

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget \$ 610,027.33
Received October 29, 2023 Budget 3,659.00
Received to date, Budget 3 79,181.10
Received October 29, 2023 Bldg. 2,535.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 37,080.00

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 29, 2023

Sunday School.....31
8:45 Worship Service.....NA
Worship Service..... 73
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....73
Total Worship.....146

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray

COFFEE & JUICE:

CDC CHAPEL: 11/6 Elizabeth Bailey

LAY READER: 11:00 AM Bob Seitz



THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

October 31, 2023

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

Jake Donahoo

At Home

Robert Darsey
Montez Ganss
Ann Miller
Ann Ross

DUGAN

Jennie Cantrell
Deb McGaughey
Mary Anne Weems

WAVERLY CARE

Bobbie Tumlinson
Jean Sarsgard

TRACEWAY

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace
Betty Sue Shumpert

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



**All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 5, 2023
11:00 AM
Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17
SERMON
"The Lamb is Our Shepherd"
ANTHEM
"Find Us Faithful"**

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.

*First United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 293*

*Dated Material
October 31, 2023*

West Point, MS 39773

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Worship in November: Come and Feast

On Sunday, we are entering our final four Sundays of this Christian year, and how I love these special days. Our readings from the lectionary all seem to revolve around themes of the Thanksgiving holiday: feasting, celebrating, and God's abundant kingdom. Here's what we have to look forward to each Sunday, and remember that we will only have one service at 11AM each week:

November 5: Feasting will kick off the month for us with our annual All Saints' worship service on November 5 at 11AM. We will first come to the Lord's table and then make our way to the Dill's pond to gather at tables for our fall picnic. Dress casually for the worship service, stand for the saints you are remembering, and go forth to share a good meal and conversation at the picnic!

November 12: We will pray for and recognize the military veterans among us with some special prayers of the people for Veterans Day in the worship service. If you would like your name included in the list of those who have sacrificially served our country, please contact the church office.

November 19: This is the Sunday before the Thanksgiving holiday. We'll enjoy a special altar arrangement given by Louise Campbell, sing hymns of gratitude, and hear some glory sightings of how God is on the move in our congregation. Come fill your spirit in worship as you prepare to fill your bodies with good food on Thanksgiving Day!

November 26: Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday before Advent. I'm looking forward to preaching on an important and moving passage and Scripture in Matthew's gospel that includes the verse where Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me." A refrain I've shared with you all year is, "God's got this." On this special Sunday we will take that one step further to say, "The King is on the throne! Let us celebrate!"

all good things to each of you,

dr. darian

Church office hours: The church office will be closed on Fridays. Phones will be forwarded in case you need to reach any staff members.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Oct. 22-Nov. 4 Dee Echols & Cheryl Weems
Nov. 5 - Nov. 18 Rhonda Stafford & Ann McClellan

Church Picnic – Please join us for our Fall Picnic this Sunday immediately following the church service. Dress casually for church and then head out to the Dill Pond at 4950 East Churchill Road for an afternoon of fellowship, games, and a delicious lunch. Be sure to bring chairs!

Monthly Prayer Service – Join us Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30 p.m. for our monthly prayer service.

Communion Offering – Our communion offering for the month of November is The Mission. The Mission is a Christ-centered rehabilitation program for men struggling with addiction. This organization helps men find hope and healing through the power of Jesus Christ.

Judy Shirley Circle

The Judy Shirley Circle will meet on Monday, November 13, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Gail Foote, Holly Hitt and Donna Cook. We will study Chapter 6 in our book, *Women of the Bible*, and we will also address cards for the College Connection. We hope everyone can attend.

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. We will need it in the church kitchen by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8.

We will also provide 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.

The Mission Chapel Meal – We will be preparing lunch for the men at The Mission on Wednesday, November 15 and Wednesday, January 17 around 11:30 a.m. immediately following their chapel service. We will be in touch soon with the menu. Reach out to Stacy if you are willing to help by preparing food or serving.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

We have been blessed for the past 20 years to have an amazing organist, musician, teacher, and friend in Ms. Polly Grimes. I

often joke that Ms. Polly never gets sick. In the ten years that I have been director of music at our church, I think Ms. Polly has missed only twice for being sick! She has been incredibly loyal and loving to our choir and are church. Sadly, Ms. Polly has decided that it is time for her to leave us. She is irreplaceable and we will miss her entirely too much! We love you, Ms. Polly, and you will always have a place in our hearts.

God is faithful and has answered our prayers in leading us to a new musician who will join us shortly. Kindal Gammill, a piano major at Mississippi State University, (and an incredible musician) will be playing piano and organ for us every week starting in January. He will visit and play for us this coming Sunday, November 5 and a few more Sundays in between now and January. We are very excited to work with him and I know he will be a joy to us all!

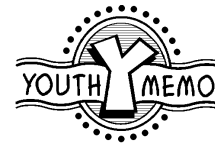
Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the music ministry at our church. If you've been thinking about joining the choir, now is the perfect time!

Rachel



We've started a new series in Sunday School entitled "Glow." It's all about how Jesus is the Light and He can help us shine ours! We learned this week that Jesus is the light of the world. He calls Himself that in the Bible, so we know it's true. We're going to have a great time doing all kinds of "Glow" activities. Beyond the fun, have a serious conversation with your kiddo this week about making sure they want to have the light of Jesus in

their lives. We will now be combining all ages thru 6th grade in the Kids' Worship Room at 9:45. See you Sunday!



Youth meets on Wednesdays at 5:30PM.

Supper Hostess(es)

November 1: Anna Dill

November 8: LaDonna Helveston

November 15: Dee Echols & Gail Foote

November 29: Lucy McKellar & Jane Caston



Celebrating Our CDC

Dr. Darian and her mother visited the Child Development Center last Monday. Brenda Duckworth taught the children "Say to the Lord I Love You." The children loved singing the song and learning the hand motions. Then Dr. Darian talked to them about Saul on the road to Damascus. Saul had been mean, but he met Jesus and became a totally new person. On Friday Judy Sanders came and read Halloween books including *The Ghost Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, *Little Cuddle Bug* and *The Woman Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything*, including *Pumpkin Hill* and *Five Little Pumpkins*. Finally, Anna and Jean Dill furnished Chick-fil-A Chick-n-Minis, fruit, cupcakes, Rice Krispie Treats and drinks for the monthly staff birthday celebration. The CDC is extremely fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers.

Thank you.. Words to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as organist of FUMC are most difficult! For twenty-two years it has been a pleasure to serve with the music leadership of Judy Staggers and Rachel Wood; both have made me grow as a musician, as I played with eight pianist and learned numerous, challenging organ/piano duets and anthems. Truly it has been a joy to watch the choir develop in musicianship, dedicated

to leading our worship services. My prayer is for God's blessings to continue on all our music efforts as we use our talents for His glory!

Thank you for all your kindness, patience, support, and love throughout our year together.

Polly

LET US PRAY...

For our Members

Beverly Campbell

Jordan Helveston

Mary Anne Weems

Betty Sue Shumpert

Kathy Wood

Jake Donahoo

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 Frances Edens

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.