

APRIL 23, 2024

# *The* Window

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

## **News from Bro. Giles**

The United Methodist General Conference starts this week. The GC usually meets every four years, but COVID meant that there was no 2020 GC.

With all the tension and changes within the church, there is much interest in this Conference. I am sure that there will be some changes made to the Book of Discipline, as there always are. I strongly suspect that the changes will not be as drastic as some hope and some fear. As we work through these days, the most important thing to remember is that nothing is final until the GC adjourns. And, even then, there may be some items that are approved by the GC but must be ratified by votes of the Annual Conferences.

All of this makes it very complicated to follow. Every time GC rolls around, I get calls telling me that the United Methodist Church has “done something” when all that has happened is that someone has made a proposal.

I've been around a long time and know that anyone can make any sort of proposal (and some pretty outlandish ones get made every four years), that the fact that a proposal makes it out of committee does not mean that it will pass on the floor, that sometimes proposals that are passed have been amended so that they bear little resemblance to the original proposal, and that no one knows exactly how a proposal will go when a vote actually comes.

So, for the next two weeks, we will pray for our church, we will do our best to keep up with the activities of the GC, we will not jump to conclusions about the success or failure of proposals still in process, and we will figure what actually affects us when the Conference is over.

In Christ, Bro. Giles



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FUMC

## Angels in Aprons

April 22 - May 5 - Elizabeth Bailey and Dee Berry  
May 6 - May 19 - Robin McCormick and Gale Griggs

## Staff Parish Committee 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 had a great Missions meeting last week. The group decided they will be traveling to Belize December 27-January 2 where they will participate in a number of ministry opportunities such as service projects and children's programs. If you are interested in going, please contact Lucy McKellar or Stacy Hays. We are planning fundraisers to help with the cost, so stay tuned!

**Bible Study** - Bro. Giles will be teaching a short-term Bible Study beginning Wednesday on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. He will teach the same class at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Wesley Fellowship Class, so come to the one that best fits your schedule! The class will be held April 24, May 8 and May 15.

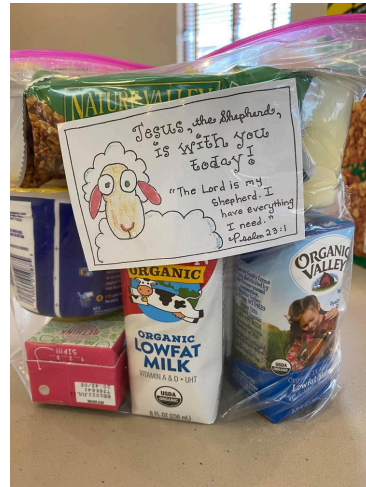
**Pentecost Picnic** - Mark your calendars to attend our Pentecost Picnic Sunday, May 19, at the Harrell Barn following the church service. Bring your favorite potluck dish and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Thanks to Gen Thomas for chairing this event.



The Spud n Salad luncheon was a success!



## Mission Spotlight



We pack 160 backpack snacks each month to be delivered to Churchill and South Side Elementary Schools. These bags are handed out each Friday to students who may not have enough food for the weekend.

## MISSION UPDATE

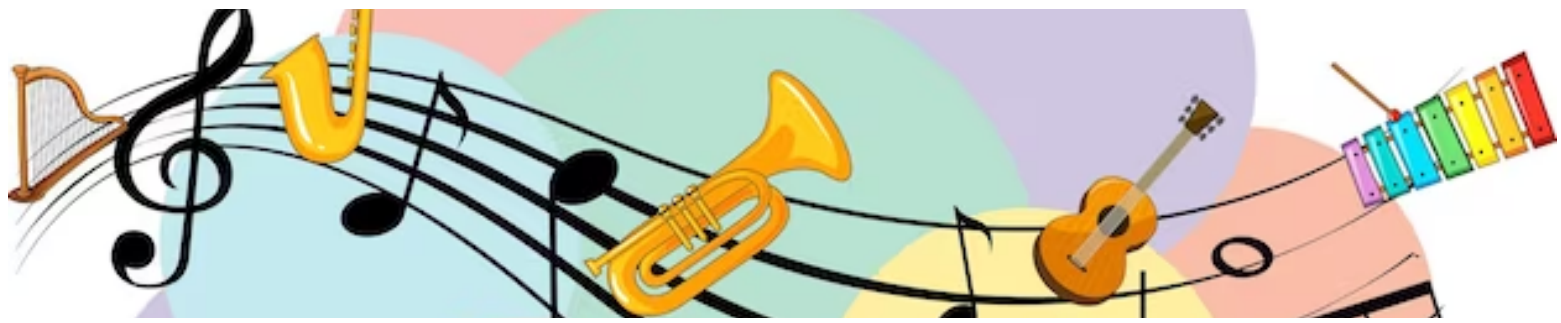
Thanks to everyone who purchased ferns this year! We made a profit of \$1,459! These funds will go toward our mission trip to Belize in December.

