

**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 28, 2024**

Sunday School.....33  
Worship Service.....70  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....29  
Total Worship..... 99

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**SOUND TECH:** Julie Gray      **STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar  
**LAY READER:** George Purnell      **CDC CHAPEL:** 2/5- Caroline Atkins



**THE WINDOW**

o f  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
West Point, Mississippi

January 30, 2024

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

**At Home**

Robert Darsey  
Montez Ganss  
Ann Miller  
Kenny Dill  
Ann Gatlin  
Johnnie Newell

**5th Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, February 4, 2024  
11:00 AM  
New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
SERMON  
“Entrusted with a Commission”  
ANTHEM  
“Remember Me”**

**DUGAN**      **WAVERLY CARE**      **TRACEWAY**  
Deb McGaughey      Bobbie Tumlinson      Evelyn O’Hara Wallace  
Jean Sarsgard      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 30, 2024*  
*West Point, MS 39773*      **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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**Born in Jail**

If you were in worship this past Sunday, you know that we adopted a puppy. We named him Leroy, and he is quickly becoming acquainted with church life! He’s been invited to help lead confirmation and will probably be back for future lessons in the children’s sermons. If you need his help in your Sunday school class or event, please let me (his secretary) know.

Leroy actually came from the Choctaw County jail, one of seven puppies born to a dog cared for by the staff and inmates. One by one, the puppies have been adopted to new homes. Though they were born in a place of incarceration, through love they have been set free to new homes. His name means, “the king,” and while we are working daily to make sure he doesn’t “reign” in the house, we also remind him that he is a beloved pup of God.

In Romans 8:2, Paul writes, “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.” Because we are all sinners, we are all “imprisoned” without Christ Jesus. His life and love have opened a door for us to be adopted as children of God. But do we truly live as a free people?

On Sunday we also talked about praying with confidence and authority. As children of God, we have every reason to be confident that Christ Jesus hears us. We have been set free to serve the one who freed us! Let us boldly pray and confidently live as a people of grace who are consistently extending grace to others.

all good things to each of you,  
dr. d.

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

## ANGELS IN APRONS

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

**Communion Offering** - Our Communion offering for February will go to the Clay County Food Pantry.

**Souper Bowl Sunday at FUMC** - A Souper Bowl lunch is being planned for February 11 immediately following the worship service. Thanks to everyone who has signed up to provide food, and thank you to the Joe Stephens Class and our FUMC Youth for agreeing to help serve. It's going to be a great day of fellowship, so please make plans to join us.

**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 on 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!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>. Since we are enjoying a meal together just two days before, the pancake supper will be drive-thru. Pick up times are 5 to 5:30 and 5:30 to 6 under the portico at the side of the church. You may sign up at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABAE29A6FD0-47548629-shrove#/> or call the church office to reserve a time. There will be no

charge for the meal, but a love offering will be accepted. Donations will go toward our mission projects. Thanks to Bob Seitz for chairing this event.

**Ash Wednesday Service** - Our Ash Wednesday service will be February 14 at 6 p.m.

**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.



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!

Recently, my daughter asked me if we were going to need a boat to

get to school. Or perhaps we could put on our swimsuits and swim there. I still snicker at this, but she was very serious when she came to talk to me about it. It had been raining for 3 days and she really thought that all that water would make it impossible for her to go to school. We probably all complained about the rain at some point, at least, I know I did. But as I sit now and look out the window at the rain, I'm so grateful. Grateful that God refreshes the Earth, grateful that He takes care of us, grateful that he watches over us and clothes us like he does the sparrows. In Children's Choir, we are learning about how to lift Jesus up. Jessi taught all the children that when we lift Jesus up, our problems get smaller in the light of his greatness. It's important to lift Jesus up, even when the rain continues to fall on our lives. There is a song by Andrew Peterson that I adore called "The Rain Keeps Falling". It's a complicated song about living in a world that is full of sorrow and despair. But during it all, there is a voice that keeps calling to him, "Peace, be still". It's probably unlike any Christian song you've heard because it is heartbreakingly honest. And you must really listen for the voice in the background. But it is there, and it is comforting. So, if you are experiencing pain and sorrow, I encourage you to lift Jesus up and listen for his still small voice if you are experiencing pain and sorrow, I encourage you to lift Jesus up and listen for his still small voice.

Rachel



We were thrilled to have the kids together again on Wednesday night! This semester, we are learning about "Lifting up Jesus!" One way we did this was to

make prayer bracelets to help them begin memorizing The Lord's Prayer. They picked it up so quickly! Please continue to hold the children in your prayers and let me know if you feel led to be more involved with them. They truly are so amazing!

Jessi



## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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

## SUPPER HOSTS:

January 31 - Anna Dill & Donna Cook



## Celebrating Our CDC

The CDC was thrilled to begin regular activities last week. Linda Drake talked to the children about creation during chapel. She used murals to illustrate the different days of creation. Vicki Cooper and her granddaughter, Carolyn Grace, entertained everyone on Friday by reading *The ABC's of Love*, *I Love You Stinky Face* and *How a Dinosaur Says "I Love You."* Finally, Anna Dill, Linda Drake, Mary Carr Ecklund and Gail Foote treated staff members to "Birthday Friday" to celebrate birthdays for the month of January. Thank you, volunteers, for your support of the FUMC Child Development Center.

## LET US PRAY...

### For our Members

Beverly Campbell	Jordan Helveston
Kathy Wood	Donna Cook
Kenny Dill	Charlotte Messier
Ann Gatlin	Gail Wolanek
Ben Rosenkrans	Johnnie Newell
Emerson Houston	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 Diciara's & Allison Brister's mother)  
Frances Stacy (Jessi Sugg's aunt)  
Helen Perry (Emily Hays' grandmother)  
Betty Holmes (Emily Hays' grandmother)  
Barbara Humber  
Loretta Milican (Dee Echols' sister)  
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.\**