

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget \$ 610,027.33
Received October 22, 2023 Budget 6,729.00
Received to date, Budget 3 75,522.10
Received October 22, 2023 Bldg. 515.00
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ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 22, 2023

Sunday School.....34
8:45 Worship Service.....6
Worship Service.....65
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....79
Total Worship.....150

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill **STREAM TEAM:** Andy Gray
COFFEE & JUICE: Good Shepherd Class **CDC CHAPEL:** Pam Carson
LAY READER: 11:00 AM Bob Seitz



THE WINDOW
o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

October 24, 2023

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

At Home
Jean Sarsgard Robert Darsey
Montez Ganss Ann Ross
Ann Miller

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 29, 2023
11:00 AM
Matthew 22:34-46
ANTHEM
“As the Deer”
SERMON
“The Great Commission: Commandments”**

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

TRACEWAY
Evelyn O’Hara Wallace
Betty Sue Shumpert

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



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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CHURCH STAFF

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Jessi Sugg, Children’s Ministries 494-2198
Lance Dalton, Youth Intern
Julie Gray, Financial Secretary, 494-1658
Polly Grimes, Organist
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent
Karen Cliett, CDC Interim Director, 494-6811

FUMC Staff: Gratitude and Opportunities

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee gives thanks for the good work of the FUMC staff, especially in the past few months as our congregation walked through a difficult season. They have continued to serve and fulfill their duties faithfully, and we are grateful.

We want to recognize with gratitude the work of our office manager, Melanie Sanders, and organist, Polly Grimes, as they depart from the staff and embark on new opportunities. We pray God’s blessings and peace go with them, and please be sure to express your gratitude to them.

If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the office manager position, please contact me in the church office or Robin McCormick, SPRC chair, for a job description and more information. Rachel has been working to find an accompanist and will keep you posted.

Please also take a moment to reach out to our wonderful staff and thank them for the good work they have done and are doing. There is no way that I could serve in the shepherding role that is needed now without the organizational skills and initiative-taking of Julie, Stacy, Jessi, Ron, Paul and Rachel. Their names and contact information are on the back of this newsletter, and I encourage you to contact them with a word of encouragement.

Know how grateful I am for each of you. It is an honor to serve as your pastor!

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Hughey Cooper who passed away on Wednesday, October 18th. Services were held on Friday, October 20.

AND THE LORD ADDED... We welcome Dr. Bob Buckley into the membership and fellowship of FUMC.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct. 22-Nov. 4 Dee Echols & Cheryl Weems

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 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 9X13 pan of sweet potato casserole, please let Stacy know. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to do the chicken and stuffing casseroles!

We will also do a Christmas meal in December and will need sweet potato casseroles and pans of dressing. As we do each year, we will also provide our church shut-ins with frozen casseroles and desserts that day. 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.

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!

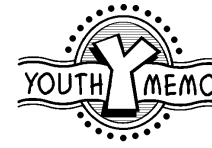
I want to say thank you for the kind emails, cards, texts, and other acts of kindness that you have bestowed upon me the last couple of weeks. It means a lot to me that you think about me and continue to pray for me. I also want to thank you for showing your deep gratitude to the chancel choir. I tell our choir often that what we do is important. We don't just come together to sing because we love to sing, but because in every situation we sing in, there is at least one person who needs to hear the message we are singing. I truly believe that The Spirit of the Lord helps us to choose the right song for the right moment and helps us to prepare and deliver it in the right way. I'm grateful for you all and I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday!

Rachel



Caring All Kids! Sunday, we wrapped up our Pumpkin Parable series with the story of the Vine and the Branches. In the same way a plant withers when it is cut off from its source, our lives are stunted when we are disconnected from God. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches. If we stay connected to Jesus our faith will grow and we will become more like Him. God has great work to do in each of us!

Sign up for ways to serve at the Fall Picnic through the Signup Genius sent over Remind, or by contacting Jessi or Stacy.



Youth meets on
Wednesdays at 5:30PM.

Supper Hostess(es)
October 25 - Lucy McKellar & Jane Caston



Celebrating Our CDC

A little lion visited the Child Development Center on Monday to help Linda Drake tell the story of "Daniel and the Lion's Den." The children were able to look at the picture book during the story, and they learned how God protected Daniel. Jessi Sugg brought pumpkins to the Center and read books about them including *Pumpkin Hill* and *Five Little Pumpkins*. Finally, the staff members were treated to strawberry cheesecake, pretzels, and tea on Friday by Luann Purnell and Elizabeth Bailey. Thank you, volunteers, for helping to create a wonderful learning and working environment for everyone!

LET US PRAY...

For our Members

Beverly Campbell
Jordan Helveston
Mary Anne Weems
Betty Sue Shumpert
Kathy Wood

For our Constituents:

Deb McGaughey

For our Family and Friends:

Mary Margaret Case (daughter of Kenny Dill)
Susie Purnell Randall (daughter of George & Luann Purnell)
Will Soniat - nephew of Chuck & Pam Carson
Karen Cliett
Suzette Bates
Robert Calvert (father of Anita Keys)
Brenda Loveless (mother of Phil McClellan)

Family of Hughey Cooper
Family of Mary Claire Ford
Family of Polly Pierce
Family of Mary East

For our Nation and World:

War in Ukraine and Israel
Mass shootings in our country
MS tornado victims and recovery
Hawaii fire victims and recovery

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.