

APRIL 16, 2024

The Window

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

News from Brother Giles

An interim pastor is one who has been appointed for a specific limited period of time. An interim is sometimes appointed when there has been a mid-year pastoral change and the Annual Conference is not ready to make a regular appointment. Interims can be used sometimes after a long-term pastor retires or moves. Interims are also used when there has been a crisis or major change in the life of the church.

To some degree, all three of these criteria apply here. I have been asked by our Bishop and District Superintendent to serve as your interim for the next three months. A new permanent (as permanent as United Methodist pastors are) pastor will be appointed at Annual Conference in June and be moving into your parsonage during the last week of June.

To be clear, an interim is not just a fill-in pulpit supply. I'll be in the office several days a week. I am available for hospital calls and emergencies. If I am not in the office, the church staff will know when I will be available and how to get into contact with me. I also check my email regularly. The address I use for church business is:
DRWGLWORK@GMAIL.COM.

I am already setting up visits with classes, circles, and committees. If there is a group you would like me to meet with, let me know. If you would like to sit down with me personally, we will set a time.

Also, if there is something going on in the community...someone getting an award, our youth in a play or a ballgame...please let me know.

And, as always, your pastor does not have ESP that lets him or her know when someone is sick or in the hospital. Please let me know.

See you Sunday (if not before),

Bro. 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

Staff Parish Committe News

Bishop Lewis and the Cabinet of the Mississippi Conference have announced the appointment of Rev. Chad Bowen as our new pastor. Chad graduated from Millsaps College and Duke Divinity School and comes to us from Forrest UMC and Independence UMC. Chad and Katie have 2 young children (Peter-2 ½ and Joan-4 months) and are excited about the opportunity to help FUMC-WP grow. Please pray for Chad and his family as well as our church family as we make this transition. He will lead us in worship for the first time on Sunday, July 2. We are also deeply grateful for the ministry of our interim pastor, Rev. Giles Lindley. God is good!

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

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 Christ At Home Ministry provides a hot, home-cooked meal each month to residents of our community who are in need as well as to our church shut-ins.

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.



Members of our FUMC Youth Group; Eli McKellar, Tyler Johnson, John Marlin Stewart and Caston McKellar; gave details on the upcoming Spud and Salad Luncheon during the church service on Sunday.

YOUTH NEWS



SPUD N SALAD LUNCHEON

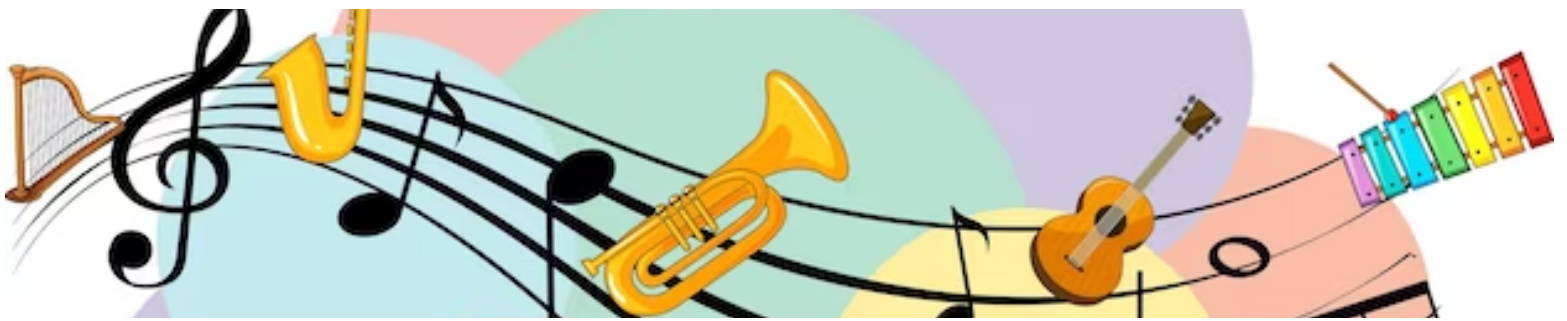
SUNDAY, APRIL 21
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 11AM WORSHIP
SPONSORED BY FUMC YOUTH

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

WE WILL ALSO HAVE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!

YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS:

April 17 - Jane Caston
April 24 - Stacy Hays & Ann McClellan



MUSIC NOTES

Rachel Wood

Ephesians 5:19 says to “sing and make melody in your heart to The Lord”. When you sing on Sunday mornings, are you making melody in your heart to The Lord? What does that even mean? I think that making melody in your heart is when you are able to sing with no inhibitions, meaning every word deeply and truly. What are your favorite hymns to sing and make melody in your heart to God with? Let me know what your favorite hymns are by emailing me at racheldelkwood@gmail.com and I’ll be sure to plan them on an upcoming Sunday! May God bless you all!



Choir members Linda Drake, Jane Caston, Mary Carr Ecklund, JoAnn Tedford and Gary Echols

CELEBRATING OUR CDC

Anna Dill conducted chapel on April 8th, and the focus was Genesis 1:1. Anna talked about how God made all the different creations in the earth. The children were shown movements to go along with the various creations, and they also participated in activities associated with this Bible verse. They were given goldfish for their afternoon snacks. Finally Anna read the book *God Made Nature*. The teachers took the book *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* by Dr. Seuss back to their rooms to read to the children.

LIGHTHOUSE KIDS!

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



LIGHTHOUSE KIDS VOLUNTEERS:

April 17 - Mary Carr Ecklund

April 24 - Donna Cook & Anna Dill





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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2024

11:00 AM

SERMON

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Giles Lindley

“You Are Children of God”

Anthem

“He Leads Medley” - arr. Mauldin

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell

LAY READER: Bob Seitz

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

CDC CHAPEL: 4/22 - 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.**

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2024

2024 budget \$ 536,479.48
 Received April 14, 2024 Budget \$3,144.00
 Received to date, Budget \$83,401.91
 Received April 14, 2024 Bldg. \$246.00
 Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$6,893.00

ATTENDANCE April 14, 2024

Sunday School.....39
 Worship Service.....81
 Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....21
 Total Worship.....102

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
 Kathy Wood
 Ruth Alice Echols
 Emerson Houston
 Austin Hill
 Vicki Cooper

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)
 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

