

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024**

2024 budget \$ 536,479.48  
Received January 14, 2024 Budget \$3,319.00  
Received to date, Budget \$9,870.00  
Received January 7, 2024 Bldg. \$135.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$525.00

**ATTENDANCE JANUARY 7, 2024**

Sunday School.....34  
Worship Service.....78  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....34  
Total Worship.....112

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill  
**LAY READER:** Linda Drake

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



# THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
W est Point, Mississippi

Jan uary 16, 2024

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

**At Home**

Robert Darsey  
Montez Ganss  
Ann Miller  
Kenny Dill  
Ann Gatlin

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, January 21, 2024  
11:00 AM  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20  
SERMON  
“He Went a Little Farther”  
ANTHEM  
“The Summons”**

**DUGAN**  
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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**CHURCH STAFF**

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

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## A New Start for the Newsletter

For the past few months, the church staff, along with the help of Communications Chair Art Shirley, have been looking at updated, economic-friendly ways for us to improve the church’s newsletter. We are excited to share that we will now be able to assemble the weekly newsletter with photographs, our new church logo, an easily readable format, and a much lower cost. With continued increases in the costs of postal mailing, we can be good stewards of our resources by distributing the newsletter electronically.

We know this will be a big change, and here’s what we need from you to ensure you stay updated on everything First United Methodist:

***Contact the church office by Wednesday, January 31, and let us know if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via text message (through Remind) or email.***

Have you see our beautiful posts that Julie, Stacy, and Jessi have sent out with church announcements and on social media over the past couple of years? Those were made on a program called Canva, which we will use for the newsletter, too. We can’t wait for you to see how bright and beautiful it is!

We know this will be a big change, and thank you for understanding. We look forward to hearing from you!

all good things,  
dr. darian

# What's Happening at FUMC.....

## ANGELS IN APRONS

**Jan. 29-Feb. 11** - Gen Thomas & Judy Staggers  
**Feb. 12-25** - Jane & Jenny Caston

**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.

**Mission Trip Interest** – A meeting for anyone interested in joining us on our next mission trip will be held in the Wesley Wasson/Friendly Fellowship Sunday School classroom Wednesday, February 7 immediately following the 5:30 p.m. prayer service. We will discuss dates, possible locations and fund-raising opportunities. Please join us!

**Cold Weather Items** – Please continue to donate socks, gloves, scarves, and caps for the Blessing Box. The forecast calls for very cold temperatures to continue for a while. You may place your items directly in the Blessing Box or in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

**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!

## Successful Poinsettia Sale

The Judy Shirley Circle would like to thank everyone who supported the poinsettia sale this year. We sold a total of 153 poinsettias. Because of your support and generosity, we were able to make \$1,222.25 for our mission projects which include the Henry Clay, the Methodist Children's Home, Senior Bibles, Project Homestead and World Vision. We also made sure every shut-in received a poinsettia. Finally, a total of 18 poinsettias was given to Waverly Care and Dugan.



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! The Chancel Choir has welcomed two new members so far this year, Vic Johnson and Sammy

Samarov. We welcome you with open arms and look forward to singing praises to God with you. If you've been thinking about joining Chancel Choir, you are more than welcome and now is a great time! Just contact me or any Chancel Choir member! Everyone is welcome and we truly are a family!

I am also looking forward to leading our children in Praise and Worship on Wednesday nights at 5:45. Our kids are such wonderful examples of how to enter God's courts with praise!

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

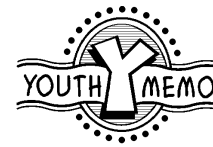
Rachel



This month in Sunday School, our theme is "Do Over." I don't know about you, but there are many situations where I would love a do over! We make mistakes every single day. The

good news is with Jesus, we DO get a do over.....every single day! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jessie



## Strength to Stand Youth Conference

The youth had a great trip to the Strength to Stand youth conference in Pigeon Forge, TN, even though the trip was cut short. Many thanks to Shannon Wallace, Terri Myers and Lance Dalton for chaperoning this event. Thanks to all who donated snacks and for the all the many prayers for our youth and leaders while they were gone.

## SUPPER HOSTS:

January 24 - Dee Echols & Gail Foote  
January 31 - Anna Dill & Donna Cook



## Celebrating Our CDC

Next week our special weekly activities will resume. Chapel will be led on Monday by Linda Drake, and Vickie Cooper will be reading to the children on Friday. Thank you, volunteers, for giving of your time and talents.



## LET US PRAY...

### For our Members

Beverly Campbell	Jordan Helveston
Kathy Wood	Donna Cook
Kenny Dill	Charlotte Messier
Ann Gatlin	Gail Wolanek
Ben Rosenkrans	Austin Hill
Emerson Houston	

## 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)  
Frances Stacy (Jessi Sugg's aunt)  
Helen Perry (Emily Hays' grandmother)  
Family of Jennie Cantrell

## 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.\**