

# 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

**Meal for Job Corp** – We are providing a meal for the Men's Christian Job Corp on Monday, October 16th at 5 p.m. We will be serving jumbo hotdogs and chips. We will prepare the hotdogs at the church and transport to the Job Corp meeting. We will need help taking the necessary supplies and food, as well as people to help set up and serve. Let Stacy know if you can volunteer.

**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.

**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!

Ruth Weems Circle- The Ruth Weems Circle will meet Monday, October 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Judy Staggers, Polly Grimes and Barbara Bryan will be the hostesses. We will study Week 6 in our book Women of the Bible.

## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! Thank you so much to Gary Echols for leading the hymns and singing so beautifully this past Sunday. Your voice blesses all who hear you sing!

If you are interested in joining the choir, we would love to have you! Just come to talk to any choir member or myself.

I loved watching the youngest among us worship this past Wednesday night. It was a blessing to see them singing with their arms raised towards the heavens, accepting all the love that Jesus blesses us with. Anyone is welcome to come join us on Wednesday nights! We meet at 5:30 in the fellowship hall for food and then go downstairs to worship and read a Bible story at 6:00.

Rachel



Celebrating Our CDC

The CDC can never thank the volunteers enough for what they do. Pam Carson led Chapel last week. She explained that God had a special plan for Moses, and she used dolls, baskets, and a baby bathtub to illustrate the story of "Moses in the Basket." She was assisted by Polly Grimes who led the singing and taught the children a new song about the sky. Linda Drake brought pumpkins and read stories about fall and pumpkins. Finally, the staff was treated to chips, muffins, brownies, and a variety of drinks on Fun Friday by Donna Cook and Gail Foote. What a wonderful week thanks to our talented and dedicated volunteers!

Calling  
all kids!



We are singing a song in Children's Choir right now titled "God is Awesome." I love this song! We tied it into our bible lesson this past week and talked about some of God's awesome works and his awesome power with the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. When our faith is strong in him, He will continue to provide, strengthen, heal, and love us. He is truly amazing! "Look at the powerful things the Lord has done. See the awesome things He has done on earth" Psalm 46:8.

Jessi



**Youth Supper Hostess (es) @ 5:30**

**Oct. 11 – Anna Dill & Linda Drake**

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

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

*\*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)  
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  
Robert Calvert (Nita Keys' father)  
Brenda Loveless -Phil McClellan's mother  
Family of Mary East (Wendy Childress' mother)

**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**

2023 budget	\$610,027.33
Received 10/8/23	\$13,359 .00
Received to date, Budget	\$ 364,239.10
Received 10/8/23 Bldg.	\$ 1,805.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$ 33,645.00

**ATTENDANCE      October 8, 2023**

Sunday School.....	21
8:45 Worship Service.....	9
11:00 Worship Service.....	39
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	74



**THE WINDOW**  
of  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

October 9, 2023

**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell                      **STREAM TEAM:** Melanie Sanders  
**COFFEE & JUICE:** Wesley Wasson/Friendly Fellowship Class  
**CDC CHAPEL:** 10/16 Linda Drake 10/23 Dr. Darian  
**LAY READER:** 8:45 AM                      11:00 AM Bob Seitz  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 10/8 Jessi/Greg Sugg  
**ACOLYTES:** 9/10

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
**8:45 AM and 11:00 AM**  
**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 22:1-14  
**Sermon** – “The Great Commission: Controversy”  
**Anthem:** “Carry Me”

**Remember in Prayer  
In the Hospital**

Jean Sarsgard  
Montez Ganss  
Ann Miller

**AT HOME**  
Robert Darsey  
Ann Ross

**DUGAN**                      **WAVERLY CARE**  
Jennie Cantrell      Bobbie Tumlinson  
Deb McGaughy  
Mary Anne Weems

**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

Dated Material  
October 9, 2023  
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The World as Our Parish

Two weeks ago I attended a leadership conference at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The last time I attended was in 2014, and I found the workshops and speakers incredibly helpful as our congregation undergoes a time of death and resurrection. I’m still compiling my notes and the ideas shared, but I wanted to go ahead and name some things that especially stood out that apply to us.

1. “The world is our parish.”: Reverend Michael Beck led two sessions that I attended and encouraged looking for “fresh expressions of ministry. He reminded us of John Wesley’s famous quotation that he looked upon the world as his parish. Rev. Beck pointed out that so often in the church, we make the parish our whole world instead of going into the world to make disciples. Oh how that statement hit me! It is so easy for our worlds to revolve around where we are instead of venturing out into the new thing where God’s calling us.
2. “We are called to create environments where we are honest with ourselves, with God, and with one another through the lens of the gospel”: Speaker & coach Carey Nieuwhof emphasized how desperately people are looking for honesty and authenticity. The earliest Methodist societies thrived because they were rooted in prayer, confession, and the study of Scripture. This is such a powerful but simple model we are called to embrace in the Church.
3. “Turn away from scarcity mentality.”: Reverend Olu Brown did an excellent job of explaining that we often give up in ministry because we feel like “we never have enough.” We must reclaim that we serve Jehovah-Jireh—the God who is more than enough! Reverend Brown reminded me that as children of God, we are a people of hope, not despair, and he will always give us more than enough!

all good things to each of you,  
dr. darian

Charge Conference will be on Sunday, October 22 at Aldersgate UMC in Starkville.  
Please let Dr. Darian know if you would be willing to attend.