

APRIL 9, 2024

The Window

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

More About Giles

By the time you read this, I should be back from Kentucky and settled into the office at West Point FUMC. If all went according to plan, we saw all of our grandchildren and experienced the totality of the solar eclipse.

A bit more about my family. I met Lisa in the Union at MSU and we are coming up on our 43rd wedding anniversary. She is retired after a long career as a public school teacher. She plans to be with me this Sunday, but she has some commitments to the choir and other ministries at Starkville FUMC that she needs to honor. As with your church, SFUMC has suffered a big split after voting to stay UMC and they are short-handed in many areas of ministry.

We have two daughters. The older daughter, Charla Lindley Howard, lives in Lexington KY with her husband and our youngest granddaughter. Charla is a MSU grad in Biological Engineering and received her PhD at Arizona State. She works with a neuroscience start-up that helps turn academic research into usable medical devices. Her husband, Joel, is an infectious disease pediatrician on faculty of the University of Kentucky Medical School. Maeve is three and a ball of fire.

Dr. Chelsea Lindley Ragland is a Pediatric Hospitalist and Professor for the University of North Carolina Medical School. She works out of the Mission Children's Hospital in Asheville, NC. She is also a MSU grad and got her MD at Wake Forest. Her husband, Chandler, is the pastor at Black Mountain UMC, just outside of Asheville. Granddaughter Lindley Ragland loves rockets and space. She is in the first grade and is currently reading the 4th Harry Potter book on her own. Her brother, Ellis, is a five-year old redhead and is the entertainer of the family.

We all enjoy hiking and MSU sports. I plan to return to teaching at MSU in the fall but feel that it may be Providence that I was off this semester and can spend some time with you. See you Sunday.

Giles



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC

ANGELS IN APRONS

April 8 - April 21 - Becky Shirley and LaDonna Helveston

April 22 - May 5 - Elizabeth Bailey and Dee Berry

Missions Meeting - We will have a Missions Meeting Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Fellowship Class.

Fern Pickup - Don't forget to pick up your ferns this Saturday from 9-11 a.m. under the portico.

Fresenius Food Pantry - Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Fresenius Kidney Care Food Pantry. We will get items delivered this week.

Pentecost Picnic - Mark your calendars to attend our Pentecost Picnic Sunday, May 19, at The Harrell Barn following the church service. Bring your favorite potluck dish and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Thanks to Gen Thomas for chairing this event.



Mission Spotlight



Our Blessing Box is located under the portico on the side of the church. It is stocked with food and other items for those in need within our community. You may leave items for the Blessing Box in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall.

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

SPUD N SALAD

LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HAM WORSHIP
SPONSORED BY FUMC YOUTH

DONATIONS ACCEPTED - ALL PROCEEDS GO
TOWARD THE BIGSTUF 2024 YOUTH CAMP

WE WILL ALSO HAVE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!

SUPPER HOSTS:

April 10 - Mary Carr Ecklund

April 17 - Jane Caston

April 24 - Stacy Hays & Ann McClellan



Beth Raines and Dee Echols made arrangements for our shut-ins using the altar flowers from Easter Sunday. The flowers were given in honor of Dr. Darian and she requested they be given to our shut-ins as a gift from her.



MUSIC NOTES

Rachel Wood

I am so blessed to be able to create music with other people as my job! This week at Mississippi State, the women's choir is working on a song called "Music Down in My Soul." This song talks about how music wells up in your soul creating love, joy and peace. This has convinced the composer that "there MUST be a God somewhere." I do feel as though music comes from your soul and is definitely a gift from Creator God to bless us with love, joy, and peace.

You can listen to this song here:

<https://youtu.be/SHG49cjKGWg?si=RiEisliOIBK5kS19>



Choir members Vic Johnson and Jim Helveston

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS!

Do you want to be more involved with the Lighthouse Kids? We are in need of volunteer Sunday school teachers and volunteers for Wednesday nights! Please let the church office know if you would be willing to serve in this area. Our kids are our future!



The Lighthouse Kids enjoyed a delicious spaghetti supper Wednesday night.

Sign up to help!



Volunteers are needed to help with the Lighthouse Kids on Wednesday nights. Volunteers will pick up the food from SunFresh and then help with clean up and activities. A sign up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary.



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

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024

11:00 AM

SERMON

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Giles Lindley

"I'm Glad"

Anthem

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" - O'Hara

Gary Echols, soloist

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Elizabeth Bailey

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

CDC CHAPEL: 4/15 - 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 April 7, 2024 Budget \$6,782.00
 Received to date, Budget \$80,257.91
 Received April 7, 2024 Bldg. \$450.00
 Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$6,647.00

ATTENDANCE April 7, 2024

Sunday School.....28
 Worship Service.....57
 Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....18
 Total Worship.....75

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 (Jason McKellar's father)
 Gigi Ellis
 Barbara Humber
 Tracy Fowler (Paul Fowler's wife)
 Cliff Watkins (Ben Thomas' cousin)
 Herb Ingram
 Lynda Mize
 Lynette Loud
 Bobby Bounds
 Family of Mary Sanders

