

<u>STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE February 25, 2024</u>	
2024 budget	\$ 536,479.48	Sunday School.....	26
Received February 25, 2024 Budget	\$4,566.00	Worship Service.....	54
Received to date, Budget	\$41,828.00	Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	35
Received February 25, 2024 Bldg.	\$605.00	Total Worship.....	89
Received to date, Bldg. Fund	\$4,631.00		

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray		STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley	
LAY READER: Gloria Bunnell			

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital
Montez Ganss

At Home
Robert Darsey
Ann Miller
Kenny Dill
Ann Gatlin
Johnnie Newell

Third Sunday in Lent & Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, March 3, 2024
11:00 AM
Psalter: Psalm 19:4b-10
SERMON
“Truth from His Mouth”
SPECIAL MUSIC
“Just When You Thought”
Gary Echols, Soloist

DUGAN	WAVERLY CARE	TRACEWAY	ONLINE GIVING QR CODE
Deb McGaughey	Bobbie Tumlinson Jean Sarsgard	Evelyn O’Hara Wallace Betty Sue Shumpert	



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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Dated Material
February 27, 2024

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THE WINDOW

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi

February 27, 2024

For the Love of Laundry

There is something about the Lenten season that calls us to confess our faults as well as our deepest loves. The love that I confess is one for laundry. I have a sneaky suspicion that some of you may snicker at these words. I fully expect at least one of you to ask me (jokingly?) if I'd like to take on your loads of laundry!

The Quotidian Mysteries: Laundry, Liturgy, and Women's Work by Kathleen Norris is not a how-to guide on laundry itself but rather a reflection on how seemingly mundane tasks like laundry can draw us deeper into the mystery of God. Norris calls us to rethink household "chores" as opportunities for worship. For years, the "work" of laundry on Saturday has helped prepare me for worship on Sunday morning. The sorting. The cleaning out of pockets. The measuring of the detergent. The waiting for silence as the machines' whirrs fade. What soothes me the most is the folding: shaping disfigured cloth into four-sided figures. From a pile of disorder, order emerges. From chaos comes separation of lights and darks. Every load of laundry is an invitation to experience the creation story. I try not to live in bondage to the laundry but rather live into the freedom it offers.

The Lenten season invites us toward the freedom Christ offers not only in his death and resurrection but also in the journey towards that victory. On his way to the cross, Jesus dealt with a lot of "menial" tasks. He literally got his hands muddy to heal a blind man. He scrubbed his friends' feet. He approached the unapproachable lepers. Now is a perfect opportunity to look at the everyday and ordinary tasks as opportunities for prayer and new life.

all good things to each of you,
dr. d

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Feb. 26 - Mar. 10 - Bob & Nita Wyman
Mar. 11 - Mar. 24 - Caroline Atkins & Helen Facella

Stewardship Update

Operating Fund: 41 pledges \$207,669
Building Fund: 21 pledges \$19,945

Final Amount for Missions from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: \$1035.00

Confirmation Luncheon – Please join us Sunday following the church service for our Confirmation Luncheon honoring John Marlin Stewart. We would like to express our thanks to Dee Echols for decorating and to Judy Staggers and Barbara Bryan for chairing the event.

Communion Offering – The communion offering for the month of March will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Sundays @ the Center - Sundays @ the Center, sponsored by the West Point/Clay County Arts Council, will feature The West Point Music Coterie on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2PM at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts. The Coterie will be performing Sounds of Spring Songs. This event is family friendly and free to the public.

Upcoming Meals – We will be providing a meal for the Men's Christian Job Corp Monday, March 11th at 5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. at The Mission.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family! Here is the list of songs for you to listen to this week.

Wednesday, February 28 – “Graves into Gardens” by Elevation Worship and Brandon Lake (This song is a great reminder that God can take something like a grave and turn it into something beautiful, like a garden!)

Thursday, February 29 – “I Can Only Imagine” by Mercy Me (I cry every time I hear this song!)

Friday, March 1 – “Is That the Old Ship of Zion?” sung by Vocal Union (An oldie but a goodie, sung acapella and so comforting!)

Saturday, March 2 – “O Happy Day” as sung on the movie *Sister Act 2* (*Sister Act 2* was always one of my favorite movies growing up. I love how the choir sings “O Happy Day”. What a joyful way to begin a Saturday morning!)

Sunday, March 3 – “Oh, What a Time” by Gaither Vocal Band (This is such a happy song and a great reminder that when we come together in Christ's name with our fellow brother and sisters, we all have a marvelous time!)

Monday, March 4 – “Come to Jesus” by Planet Shakers (This is another tearjerker, but a great reminder that if you have anything weighing heavily on your heart, then come to Jesus with it. He has everything you need!)

Tuesday, March 5 – “Every Season” by Nicole Nordeman (A beautiful reminder that God is in charge of every weather season as well as each season in our life. We are approaching the most joyful season of all, Easter!)

Rachel



Easter eggs with treasures inside. As you can imagine, the kids were so excited! What brought me so

much joy though, was their excitement about the story of Jesus, not just the excitement of finding and opening the eggs. One even proclaimed, "I am definitely not missing a week before Easter! I have to hear the rest of the story!" Let's all follow their example and be just as excited to hear the story we have heard a million times. After all, it is the BEST story of ALL time!

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:

February 28 - Lucy McKellar
March 6 - Dee Echols & Gail Foote



Celebrating Our CDC

Elizabeth Bailey conducted chapel on Monday and told the Bible story of “Jonah and the Whale.” Then she used coloring sheets to reinforce what they had learned. Finally, Elizabeth led them in singing songs including “This Little Light of Mine” and “Jesus Loves Me.” The CDC is so lucky to have our volunteers!

The CDC Board will be meeting on Monday, March 4th, at 5:30 pm in the church library. George Purnell is the chairman. Other board members include Julie Gray, Anna Dill, Linda Drake, Dee Echols, Gail Foote, Vicki Cooper, and Mary Helon Hays. Thank you, board members, for giving of your time to support and improve our child development center.



LET US PRAY...

For our Members

Beverly Campbell	Jordan Helveston
Lynne Posey	Donna Cook
Kenny Dill	Charlotte Messier
Ann Gatlin	Gail Wolanek
Ben Rosenkrans	Johnnie Newell
Fox & Evelyn Haas	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. (nephew of Beth Raines)
Billy Wayne Yarbrough (father-in-law of Hunter Brewer)
Caryl Currier (sister of Gloria Bunnell)
Frank McKellar (father of Jason McKellar)
Gigi Ellis
Susan Johnson (mother of Abbey Dichiara & Allison Brister)
Barbara Humber
Mary Sanders (mother of Dee Echols)
Herb Ingram (neighbor of Betty Fulgham & Ruth Alice Echols)
Cliff Watkins (cousin of Ben Thomas)
Family of Robert Calvert (father of Anita Keys)

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.