

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Sept 11-24 Pam Carson/ Joyce Brister
Sept 25-Oct 8 JoAnn Tedford/Barbara Bryan

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.

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.

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.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! This week in Children's Choir we learned about David, who was very brave and knew that God was on his side and would protect him from Goliath. I've often wondered if I trust God enough to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God will protect me from my Goliath. Can I walk into an impossible situation and expect God to not only show up, but to make something miraculous happen? I believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. If he parted the red sea for his children, won't he do the same for me? Romans 8:31 says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" I'm going to challenge myself this week to worry less and trust God more. What are you worried about right now? What is the "Goliath" in your mind? Know that God is just waiting for you to hand it over to him. He WILL protect you and deliver you from the enemy. "Our God is greater, our God is stronger. Lord, you are higher than ANY other."

Rachel



Celebrating Our CDC

The Child Development Center is extremely fortunate to have our volunteers. During the week of September 11th, Linda Drake conducted Chapel for the children. She explained to them that God loves all creatures including the birds. Linda incorporated some drama into her lesson and allowed the children to pretend to be birds and fly.

Calling all kids!



Last week I was cleaning out a box and found a binder from the very first Methodist church I was a member of. I had been going to a weekly class to learn more about the Methodist ways since I had transferred my membership from another denomination. Across the top of one of the pages, I had written in big bold letters "Preach the gospel, and if necessary, use words!" I have heard this saying many times since then, but I was reminded at just the right time last week that your actions are being watched much more closely than your words are being listened to. I have tried to explain this to my children several times since I came across these words last week and I encourage you all to do the same. Let's let the world see who Jesus is and learn to love him just by watching us!

Jessi

Sept 30- Oct 1- Camp Lake Stephens
Weekend Retreat (3rd-6th graders)

Oct 22- Fall Festival

CDC Cont...



Jesse Sugg was a special visitor on Friday when she read several books to the children including *Llama, Llama, Hippy Hop*, *The Very Busy Spider*, *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*, *Chicka, Chicka 123*, and *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food?* Finally, Stacy Weems outdid herself when she provided snacks for the workers. Stacy made homemade brownies, sausage balls, cookies, and dip to go with chips. She was assisted by Gail Foote who provided the drinks. Thank you to everyone who provided their time and talents this week.

**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)
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)
Family of Polly Pierce

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



Youth Supper Hostess (es) @ 5:00

Sept. 20 – Gloria Bunnell/ Amy Lee
Sept. 27 – Dee Echols/Gail Foote

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget \$610,027.33
Received 9/17/23 \$6,367 .00
Received to date, Budget \$ 321,561 .10
Received 9/17/23 Bldg. \$ 455.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$ 30,125 .00

ATTENDANCE September 17, 2023

Sunday School.....58
8:45 Worship Service.....31
11:00 Worship Service.....102
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....66
Total Worship.....199



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

September 18, 2023

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
COFFEE & JUICE: J.B. Cook Class
CDC CHAPEL: 9/25 Elizabeth Bailey 10/2 Pam Carson
LAY READER: 8:45 AM 11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 9/24 Elizabeth/Fred Zepponi 10/1 Jennifer/Todd Stuart
ACOLYTES: 9/10

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 24, 2023
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
New Testament Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30
Sermon – “Get Me Out of the Way”
Anthem: ”I’m Gonna Keep Walkin’ “-
Thompson and Greer

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

Jean Sarsgard
Montez Ganss
Ann Miller

AT HOME
Robert Darsey
Ann Ross
Max Hinshaw

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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Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

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The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Dearly Beloved Friends,

As has been shared with you multiple times from our lay leader, Freddie Brister, we will have a special called church conference this upcoming Sunday, September 24, at 1:30PM with registration beginning at 12:30PM. I wanted to share a few items for clarification as we prayerfully enter the conference.

2. If you are physically able to do so, please come and worship first. Sundays are first and foremost a sabbath we are called to remember and keep holy. We will be celebrating the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, and I believe you will find the Scriptures most appropriate.

3. Please spend some time in fellowship with each other between the service and the conference. Light snacks will be provided in the fellowship hall, and it is important for us to simply be together after we worship together.

4. To clear up any confusion, when the Administrative Council met on August 3, 2023, the majority of the Council voted to ask the district superintendent (DS) to schedule a church conference for FUMC-WP in order to vote on the matter of disaffiliation from the UMC. The Administrative Council did not vote to disaffiliate from the UMC and does not have the authority to do so. The church conference on September 24 will be members’ opportunity to vote on the matter of disaffiliation.

Let us offer this prayer together, based on Psalm 105, a reading for next Sunday: *We give thanks to you, O Lord. We call upon your name. We sing your praises. We tell of your wonderful works. You, Lord, are our God, whose judgments are in all the earth. You are mindful of your covenant, a word commanded for all generations. We desire to be your covenant people. Praise be to you, O Lord. Praise be to you!*

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian

There will be no newsletter sent next week.