

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

2023 budget \$ 610,027.33
Received November 12, 2023 Budget 4,594.00
Received to date, Budget 395,363.10
Received November 12, 2023 Bldg. 185.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 37,900.00

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Sunday School.....32
8:45 Worship Service.....NA
Worship Service..... 73
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....33
Total Worship.....106

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell
COFFEE & JUICE:
LAY READER: 11:00 AM Bob Seitz

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray/Art Shirley
CDC CHAPEL: 11/20 Pam Carson



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

November 14, 2023

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home

Robert Darsey
Montez Ganss
Ann Miller
Ann Ross

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

TRACEWAY Evelyn O'Hara Wallace
Betty Sue Shumpert

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



25th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 19, 2023
11:00 AM
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 65:5-13
SERMON
“A God of Abundance”
ANTHEM
“What a Wonderful World” with
“This is My Father’s World”

OutReach and Reaching Out

When we began our online ministry with a livestream of the Sunday worship service, an unexpected challenge that arose was how to measure and follow up with those on the other side of the screen. For our “online attendance” on the reverse side of this newsletter, I had to look up the number of “one minute views” on Facebook and multiply by another number to estimate how many individuals were watching. Facebook refers to these numbers as our “reach,” and I’ve recently discovered a more accurate way to make those calculations of our online attendance.

Looking at all those numbers reminded me of what matters: behind every number is a person. Within every person is a set of gifts and graces. How might we look beyond the numbers to connect with one another?

Here are a few, easy things you can do to help us out:

1. If you are watching online, let us know by leaving a comment or “liking” the video. This lets us know who is present so we can reach out to you. Those of us who are not watching live (like your pastor :) don’t know who is with us unless you tell us.
2. We have ordered some new visitor cards for the sanctuary. Please encourage those you are meeting for the first time to fill one out!
3. Most importantly: did you know that 82% of people who are invited to church by a friend will come with them? By “church,” I mean worship service, small group, fellowship meal, or outreach event. One of the simplest and most effective ways to reach out is to invite someone personally. And what better time to do so than as Advent begins and Christmas approaches?

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at FUMC! Let us expand our reach.

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian

We will not have a newsletter the week of November 20th. Happy Thanksgiving from the FUMC staff.

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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What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Nov. 20 - Dec. 3 Bob & Nita Wyman

Christmas Poinsettias - The 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.

Flower Calendar - The following dates are open on the 2024 Flower Calendar: January 28, June 2, August 4, September 8, 22 & 29 and November 3. If you would like to place flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office to reserve a spot.

Lay Readers - We are looking for volunteers to serve as lay readers in 2024. If you would be willing to read scripture in our worship services in 2024, please sign up on the table at the back of the sanctuary or contact our incoming lay leader, Tommy Bryan.

Adopt A Family - The families for Adopt A Family have been chosen. Volunteers are needed to shop, wrap and deliver. If you are willing to shop for a family, please call the church office. The JB Cook Class will provide all the toys and the Good Shepherd Class will provide the cleaning supplies. Please also let us know if you will be wrapping your family's gifts or if you will need us to wrap. We plan to wrap on Monday, December 11th at 9 a.m. in the

Fellowship Hall, so if you need your gifts wrapped, please deliver to the church by Friday, December 8th at noon. All gifts will be delivered on Thursday, December 21 beginning at 9 a.m. We will also need volunteers to deliver. If you would like to make a donation toward this important ministry, please write AAF on the memo line of your check. Contact Stacy if you can help in any way. Special thanks to Bob Seitz for chairing this project again this year.

Christmas Meal - The JB Cook Class will host a Christmas meal Sunday, December 3rd in the Fellowship Hall following the Hanging of the Greens church service. You may sign up to bring a dish at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us for a delicious meal of ham, a variety of sides, rolls and dessert. Any leftover food can be used for our Christ At Home Christmas meal the following Wednesday. Please make plans to attend!

Lay Reader - If you are interested in being a lay reader in 2024, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary or contact Tommy Bryan

Contribution envelopes - 2024 Contribution envelopes are ready to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! As we near Thanksgiving, I'm reflecting on things I am thankful for. Most of my thanksgiving prayers are directed toward my family and I want you know that you are a part of that, as you are my brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm so thankful for each of you and the joy you bring me. I'm thankful for your prayers, cards, and encouragement. It's been a busy and sad season. Now is the time to reflect and when I do, your faces come to my mind. I'm so grateful that I can worship with you every Sunday! It is indeed an honor. I know we all have much to be thankful for and it is important that we praise God with songs of Thanksgiving. I hope to see you this Sunday!

Rachel



Last week I told you all that this month our children are focusing on being thankful and ways to show our gratitude. They are blowing me away with their responses! This week we will be packing treat baskets and delivering them to some of our community helpers. Come join us at 5:30!

Jessi



Youth meets on Wednesdays at 5:30PM.

Supper Hostess(es)

November 15: Dee Echols & Gail Foote

November 22 - No UMYF

November 29: Lucy McKellar & Jane Caston



Celebrating Our CDC

Elizabeth Bailey visited the Child Development Center on Monday and told the children the story of Samson during Chapel. She used a wig to help illustrate the story, so the children would understand and remember it. Then they sang songs including "Jesus Loves Me" and "This Little Light of Mine." Jane Caston read *Leaf Man* and *The First Thanksgiving* on Friday.

This week the children will be making decorations for their Thanksgiving Feast which

will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday at 11:00 a.m. All CDC parents are invited to this special celebration.

LET US PRAY...

For our Members

Beverly Campbell
Jordan Helveston
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.