## YOUTH NEWS

The Spud n Salad Youth Fundraiser was huge success! The donations totaled \$1,682 and the silent auction items totaled \$1,020. All proceeds will go to the BigStuf Youth camp. Thanks to everyone who came and supported our youth. Special thanks to Dee Echols, LaDonna Helveston, Julie Gray, Ben Rosenkrans, Holly Hitt, Jane Caston, Gloria Bunnell, Beth Raines, Stacy Hays, Gail Foote, and Youth parents!

### YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS:

April 24 - Stacy Hays & Ann McClellan  
May 1 - LaDonna Helveston  
May 8 - Donna Cook & Anna Dill  
May 15 - Shannon Wallace  
May 22 - Gracy Taylor  
May 29 - Dee Echols & Gail Foote



## MUSIC NOTES

**Rachel Wood**

Hello Church Family! You may have noticed that we added a new Congregational Hymn into our worship service this past Sunday. If you will tell me what your favorite hymns are, I will make sure to program them into this time in our service. You can tell me in person or email me at [racheldelkwood@gmail.com](mailto:racheldelkwood@gmail.com). I'm looking forward to enjoying your favorite hymns with you!



## CELEBRATING OUR CDC



The DAR presented a Life Vac to our Child Development Center. This portable airway suction device is used to save lives when children are choking. We want to thank DAR for this useful and generous gift. Shown left are Karen Cliett, Interim CDC Director; Gay Duke from DAR; and George Purnell, CDC Board President.

## 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!



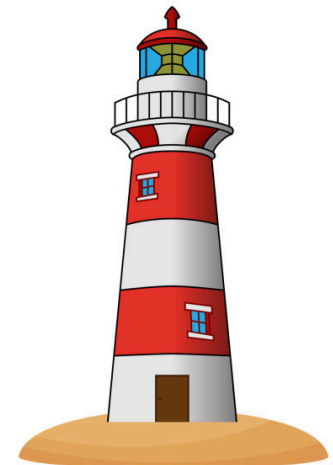
### LIGHTHOUSE KIDS VOLUNTEERS:

April 24 - Donna Cook & Anna Dill

May 1 - LaDonna Helveston

May 8 - Julie Gray

May 15 - 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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

**SERMON**

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Giles Lindley  
 "Still Children"

**Anthem**

"In the Shadow of the Cross" - Dengler

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill

**LAY READER:** Mary Helon Hays

**STREAM TEAM:** Art Shirley

**CDC CHAPEL:** 4/29 - Elizabeth Bailey

**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 21, 2024 Budget \$4,613.00  
 Received to date, Budget \$88,014.91  
 Received April 21, 2024 Bldg. \$146.00  
 Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$7,039.00

## ATTENDANCE April 21, 2024

Sunday School.....35  
 Worship Service.....75  
 Virtual 11:00 AM Service....18  
 Total Worship.....93

## ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### In the Hospital

### At Home

### Dugan

### Waverly Care

### Traceway

Robert Darsey  
 Ann Miller  
 Kenny Dill

Deb McGaughey  
 Montez Ganss

Bobbie Tumlinson  
 Jean Sarsgard

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace  
 Betty Sue Shumpert

### Our Members

Beverly Campbell  
 Donna Cook  
 Vicki Cooper  
 Ruth Alice Echols  
 Ann Gatlin  
 Fox & Evelyn Haas  
 Jordan Helveston  
 Austin Hill  
 Emerson Houston  
 Charlotte Messier  
 Johnnie Newell  
 Lynne Posey  
 George Purnell  
 Ben Rosenkrans  
 Mary Strobel  
 Gail Wolanek  
 Kathy Wood

### Our Family and Friends:

Bobby Bounds  
 Mary Margaret Case  
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)  
 Tracy Fowler (Paul Fowler's wife)  
 Don Hoover, Jr. (Beth Raines' nephew)  
 Barbara Humber  
 Herb Ingram  
 Lynette Loud  
 Frank McKellar (Jason McKellar's father)  
 Lynda Mize  
 Susie Purnell Randall  
 Cliff Watkins (Ben Thomas' cousin)  
 Billy Wayne Yarbrough (Hunter Brewer's father-in-law)  
 Family of Mary Sanders

