

APRIL 2, 2024

The Window

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

Greetings from Giles

Hello, I am Giles Lindley and I am your interim pastor for the next three months. I go by Giles and will answer to most anything. No one calls me Dr. Lindley except on the MSU campus (although you can use it if you need to impress your Baptist or Presbyterian friends). I have a long tradition of the children and youth calling me Bro. Giles.

I am going to tell much of my spiritual biography in my first sermon with you, but here are some of the more ordinary facts. I grew up in Jackson, though my Dad grew up in Starkville. I graduated MSU with a degree in Philosophy and Religion. I have a Master of Divinity from Duke. I also have MS and PhD degrees in Communication from USM. My dissertation was on the nonverbal messages found in the ways we build and decorate our church sanctuaries.

I grew up in Christ UMC (sadly, no longer a UMC) in Jackson. I have been an ordained member of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the UMC since 1981. Besides field work and youth ministry while at school in North Carolina, I have served under appointment at Philadelphia First (Associate Pastor), Laurel Kingston, d'Iberville Heritage, Ellisville, and New Albany UMCs. After New Albany, I served five years as the East Jackson District Superintendent. For one year, I also covered the Starkville District and visited West Point FUMC for the first time.

After superintending, I served as senior pastor of Starkville FUMC. While at Starkville, I started teaching part-time in the Communication Department at MSU. Upon retiring from full-time ministry in 2018, I began teaching more classes at MSU and usually teach 3-5 sections a semester.

I had taken this spring semester off from MSU to travel, which is why I will be away from April 3-9. I told the Bishop about this planned trip when she called last week, but she remained pretty insistent that I was the person to fill this interim. So, I will. I look forward to seeing you soon and will finish this short bio next week.

In Christ, Giles Lindley





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC

ANGELS IN APRONS

March 25-April 7 - JoAnn Tedford and Barbara Bryan

April 8 - April 21 - Becky Shirley and LaDonna Helveston

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 of 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.

Backpack Snacks - We will pack backpack snacks on Tuesday, April 9 at 4 p.m. If anyone is available to help set up Tuesday morning, please let Stacy know.



The flowers on Sunday were given in honor of Rev. Dr. Darian Tennyson by the church in appreciation of her eight years of service. She requested that they be given to shut-ins after the service as a gift from her. Dee Echols and Beth Raines made arrangements and delivered them. Thank you, Beth and Dee.



THANK YOU FROM DR. DARIAN

Thank you all so much for the generous love offering. We were blown away by this outpouring of your gratitude! Know what an honor it has been to serve as your pastor for the past eight years. I wish you all the best, and as always, wish you all good things.

dr darian tennyson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The stream team is looking for individuals who want to help our church reach out to the community on Sunday mornings with our online Facebook services. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

YOUTH NEWS

Our youth will be going to BigStuf Youth Camp on June 21-25 in Panama City, FL. We will have a Spud-n-Salad fundraising luncheon on Sunday, April 14 after the 11AM worship service. All proceeds from the luncheon will go toward this trip. Other fundraisers will shared soon.

Deposits for trip are due by April 5th - \$80 per person.

SUPPER HOSTS:

April 3 - Elizabeth Bailey

April 10 - Mary Carr Ecklund

April 17 - Jane Caston

April 24 - Stacy Hays & Ann McClellan



MUSIC NOTES

Kindal Gammill

My name is Kindal Gammill, and I'm a native of Reform, Mississippi. I've grown up with my whole life centered around Southern Gospel music, and I hope to keep that alive in churches today. I am currently a junior at Mississippi State University majoring in Music Performance with an emphasis in piano and audio production. I am so thankful for the FUMC family and the warm welcome they gave me in January when I became the new church pianist.

I look forward to seeing what opportunities this new ministerial appointment brings to the church and myself.



LIGHTHOUSE KIDS!

Jessi Sugg

I have served as the Director of Children's Ministries for about a year and a half now, however many of you know I volunteered faithfully with the children prior to becoming part of the staff. I have felt God telling me recently that it is time to step out of my leadership role and resume serving as a volunteer only. I plan to continue with the Lighthouse Kids on Wednesday nights, however will be filling my spiritual cup in other ways as well. Thank you all for trusting me to lead the children and serve in such an important role. It has been such a pleasure!



LIGHTHOUSE KIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Lighthouse Kids on Wednesday nights. Volunteers will pick up the food at Sun Fresh and then help with cleanup and the activities.

A sign up sheet is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Madeline Wiygul, Collier Sugg, Mae Sugg, Helen Wood, Dorothy Chauvin, and Huck Robinson listen to Dr. Darian during the children's sermon on Easter Sunday. Not pictured is Lily Algood.



First United Methodist Church

WEST POINT

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Giles Lindley, Interim Pastor, 494-5133
 Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198
 Stacy Hays, Family 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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 7, 2024

11:00 AM

SERMON

Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. Prentiss Gordon, Jr.

Anthem

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” - arr. Schrader

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray

LAY READER: Gloria Burnell

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

CDC CHAPEL: 4/8 - Gail Foote

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 31, 2024 Budget \$2,877.00
 Received to date, Budget \$73,475.91
 Received March 31, 2024 Bldg. \$50.00
 Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$6,197.00

ATTENDANCE March 31, 2024

Sunday School.....28
 Worship Service.....132
 Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....22
 Total Worship..... 154

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In the Hospital

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
 Charlotte Messier
 Ann Gatlin
 Gail Wolanek
 Ben Rosenkrans
 Johnnie Newell
 Fox & Evelyn Haas
 George Purnell
 Helen Childress
 Kathy Wood
 Ruth Alice Echols
 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
 Barbara Humber
 Tracy Fowler (Paul Fowler's wife)
 Cliff Watkins (Ben Thomas' cousin)
 Herb Ingram
 Mary Sanders (Dee Echols' mother)
 Lynda Mize
 Family of Ardell Danovsky (Peggy Trulove's mother)
 Family of Doris Bruce

