

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

ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct. 9-22 Jessi Sugg/ Stacy Hays

**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.

**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!

Communion Offering for Palmer Home on 10.1.23 was \$364.00. Thank you for giving!

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I want to say thank you to the chancel choir for their beautiful singing of “The Lily of the Valley”. Your singing was very heartfelt and tender. I appreciate and love all of you very much and I’m so proud of all the work and dedication you put into to using your gifts for The Lord. I will be out this coming Sunday, but Gary Echols will be leading the hymns and singing special music. I know you don’t want to miss his beautiful voice!

If anyone has been thinking of joining our choir ranks, right now is a great time to do so as we will soon begin to prepare Christmas Music. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me or any choir member!

Much love to you all!  
Rachel Wood



Celebrating Our CDC

The week of September 18 was exciting for the Child Development Center. Dr. Darian explained to the children that Moses was a great leader because he followed God, even in scary times such as when the Red Sea was parted. Then the children sang three songs: “If You’re Happy and You Know It,” “This Little Light of Mine” and “Parting the Sea.” Train engineer Anna Dill visited the CDC on Friday and read *The Little Engine That Could*. The children were excited to put on their own engineer caps and bandannas and blow their whistles during appropriate times during the story. On Fun Friday the staff was treated by Ethlyn Mortimer and Patricia Blair to a feast of homemade

## Calling all kids!



Over the past two Sundays, we have discussed FAITH and FORGIVENESS in Sunday School. How fitting to go along with the season we are in right now! Through the parable of the mustard seed, we discussed how our faith starts out small, but with practice it grows and develops into something we depend on, something that affects our every decision. This past Sunday we listened to the parable of the unmerciful servant. A king was tough against the servant who wronged him, but then showed grace and a soft heart with a forgiving spirit. We compared our hearts to a pumpkin. Sometimes hard and tough on the outside, but God wants us to have soft forgiving hearts like the inside of the pumpkin, so He can therefore forgive us. “Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.” Psalm 25:4

Have a great week!  
Jessi



CDC Cont...

cookies and brownies, chips and dips and a variety of drinks. Great activities continued during the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Bailey told the story of Zacchaeus and led the children in the song “Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man.” The week is never complete until a volunteer comes to read. Stacy Hays was the special person who came and read these books to the children: *Dr. Seuss’s ABC*, *Hop on Pop*, *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* and *Our Special Sweet Potato Pie*. Finally, Eunice Coleman and LaDonna Helveston brought lemonade and strawberry cupcakes, so the staff could celebrate September birthdays.

*\*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  
Kathy Wood

**For our Family and Friends:**

Mary Margaret Case (Daughter of Kenny Dill)  
Susie Purnell Randall (Daughter of George and Luann Purnell)  
Mary Clair Ford  
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  
Suzette Bates

**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) @ 5:30**

**Oct 4 – Dee Echols & Gail Foote**

**Oct. 11 – Anna Dill & Linda Drake**

**Oct. 18 – Shannon Wallace & Mary Carr Ecklund**

**Oct. 25 – Lucy McKellar & Jane Caston**

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023**

2023 budget \$610,027.33  
Received 10/1/23 \$18,349 .00  
Received to date, Budget \$ 350,880.10  
Received 10/1/23 Bldg. \$ 1,170.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$ 31,840.00

**ATTENDANCE      October 1, 2023**

Sunday School.....16  
8:45 Worship Service.....13  
11:00 Worship Service..... 65  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....200

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill                      **STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** Wesley Wasson/Friendly Fellowship Class  
**CDC CHAPEL:** 10/2 Pam Carson    10/9 Debbie Hinshaw  
**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM                      11:00 AM Bob Seitz  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 10/8 Jessi/Greg Sugg  
**ACOLYTES:** 9/10



# THE WINDOW

of  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

October 2, 2023

Follow Up on Church Conference & Worship in October

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV)*

On September 24, we had a church conference to vote on the matter of disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church. There were 268 votes cast. 114 voted to remain UMC (43%), and 154 to disaffiliate (57%). This fell short of the required 67% of votes cast. As a result, we will remain a United Methodist congregation.

This has been a difficult and stressful season for the life of our congregation, and we now enter into a time of healing and moving forward. While there is grief, we know that we serve a God of resurrection. I don't think there's any better place for us to be in the Scriptures this month than in the passages leading up to Jesus' most famous command to his disciples, which he gave them after his resurrection. To go and make disciples. To do so in the name of the blessed Trinity. To know that God is with us.

We began this month at the Lord's table for World Communion Sunday, where he gave us life in his death. Let us move forward in his life together as we seek who God wants us to be as a church. Be on the lookout for more information about how we might dream and vision as a church.

Know how much I love you. It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

all good things to each of you,  
dr. d

*Clarification: There are some emails circulating in the congregation from the address, firstmethodistwp@gmail.com. Please note that this is not the church's email address. Our addresses have not changed, and any correspondence you have from our church office will end in [fumcwestpoint.com](http://fumcwestpoint.com)*

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

Jean Sarsgard  
Montez Ganss  
Ann Miller

**AT HOME**  
Robert Darsey  
Ann Ross

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 8, 2023  
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46  
Sermon – "The Great Commission: Consequences"  
Special Music: Gary Echols**

**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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