUND TECH:** Julie Gray  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** J.B. Cook Class

**STREAM TEAM:** Andy Gray

**CDC CHAPEL:**

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 9/3 Abby/Jeff Hairston 9/10 Hillary/Steven White

**ACOLYTES:** 9/3 Collier Sugg/Anna Colby Brister 9/10

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

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

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 3, 2023  
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28  
Sermon – “The Conversation that Changed Everything”  
Anthem: “Bow the Knee”  
arr. Fettke**

**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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**What’s Brought Me Joy This Summer**

It’s been a few months since I shared with you in this space about the music, books, and movies that have brought me joy recently. I hope that in taking about what I’ve enjoyed that you will take the time, also, to pay attention to how God is speaking to you.

*Oppenheimer* (film): I may not have seen the Barbie film yet, but I did see the summer’s other big movie. I can’t remember the last time I watched a 3-hour movie in the theater, but this epic journey was worth every minute. A biopic about the man who invented the atomic bomb, Oppenheimer is one of those films that I immediately wanted to discuss with others who had seen it. It contains lessons on history, ethics, and so much more. I was thankful for all I learned and will continue to learn.

*This is the Hour* by Christy Nockels (music): Christy Nockels served as a worship leader with Passion conferences, but in recent years has focused on being home with her family and raising her children. Her newest album is one of those that is best heard from start to finish, and it is obvious these songs come from her heart of worshipping and encountering God in her everyday life.

*Hello Stranger* by Katherine Center (book): Summer vacation may be over for many of us, but that doesn’t mean summer reading has to end! This novel was a lovely companion when I was traveling recently. It’s about a young portrait artist named Sadie who suddenly develops a condition called face blindness (it’s a real illness that the author researched so well!). This is, of course, terribly inconvenient since she paints faces for a living, not to mention that she had just met a cute guy she can no longer see clearly. It’s a great “beach read” but also has some depth to its characters that I really enjoyed.

I’d love to know what has brought you joy recently!

all good things to each of you,  
dr. darian

"The West Point United Methodist Church will have a special called church conference on Sunday, September 24, 2023. The conference will be held in the sanctuary of the church beginning at 1:30 PM. Registration to vote will begin at 12:30 PM. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and vote upon the Certification filed with the Mississippi Conference of the UMC, Inc. We will send more information to our church membership about the process within the next week."