

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024

2024 budget \$ 536,479.48
Received January 7, 2024 Budget \$6,551.00
Received to date, Budget \$6,551.00
Received January 7, 2024 Bldg. \$390.00
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ATTENDANCE JANUARY 7, 2024

Sunday School.....40
Worship Service.....92
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....34
Total Worship.....126



THE WINDOW

o f
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

January 9, 2024

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
LAY READER: Andy Gray

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray
CDC CHAPEL: 1/22- Linda Drake

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home

Robert Darsey
Montez Ganss
Ann Miller
Kenny Dill
Ann Gatlin

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 14, 2024
11:00 AM
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 139:1-3, 13-18
SERMON
“How Weighty To Me Are Your Thoughts”
ANTHEM
“Bless His Holy Name”
with “Glorify Thy Name”**

Epiphany Worship Series: A Grateful & Generous People

During the Advent season, I shared with you that there were two words the Lord kept bringing to my mind for our life as a church in 2024. Those words are *gratitude* and *generosity*, and we are planting ourselves in them. Did you know that the verb, “to give,” appears over 1300 times in the Bible? In most of those instances, God is the subject, the one who does the giving. In the remainder, God is commanding us to give. Gratitude and generosity are two practices rooted in such giving. We are recipients of God’s generosity, and out of our gratitude, we are generous to Him and with one another. You can’t have one without the other in God’s kingdom!

In our worship series that began on Sunday and continues through February 11, Scripture is guiding us in how to be both grateful and generous. In The United Methodist Church, members commit to give in these areas:

- 1. Our Prayers
- 2. Our Presence
- 3. Our Gifts
- 4. Our Service
- 5. Our Witness

We’ll be elaborating on each of these in the weeks to come with concrete examples of each and invitations in how to participate in all five areas. Thank you in advance for all you have done and contributed to our church in 2023. I look forward to opening God’s Word with you each Sunday and being filled with His Spirit each day!

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian

DUGAN
Jennie Cantrell
Deb McGaughey

WAVERLY CARE
Bobbie Tumlinson
Jean Sarsgard

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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P. O. Box 293 *January 9, 2024*
West Point, MS 39773

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Kindal Gammill, Pianist
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent
Karen Cliett, CDC Interim Director, 494-6811

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Jan. 1-14 - Stacy Hays & Amy Buckley

Jan. 15-18 - Betsy McGlohn & Mary Carr Ecklund

Mission Meal - We will serve a meal at 11:30 a.m. at The Mission on January 17th after their chapel meeting. The menu is bbq, beans, slaw and chips. We need donations of buns and desserts. If you are willing to help, please let Stacy know.

Souper Bowl Sunday at FUMC - A Souper Bowl lunch is being planned for February 11 immediately following the worship service. We will need crockpots of soup, sandwiches, and desserts. There is a sign up sheet located at the back of the sanctuary. Please join us! Contact Gen Thomas or Stacy for more information.

Canned Food Drive – In conjunction with our Souper Bowl lunch, we are asking that you bring canned goods and place in the grocery cart outside the fellowship hall on that day. The canned goods will be donated to the Food Pantry.

Revive – Revive is meeting on Tuesdays at 5:30 in the Good Shepherd Sunday School room. We are making plans for 2024. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Judy Shirley Circle - The Judy Shirley Circle will meet on Monday, January 15, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Nita Wyman, Wilma Hinshaw and Judy Shirley. We will study Chapter 7 in our book, *Women of the Bible*. We hope everyone can attend.

Communion Offering on 1/7/24: \$388.00 was collected for Christ at Home.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! I hope that you all had a wonderful New Year and Christmas! I certainly enjoyed some down time spent with family and friends.

Welcome to our new pianist, Kindal Gammill! We are so excited to have Kindal join us. He is a rare talent with a sweet spirit. Please make him feel welcome!

Choir rehearsals will resume on January 10. If you have been thinking about joining us, now is the time! Don't feel like you have to commit to every Sunday and Wednesday. I send out recordings of everyone's part so you can learn on your own if need be. We have so much fun at rehearsal and would love for you to join us! We will even come pick you up!

I can't wait to see you this Sunday!

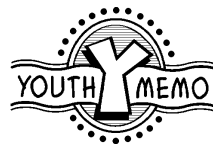
Rachel



I hope everyone has had a peaceful and slow start to the New Year! The Lighthouse Kids will resume Wednesday night activities January 17 at 5:15. This semester we look forward to

fellowship, worship, missions, and learning more about how to live for Jesus! Please let Jessi or Rachel know if you would be interested in chaperoning!

Jessie



Strength to Stand Youth Conference

The youth will be traveling to Pigeon Forge, TN for the Strength to Stand Youth

Conference on January 12 -15. Those attending are:

Tyler Johnson, Caston McKellar, Elizabeth Stewart, John Marlin Stewart, Clara Berklee Vick, Hayden Wallace along with chaperones Lance Dalton, Terri & Madelyn Myers and Shannon Wallace. Please keep these young people and chaperones in your prayers for a meaningful weekend.

Live Nativity Appreciation

Thanks to the youth who participated in the Live Nativity: Lockelyn Frazier, Tyler Johnson, Madelyn Myers, Caston & Eli McKellar, John Marlin Stewart, Hayden & Logan Wallace. Special thanks to LaDonna Helveston, Dee Echols, Shannon Wallace, Lucy McKellar, Gail Foote, Jane Caston, Charlotte & Bill Messier, Darian Duckworth, Bill Tennyson, Critz Campbell and Andy & Julie Gray for helping with the Youth Live Nativity. Thanks to all who came by to support our youth and see this meaningful event.

SUPPER HOSTS:

January 10 - Elizabeth Bailey & Mary Carr Ecklund

January 17 - Mary Carr Ecklund

January 24 - Dee Echols & Gail Foote

January 31 - Anna Dill & Donna Cook



Celebrating Our CDC

The Child Development Center completed December with their yearly Christmas parties. Joe Neely blessed the Center when he visited and played his guitar and sang Christmas songs with the children and the staff. Thank you, Joe, for giving your time and talents in this way.



LET US PRAY...

For our Members

Beverly Campbell

Kathy Wood

Kenny Dill

Ann Gatlin

Ben Rosenkrans

Emerson Houston

Jordan Helveston

Donna Cook

Charlotte Messier

Gail Wolanek

Austin Hill

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)

Don Hoover, Jr. (Beth Raines' nephew)

Karen Cliett

Robert Calvert (father of Anita Keys)

Brenda Loveless (mother of Phil McClellan)

Billy Wayne Yarbrough (Hunter Brewer's father-in-law)

Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)

Frank McKellar (Jason McKellar's father)

Marcia Bryan (Wilkes Bryan and Laura Williams' mother)

Gigi Ellis

Jim Stone (Judy Shirley's son-in-law)

Susan Johnson (Abbey Dichiara's & Allison Brister's mother)

For our Nation and World:

War in Ukraine and Israel

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.