

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024

2024 budget \$ 536,479.48
Received January 21, 2024 Budget \$4,244.00
Received to date, Budget \$14,114.00
Received January 21, 2024 Bldg. \$65.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$590.00

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday School..... 33
Worship Service.....78
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....35
Total Worship.....113

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill
LAY READER: Mary Helon Hays

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray
CDC CHAPEL: 1/29- Gail Foote



THE WINDOW

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
W est Point, Mississippi

Jan uary 23, 2024

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home

Robert Darsey
Montez Ganss
Ann Miller
Kenny Dill
Ann Gatlin

**4th Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 28, 2024
11:00 AM
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28
SERMON
“He Taught as One Having Authority”
ANTHEM
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

After a Wintry Week

Last week the sky offered an unexpected gift of time.
~ Margaret Renkl, *The New York Times*, January 22, 2024

I woke up this morning to a beautiful reflection by Nashville-based writer, Margaret Renkl, about last week’s freezing temperatures and icy streets. Renkl acknowledged the laments of the week: people unable to get to work and losing their pay, having to drive in risky areas because of jobs that can’t be done from home, those who have no home searching for shelter.

Then, Renkl turned her attention to the wildlife in her yard and her neighbors’ children playing in the snow. She paid attention to what she hadn’t noticed before and sensed a holiness in the world that she would not have seen without a winter storm.

I can’t help but think about what the kingdom of God looks like when I think of last week’s weather. There is much work to do. There are needs to meet and changes to make to ensure all God’s children are safe and fed. And we must not miss the blank canvases that God gives us to pause and be with him in gratitude and generosity.

Modern-day “inconveniences” can be invitations to remember we are not in control. We learn a little more about surrender and acceptance, about humility and awareness.

What lessons did last week’s ice and snow and cold teach you?

What are changes you will make as a result of the sky’s gift of time?

all good things to each of you,
dr. darian

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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What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

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

Loaves and Fishes – Our Loaves and Fishes meal, which was scheduled for last Thursday, will be delivered this Thursday, January 25th. We had to reschedule due to weather.

Souper Bowl Sunday at FUMC - A Souper Bowl lunch is being planned for February 11 immediately following the worship service. The Joe Stephen's Class and the FUMC Youth will be serving. We still need 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!

Newsletter– Please call the church office by Wednesday, January 31, to let us know if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via text or email.

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! I hope you enjoyed some down time during the icy weather we had last week! My daughter had a glorious time staying home and playing. At one point, she was dancing so fast and so hard, I couldn't keep up. Then she said, "Mommy, I have to stop dancing. My heart is beeping!". Her comment made me snicker, but I understood what she was saying. I started thinking about dancing and how David danced for the Lord. Have you ever done that? Just taken a moment of time to let go, cut loose, and praise the Lord through dancing? It may seem odd to you but think about how joyful you are when you see your child or grandchild dance. The Lord delights in YOU! So, take a moment, throw your inhibitions out the window, and dance for the Lord. It's quite fun and you will have an intimate moment with our creator like no other moment. I hope to see you all on Sunday!

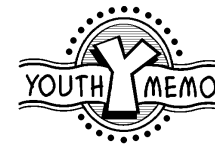
Rachel



Wednesday night we will resume our weekly children's activities. This semester we will try things a little differently. We will begin integrating a monthly mission project, weekly contributions to the Blessing Box, and will continue our weekly praise and worship with a

more in-depth Bible study to follow. These lessons will be targeted for children 3 years of age to 6th grade, and small groups will be divided per age group. Please grab a friend and join us at 5:15 each Wednesday night as we grow closer Jesus together.

Please let Jessi know if you are interested in chaperoning!



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

UMYF meets on Wednesday nights at 5:30 will supper and then devotion and fellowship. Join us! .

SUPPER HOSTS:

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



Celebrating Our CDC

We are so excited to be back to normal after the week of ice and snow. This week our special weekly activities will resume. Chapel will be led on Monday by Linda Drake, and Vicki 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)
Barbara Humber
Family of Jennie Cantrell
Family of Becky Cooper Angle
Family of Mike Hines (Crystal Blanton's Father)

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.