



MARCH 12, 2024

# *The* Window

**The Newsletter of First United Methodist Church,  
West Point, Mississippi**

Dearly Beloved Friends,

As the staff-parish committee shared with you last Thursday evening, the Lord has spoken clearly to me in recent weeks that the time has come for me to leave West Point First UMC. This was not an easy decision, especially considering all we have walked through over the past eight years. However, I have a deep peace about what He has in store for you as a church family. I have that same peace for my family and me, and what more could we ask for than 'peace that surpasses understanding'?

We do not yet know when my last day will be and are in communication with the district superintendent about when that date will be. Know that we will share it with you as soon as she confirms it.

In the meantime, in the upcoming weeks, I am eager to live into the endings of many letters in our New Testament: benedictions. A benediction, which we have at the end of each worship service, is a prayer of blessing as well as one of release and parting. I want to bless you as we release each other and part ways, and you in turn will bless me, as we do with Number 6:24-26 every week. My focus is on helping to make as easy and healthy a transition as possible for us all.

Know how much I love and and appreciate you. It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

all good things, as always, to each of you,

dr. darian





## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC

### ANGELS IN APRONS

March 11-24 - Caroline Harrell and Helen Facella

March 25-April 7 - JoAnn Tedford and Barbara Bryan

**Ferns For Missions** - We are selling 10 inch Kimberly Queen ferns and 10 inch hanging ferns. Deadline to order is Monday, April 1. Pickup will be Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. All proceeds will benefit our Mission Team. You may call the church office to place your order.



We had a wonderful confirmation luncheon celebrating our newest confirmand, John Marlin Stewart, pictured here with his parents, Laura and Marc Stewart.



FUMC member Isabel Juckes (right) a NICU nurse in Amory, and her co-worker, Libby Jones, display some of the beautiful items knitted by our Methodist Purls for the babies in the NICU in the Amory hospital.



We provided dinner for the Christian Men's Job Corp this week. The organization supports men 18 and over in improving their lives by providing classes on resume building, computer skills, anger management, budgeting, grief and more.

## CELEBRATING OUR CDC

Last week was Dr. Seuss Week at the Child Development Center. Each day the children had a special dress up day. Vicki Cooper and her granddaughter, Carolyn Grace, read to the children on Friday; and to support the Dr. Seuss theme, they read *Ten Apples*. In addition, they read the interactive National Geographic book, *At the Zoo*, and *Little Cottontail*. Finally, the staff was treated to happy birthday snacks by Stacy Hays and Ann McClellan.

## YOUTH NEWS

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

March 13 - NO UMYF

March 20 - Lucy McKellar & Jane Caston

March 27 - Donna Cook & Anna Dill







## MUSIC NOTES

**Rachel Wood**

Hello Church Family!

This week, I am sending to you a list of favorite hymns, one to listen to or meditate on each day.

Wednesday, March 13 – It is Well with My Soul

Thursday – March 14 - Be Thou My Vision

Friday – March 15 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Saturday – March 16 - There is a Balm in Gilead

Sunday – March 17 - Thou Hidden Love of God

Monday – March 18 - Jesus is All the World to Me

Tuesday- March 19 - O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

I hope to see you all on Sunday!



**Chancel Choir members Mary Carr  
Ecklund, JoAnn Tedford, Gail Foote  
and Elizabeth Bailey**

## CALLING ALL KIDS!

**Jessi Sugg**

In Sunday school, as well as Wednesday nights, we are diving into a study titled "Misunderstood." I asked the kids if they ever felt misunderstood. "Of course," they said. I asked myself. The answer is everyday. Was Jesus misunderstood? Absolutely!! He was misunderstood even by his closest friends. Please help me to show the children how we can serve one another humbly, love everyone, and help those in need so that we can all have a better understanding of what Jesus was teaching the world!





# First United Methodist Church

WEST POINT

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Darian Tennyson, 494-5133  
 Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198  
 Stacy Hays, Family Ministries, 494-2198  
 Jessi Sugg, Children's Ministries 494-2198  
 Lance Dalton, Youth Intern  
 Julie Gray, Financial Secretary, 494-1658  
 Gail Foote, Office Manager - 494-1658  
 Kindal Gammill, Pianist  
 Ron Crawford, Custodian  
 Paul Fowler, Building Superintendent  
 Karen Cliett, CDC Interim Director, 494-6811

## 5th Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 17, 2024

11:00 AM

The Gospel Lesson: John 12:23-33

### SERMON

"I Will Glorify It Again"

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Give Me a Clean Heart" - arr. Helgen  
 Rachel Wood, Soloist

**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell

**LAY READER:** Andy Gray

**STREAM TEAM:** Art Shirley

**CDC CHAPEL:** 3/18 - Caroline Atkins  
 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.

## STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024

2024 budget \$ 536,479.48  
 Received March 10, 2024 Budget \$4,473.00  
 Received to date, Budget \$55,311.91  
 Received March 10, 2024 Bldg. \$855.00  
 Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$5,771.00

## ATTENDANCE February 18, 2024

Sunday School.....32  
 Worship Service.....61  
 Virtual 11:00 AM Service...31  
 Total Worship..... 95

## ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### In the Hospital

Montez Ganss

### At Home

Robert Darsey  
 Ann Miller  
 Kenny Dill

### Dugan

Deb McGaughey

### Waverly Care

Bobbie Tumlinson  
 Jean Sarsgard

### Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace  
 Betty Sue Shumpert

### 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  
 Emerson Houston  
 Austin Hill

### Our Family and Friends:

Mary Margaret Case  
 Susie Purnell Randall  
 Don Hoover, Jr. (Beth Raines' nephew)  
 Billy Wayne Yarbrough (Hunter Brewer's father-in-law)  
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)  
 Frank McKellar (J. McKellar's father)  
 Gigi Ellis  
 Susan Johnson (Abbey Dichiara's & Allison Brister's mother)  
 Kennedy Keys (Student in the CDC)  
 Barbara Humber  
 Cliff Watkins (Ben Thomas' cousin)

Herb Ingram (Friend of Ruth Alice Echols & Betty Fulgham)  
 Susan Johnson (Abbey Dichiara's & Allison Brister's mother)  
 Mary Sanders (Mother of Dee Echols)

