

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Sept 11-24 Pam Carson/ Joyce Brister

Sept 25-Oct 8 JoAnn Tedford/Barbara Bryan

Revive Group – Revive is a support group for FUMC members who wish to remain in the United Methodist Church. The group meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd classroom. We welcome all who feel led to be part of our group. If you have questions concerning the disaffiliation process or remaining United Methodist, you are welcome to contact any member. 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.

Fall Plans – Due to the special called church conference on September 24, our church picnic has been cancelled. However, we have some fun plans in the works for the upcoming months. We will keep you updated.

College Connection – We want to stay in touch with our college students. If you have a child or grandchild in college, please add them to our College Connection list by contacting Stacy. Also, please update us on any changes of address for those already on the list.

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

Ruth Weems Circle will meet Monday, September 18, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Elizabeth Baily, Mary Carr Ecklund and Pam Carson will be the hostesses. We will study Week 5 in our book *Women of the Bible*.

MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

Children's Choir began last week and I'm so excited about our theme, "Real Life". This week, we learned that God is real, his love is real, and we can experience real life and true freedom through him. Our message coordinated perfectly with our devotional at Chancel Choir later that night, which focused on Matthew 11:28-30. The Message Translation says, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Our life in Jesus should be easy. I love the part that says, "I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you." Jesus desires for each of us to experience true freedom, and we can live in this freedom by living the way Jesus lived. I encourage you to meditate on how Jesus lived his life. More than just adhering to a set of commands, Jesus lived his life in a way that encouraged freedom and joy. I can't wait to worship with you all this



Youth Supper Hostess (es) @ 5:30

Sept. 13 – Julie Gray/ Anna Dill

Sept. 20 – Gloria Bunnell/ Amy Lee

Sept. 27 – Dee Echols/Gail Foote

Calling
all kids!



On Sunday, we wrapped up our "Journey to Mars" series in Sunday School. The children learned so much about what it means to have faith and the journey they should take to get to Heaven! I've said it once and I'll say it again.... We have an AMAZING group of kids here! They are full of life and conversation and have a wonderful understanding of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus. Stay tuned for our series "Pumpkin Parables!"

Jessi



Things have been extremely busy in the CDC lately. Elizabeth Bailey taught the children about Jesus calming the storm during chapel. Debbie Hinshaw visited the classes and read from the big book *A B C Animal Babies* to the two youngest groups and the big book about a mama cat and her kittens to the two older groups. In addition, the staff members were recognized on Fun Friday with cookies and drinks provided by Carolyn Burgess and Holly Hitt.

The Center celebrated Grandparents Day on Friday, September 8th. Grandparents were served sausage and biscuits, fruit and juices before they proceeded to the classrooms to eat and visit with their little ones. A special guest for the occasion was the ninety-one year old great, great grandmother of one of the babies, Amy Belk. She and her grandchild, Gabriel Dantzler, were born on the same day ninety years apart. Thank you, volunteers, staff members and grandparents, for giving your time and talents to make life special 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

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
Joseph Swatley (nephew of Stacy Hays)
Karen Cliett
Albert Lee (Wilma Lee's husband)
Family of Bill Maclean
Paula Shute (cousin of Joyce Brister)
Ruby Graves (Ethlyn Mortimer's sister)

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

The West Point Clay County Arts Council invites you to Sundays @ the Center featuring Jace Ferraez on piano on Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2PM at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts. Hope to see everyone there to support Jace.

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget	\$610,027.33
Received 9/10/23	\$7,835.00
Received to date, Budget	\$315,194.10
Received 9/10/23 Bldg.	\$555.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$ 29,670.00

ATTENDANCE September 10, 2023

Sunday School.....	30
8:45 Worship Service.....	24
11:00 Worship Service.....	92
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	56
Total Worship.....	202



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

September 11, 2023

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray

COFFEE & JUICE: J.B. Cook Class

CDC CHAPEL: 9/18 Dr. Darian 9/25 Elizabeth Bailey

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 9/17 Allie/Jud Judkins 9/24 Elizabeth/Fred Zepponi

ACOLYTES:

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

AT HOME

Jean Sarsgard	Robert Darsey
Montez Ganss	Ann Ross
Ann Miller	Max Hinshaw

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 17, 2023
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM**

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31
Sermon – “When God Makes A Way”
Special Music: “On Eagle’s Wings”
Rachel Wood, soloist

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.**

**First United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 293
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September 11, 2023

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The Upcoming Church Vote

Dearly Beloved Friends,

If you are on the church’s membership roll, you have received or will soon be receiving a letter from lay leader, Freddie Brister, about the upcoming Church Conference on Sunday, September 24. If you do not receive a letter and believe you should have, please contact the church office.

I did want to share a few important details about the voting procedure as well as an invitation to prayer.

1. You must be registered and seated in the sanctuary at 1:30 with your ballot in order to vote. Registration begins at 12:30 at the back of the sanctuary. Please plan accordingly because if you arrive after 1:30, you will not be allowed in to vote.
2. We will reserve some pews at the back of the sanctuary for our elder members and others who need assistance.
3. If you or someone you know needs a ride to the church or help getting in & out of the conference, please contact the church office, and we will work to find someone to help you
4. Do not mark your ballot until the presiding elder tells you to do so during the church conference. The ballots will be collected and counted at the front of the sanctuary, in front of everyone, for full transparency.
5. The presiding elder will give detailed instructions about the procedure and ballot throughout the conference. Let us be at ease & at peace knowing that God is with us in this process.

Let us pray together: *Holy God, who was and is and is to come, you are on the throne. Take the seat of authority in this, your church. We give ourselves to you. We surrender the upcoming church conference to you. We listen for the voice of your Holy Spirit. Give us peace in the process and in the result. Help us to focus on obedience, and not outcome. For you are the Lord of it all, and we give everyone and everything to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian