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2023 budget	\$ 610,027.33
Received November 5, 2023 Budget	11,588.00
Received to date, Budget	390,769.10
Received November 5, 2023 Bldg.	635.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	37,715.00

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 5, 2023
Sunday School.....32
8:45 Worship Service.....NA
Worship Service.....130
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....61
Total Worship.....191

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
COFFEE & JUICE:
LAY READER: 11:00 AM Bob Seitz

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley
CDC CHAPEL: 11/13 Mary Carr Ecklund



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

November 7, 2023

**Remember in Prayer
In the Hospital**

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



**24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 12, 2023
11:00 AM
Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13
SERMON
“The Banquet Has Begun”
ANTHEM
“Holy Spirit Live in Me”**

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 *Dated Material*
P. O. Box 293 *No vember 7, 2023*
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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We are (Still) Standing on Holy Ground

My parents were here for a brief visit this weekend, and how they loved the time of All Saints’ worship and fellowship at the picnic afterwards. I felt the same! Didn’t you feel as if you were standing on holy ground, both in our sanctuary and ‘beside the still waters’ of the Dills’ pond?

My mom brought me one of our church’s newsletter from August 2017 that she came across recently. She’s not sure why she saved it, but I’m glad she did. That particular week I had written about the song, “Holy Ground.” This was so neat because about a couple of months ago the Lord was constantly telling me that our sanctuary was holy ground and to tread carefully.

I wanted to share with you again the verse and chorus to this beautiful song. I invite you to pray it over our church and to give God praise for what he is doing on what he has set us apart to do and to be!

*As I walked through the door,
I sensed his presence.
And I knew this was a place
Where love abounds
For this is the temple
Jehovah God abides here.
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.
We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
For we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian

*Words and music by Geron Davis, 1983.

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Nov. 5 - Nov. 18 Rhonda Stafford & Ann McClellan

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.

Christmas Poinsettias Judy Shirley Circle will be selling poinsettias again this year to raise funds for their mission projects. This year the women will begin their sales at the beginning of November, and the cost this year will again be \$20.00. Please remember and honor friends and loved ones by purchasing these plants.

The honorees' names will be listed in a booklet which will be distributed on December 10th. Forty poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. People who would like to pick their plants up early may do so on Saturday, December 9th, in the Fellowship Hall. The remaining poinsettias may be collected after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

Church Picnic – The church picnic was wonderful and a blessing for all of us to be together in such a peaceful setting. Thanks to everyone who planned, set up, cleaned up, provided food and games and to all who attended. Special thanks to Anna and Kenny Dill for hosting. It was a beautiful day.

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.

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!

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!
This past Wednesday, my day started off in the wrong direction. I was tired, cranky, and everything kept going

wrong. But how much I was blessed when I arrived! The children were SPECTACULAR! They sang with every ounce of their heart and soul! They colored pictures for our shut-ins and they talked about how grateful they were for Jesus. They never cease to amaze me! Chancel Choir was equally uplifting. Kindal Gammill, our new musician, played with us for the first time and was phenomenal! I adored seeing the choir welcome him and automatically accept him into our family! They sang with such dedication and commitment. To end, we looked at the story of Abram and how he believed that God can do anything. It is so important for us to really believe that God can do anything! But we also looked at Ephesians 3:20 which says, "... is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." The key words that we focused on are "within US". Yes, God can do anything. And how does he do anything? Through US! I know that God has a plan for our church and I can't wait to see the miracles he is going to do for each of us who focus on Him!

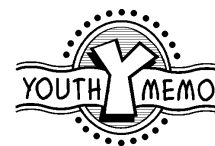
We know that some of you are thinking about joining choir. You have told us so. NOW is the acceptable time! Come be part of our extended family. We will welcome

you with open arms!
I can't wait to worship with you on Sunday!
Rachel



"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 18.

Each week this month, both Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, we will be discussing thankfulness and gratitude...AND putting it into action! Last week, the children wrote cards and colored pictures for the individuals that receive our Christ at Home meals. They will be deciding each week how and to whom they want to express their gratitude to the following week. Some of you may get a special surprise :) I can't wait to see how the Lord blesses our children through their experiences and discussions this month!
Jessi



Youth meets on Wednesdays at 5:30PM.

Supper Hostess(es)

November 8: LaDonna Helveston
November 15: Dee Echols & Gail Foote
November 29: Lucy McKellar & Jane Caston



Celebrating Our CDC

Last week was exciting at the CDC. The classes and their teachers had fun decorating pumpkins for the Classroom Pumpkin Contest, and they were on display for everyone to see. The winners were as follows: 1st Place – Preschool 1, 2nd Place – Infant B and 3rd Place – Two Year Olds Class. Caroline Atkins visited on Monday and told the children the story of "The Lost Sheep" during Chapel. Tuesday was the Boo Parade, and everyone in the CDC was thrilled to participate in this annual event. Finally, Thanksgiving came to The FUMC Fairy Garden.

Please notice this special display when you are downstairs. Thank you to all the staff and the volunteers who continue to provide a wonderful learning environment for our children.

LET US PRAY...

For our Members

Beverly Campbell
Jordan Helveston
Mary Anne Weems
Betty Sue Shumpert
Kathy Wood
Jake Donahoo
Donna Cook

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.