

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.

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.

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th at 7:30AM. Chip Miskelly, Co-Chair of Go Tell America Crusades, will be our guest speaker. Please make plans to attend!

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

Children's Choir is resuming this week. I look forward to singing with the children again! We are going to sing some wonderful songs about how living in Christ is REAL LIFE! Our world tries to convince us of many falsehoods. It's easy to get caught up in thinking about having a nice house, nice car, or nice clothes. But none of those things make us happy in the long run. Only Jesus Christ can provide us with real life, a life that is molded in love and seeks out joy and peace. I'm excited to teach our children about what the Bible has to say about this subject and to sing some new songs with them! I hope to see everyone there Wednesday night!

Rachel



Youth Supper Hostess (es) @ 5:00

Sept. 6 – Lucy McKellar/ Jane Caston

Sept. 13 – Julie Gray/ Anna Dill

Sept. 20 – Gloria Bunnell/ Amy Lee

Sept. 27 – Dee Echols/Gail Foote

Communion Offering –

Thank you for the generous amount of \$713.00 towards the Build a Bed/Dream Center Communion offering this past Sunday.

Calling all kids!



All 3rd-6th graders are invited to attend Camp Lake Stephens Weekend Retreat Sept 30-Oct 1. This retreat is designed to give your children a fun mini-camp experience, as well as grow stronger in their faith and with one another. Over the weekend, groups will take part in worship, small group discussions, athletic field games, lake activities, and other fun camp experiences. 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

Grandparents Day – September 8th

The FUMC CDC will host Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 8th from 8:00-9:00 AM. We are excited to have our grandparents come and share breakfast with the children that morning.

**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
Joseph Swatley (nephew of Stacy Hays)
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

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget \$610,027.33
Received 9/3/23 \$6,994.00
Received to date, Budget \$307,359.10
Received 9/3/23 Bldg. \$1,885.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$ 29,115.00

ATTENDANCE September 3, 2023

Sunday School.....49
8:45 Worship Service.....39
11:00 Worship Service.....74
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....62
Total Worship.....113

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
COFFEE & JUICE: J.B. Cook Class
CDC CHAPEL:
LAY READER: 8:45 AM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 9/10 Hillary/Steven White 9/17 Allie/Jud Judkins
ACOLYTES: 9/10

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray
11:00 AM Elizabeth Bailey

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

Jean Sarsgard
Montez Ganss
Ann Miller

AT HOME
Robert Darsey
Ann Ross
Max Hinshaw

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 10, 2023
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 149
Sermon – “Singing a New Song
(Though the Story’s the Same)”
Anthem: ““This is the Time I Must Sing” - Gaither**

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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Polly Grimes, Organist
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

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West Point, Mississippi

September 4, 2023

Finding “Good Dog”

Like many of you, I look forward to Prairie Arts Festival every Labor Day weekend. One vendor whose work I especially enjoy perusing is Scott McQueen. Not only is he a fun and engaging conversationalist, each piece of his folk art is a conversation in itself!

A few years back, I bought a painting of a train that he did and gave it to my dad. Then last year I bought a church made of wood and buttons for myself. This year, I looked forward to his newest creations and wondered if one would “find” me. Pretty soon after walking up, I saw it:

It was a painting on wood of a smiling white dog, with a crown on his head, and the words, “GOOD DOG,” glued on. It looked like a compact and simplified rendering of my beloved dog, Isaac, who passed away two months ago. Of course, I had to have it—and poor Scott got an earful as I told him the story of Isaac!

Prairie Arts always reminds me of the ways God is showing up with His wonders and marvels. There was no way that Scott McQueen knew about a dog named Isaac (who believed he was king) in West Point, but God used his gifts to provide me with a reminder of God’s presence — and humor. Such signs of God’s loving and caring presence are everywhere. Do we open our eyes long enough to see them?

Let us be on the lookout today for sightings of his glory and signs of his presence!

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. Lay Leader, Freddie Brister, will be sending a letter this week with additional information and will announce the voting information in church during the next two weeks.