



MARCH 19, 2024

The Window

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

Dearly Beloved Friends,

As I shared with you a few days ago, we have heard from the district superintendent that I will begin a time of spiritual renewal leave on Monday, April 1, 2024. So, my last Sunday of worshipping with you will be on Easter Sunday. What an appropriate day of new beginnings and hope. I am looking forward to the next few weeks of worshipping with you and helping organize a healthy transition for all of you. There will be an interim pastor appointed by the bishop, whose time with you will begin on April 1, and when we find out who that will be, we will let you know.

I have spent a lot of time lately meditating on "Hymn of Promise," which you can find on page 707 of a United Methodist Hymnal. The last verse feels especially appropriate for us:

*In our end is our beginning.
In our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing,
In our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection,
And at last the victory.
Unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.*

As we near the Day of Resurrection, I give thanks for each of you and the hope we have in Jesus Christ our Risen Savior. Let us end this Lenten season well and begin the Easter season with the joy of the Lord together!

As always, know how much I love you. It is an honor to serve as your pastor.

all good things,
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

Love Offering - We will be taking up a love offering for Dr. Darian through March 31. Please earmark your check love offering and drop it by the church office or place in the offering plate.

Ferns For Missions - We are selling 10 inch Kimberly Queen ferns and 10 inch Boston 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.

Fresenius Food Pantry - The food pantry at Fresenius Kidney Care is low on items for their patients. We will begin taking donations on Sunday. Please follow the list exactly as requested. Items needed are canned fruit (no mandarin oranges), unsalted nuts, sunflower seeds, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned sardines, dried or canned pinto beans, quick or old fashioned oats, spaghetti noodles, small packages of bagged rice, grits, unsalted crackers, Atkins brand protein bars. You may leave your items in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

St. Patrick's Day Fun - Gen and Ben Thomas hosted the J. B. Cook Class party at their house on Saturday, March 17th. An assortment of finger foods was served. The highlight of the evening was eating s'mores around the fire pit. A total of fifteen people attended which included three prospective new members.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 24

Palm Sunday 11 a.m.

MARCH 28

Holy Thursday Service 6 p.m.

MARCH 29

Good Friday Service Noon

MARCH 31

Easter Sunday 11 a.m.

CELEBRATING OUR CDC

The Child Development Center began their week by learning about Noah's Ark. Anna Dill told the children the story and showed them a replica of the ark. Then she taught the children "The Arky, Arky Song." She was assisted by her granddaughter, Madeline Wiygul.

YOUTH NEWS

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

SUPPER HOSTS:

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 more of my favorite hymns, one to listen to or meditate on each day.

Wednesday, March 20 – How Great Thou Art

Thursday – March 21 - The Church's One Foundation

Friday – March 22 - Because He Lives

Saturday – March 23- Take My Life and Let it Be

Sunday – March 24 - Just As I Am

Monday – March 25 - In the Garden

Tuesday- March 26 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Rachel and Kindal did a wonderful job on Sunday performing “Give Me a Clean Heart” arranged by Helgen.

I hope to see you all on Sunday!

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Jessi Sugg

Childrens activities will resume this week. I look forward to continuing our discussion on the Resurrection! I also want to thank all of our volunteers that have so willingly picked up and served dinner for us. We could not do it without you!



The Lighthouse Kids help fill the Community Blessing Box on Wednesdays. Pictured are William Sugg, Collier & Mae Sugg, Helen Wood and Carolyn Grace Cooper.



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

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024

2024 budget \$ 536,479.48
 Received March 17, 2024 Budget \$12,258.00
 Received to date, Budget \$67,569.91
 Received March 17, 2024 Bldg. \$146.00
 Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$5,917.00

ATTENDANCE March 17, 2024

Sunday School.....31
 Worship Service.....60
 Virtual 11:00 AM Service...33
 Total Worship..... 93

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In the Hospital

Ruth Alice Echols

At Home

Robert Darsey
 Ann Miller
 Kenny Dill

Dugan

Deb McGaughey
 Montez Ganss

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
 George Purnell
 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)
 Barbara Humber
 Cliff Watkins (Ben Thomas' cousin)
 Helen Childress

Herb Ingram (Friend of Ruth Alice Echols & Betty Fulgham)
 Janae Robinson
 Mary Sanders (Dee Echols' mother)



Palm/Passon Sunday
Sunday, March 24, 2024

11:00 AM

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 14:1-11

SERMON

"A Worshipper Scolded, A Betrayer Praised"

Anthem

"Old Rugged Cross Medley" - arr. Mauldin

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Linda Drake

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

CDC CHAPEL: 3/25 - Mary Carr Ecklund

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.