

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct. 9-22 Jessi Sugg/ Stacy Hays

Mission Trip - We are planning a mission trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma December 26th-January 1. We will be partnering with a church on a ranch that offers a Christmas Break Camp for kids as well as a New Year's Revival. Our team will help prep and run these events and minister to the kids and their families. If you are interested in going or want more information, please contact Stacy at 662-295-3186.

Communion Set Up – If you are willing to help with communion set up and clean up for either service on November 5, please let Stacy know.

Christ At Home – We are making plans for our Thanksgiving meal for Christ At Home. If you would be willing to provide a pan of chicken and dressing, please let Stacy know. She can provide you with a recipe if you don't have one of your own. We will also do a Christmas meal in December and will need sweet potato casseroles and pans of dressing. Thanks for your help with this important ministry.

Blessing Box – We need canned goods, non-perishable snacks and personal hygiene items for the Blessing Box. You may leave your items in the cart outside the fellowship hall. Thank you for your help with this important ministry.

Wesley Foundation Meal – thanks to everyone who helped with the Wesley Foundation meal last week. It was a delicious meal and great fellowship.

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.

Revive – Please join us each Tuesday night at 5:30 for our Revive meeting in the Good Shepherd Sunday School room. We are making plans for the fall and upcoming year. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 29 at 5:00PM. That night, we will have a 5th Sunday Singing in the Sanctuary. We will sing out of the Hymn Book and the Old Cokesbury Hymnbook. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend what I know will be wonderful worship through song!

This past Wednesday really warmed my heart as I watched our children sing and worship together. My favorite line that they sing is, "And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us." We learned about Paul and Silas singing even when they were in prison and constantly giving all praise and glory to God. Singing is such a comforting thing to do and a great way to stay close to God. Come sing with us any time!
Rachel



Celebrating Our CDC

The Child Development Center got off to a great start last week because Debbie Hinshaw came and led Chapel. She explained how important it is to be kind and help others and used the story of "The Good Samaritan" to illustrate these behaviors. Then Debbie taught the children the song, "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart." They also sang "Jesus Loves Me" and one of their favorites, "Old MacDonald." Gloria Bunnell visited the Center on Friday and read "Yoko's Paper Cranes" and "Where the Wild Things Are." The staff received "Thank You Snacks" of donuts, cookies, Rice Krispie Treats and drinks from Lucy McKellar. We want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers!

Calling
all kids!



As you all know, we had to cancel our Church Picnic in September and our Fall Festival was originally planned for October 22. However, after much thought, we decided why not combine the two and start a new tradition?! I am excited to share that we will have our first FUMC "Fall Picnic" on November 5 at 12:30 following the church service. The Dill's have graciously volunteered to host the picnic at their pond, however in the event of rain, we will simply relocate to the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time to come together as a family and fellowship, play games, sing, and of course eat! Be on the lookout for ways we need your service as this event comes together. Please let Jessi or Stacy know if you have any questions!

Jessi



Youth Supper Hostess (es) @ 5:30

Oct. 18 – Shannon Wallace & Mary Carr Ecklund

Oct. 25 – Lucy McKellar & Jane Caston

Men's 5th Sunday

Men of FUMC, we will be having 5th Sunday on October 29 at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join the Men's Bible Class as we fellowship together with our brothers from First Presbyterian and First Christian Churches.

**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
Kathy Wood

For our Family and Friends:

Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)
Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)
Will Soniat – nephew of Chuck and Pam Carson
Karen Cliett
Family of Polly Pierce
Suzette Bates
Robert Calvert (Nita Keys' father)
Brenda Loveless -Phil McClellan's mother
Family of Mary East (Wendy Childress' mother)
Family of Mary Clair Ford

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
War in Israel

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

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| 2023 budget | \$610,027.33 |
| Received 10/15/23 | \$4,554.00 |
| Received to date, Budget | \$368,793.10 |
| Received 10/15/23 Bldg. | \$385.00 |
| Received to date, Bldg. Fund | \$ 34,030.00 |

ATTENDANCE October 15, 2023

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| Sunday School..... | 19 |
| 8:45 Worship Service..... | 8 |
| 11:00 Worship Service..... | 53 |
| Virtual 11:00 AM Service..... | 140 |



THE WINDOW

of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

October 16, 2023

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders
COFFEE & JUICE: Wesley Wasson/Friendly Fellowship Class
CDC CHAPEL: 10/23 Dr. Darian 10/30 Pam Carson
LAY READER: 8:45 AM 11:00 AM Bob Seitz
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10/22 Jessi/Greg Sugg
ACOLYTES: 9/10

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 22, 2023
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon – “The Great Commission: Calculation”
Anthem- “Still” - arr. Clydesdale

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

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| | AT HOME |
| Jean Sarsgard | Robert Darsey |
| Montez Ganss | Ann Ross |
| Ann Miller | |

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| DUGAN | WAVERLY CARE | TRACEWAY |
| Jennie Cantrell | Bobbie Tumlinson | Evelyn O’Hara Wallace |
| Deb McGaughy | | Betty Sue Shumpert |
| Mary Anne Weems | | |

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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 Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent

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Order, Worship and Service

Dearly Beloved Friends,

We have a number of important dates to share with you and hope you will make your plans to participate and serve alongside your brothers and sisters at First United Methodist Church in West Point.

Charge Conference: October 22 at 4PM, Aldersgate UMC, Starkville, MS

The theme for this year’s district-wide charge conference is “Emerge Stronger: Shining Through Adversity.” We will gather with fellow United Methodists to celebrate God’s work in our churches and to vote on our annual business items (1. pastor’s compensation package and 2. a basic slate of church leaders). I have the honor of preaching and hope you will plan to attend. All currently active church members in good standing may attend with vote.

Worshipping as One Body Beginning Sunday, October 29

Starting on October 29, we will have one worship service at 11AM. It is important for us to gather as one body, especially as we near the Advent season and a new season in our life as a congregation. After the first of the new year we will revisit the early worship service. Know that it is not going away but is on “pause” as we focus on our call to unity!

Serving in the Great Commission

The nominations committee has begun its work of recommending leaders for 2024. Some will be completed before Charge Conference, and we will be working on others over the next few weeks. Please prayerfully consider saying YES to God’s invitation to serve when a member of the nominations committee contacts you. I can’t wait to see your spiritual gifts activated and in motion as we enter a new year together.

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian