

APRIL 30, 2024

# *The* Window

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

## **News from Bro. Giles**

One month down. This interim pastor position is moving along quickly. I've learned much. I've also remembered why I retired (I've only had part-time jobs over the last six years and am having to get back up to speed working all week). But I am having fun and am glad I have come.

When friends ask me about what I'm doing, I tell them I've been busy with ordinary pastor stuff...preaching, teaching Bible Study, visiting. Even though this is only an interim position, I've tried to help the church plan for the future. In that regard, we are having a meeting for the parents of our children this Sunday at 10:00 am (you can read more about it elsewhere in the newsletter).

When I think about the future of West Point First United Methodist Church, I am very optimistic. You've been through much, but you are still standing. And there are other reasons for my optimism.

Your new preacher has been appointed and will arrive at the end of June. I know this young man well and believe that you and he both will get much out of this appointment. But I remind you, be patient with him. Even a great preacher can't do everything in a day.

You are very fortunate to have a good staff in place. I am impressed with how they have kept things running during the transitions. I am impressed with how they handle the day-to-day business of the church.

There are so many good people in this congregation, people of talent, resources, faith, and love. But, perhaps the most important thing that catches my attention is your spirit for mission. From the first day I arrived, I have seen so many projects and acts of service. This is who you are. This is why West Point FUMC always has been and always will be a great church.

God had plans for West Point FUMC. I am glad to be part of those plans for this time.

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

**Mission Trip-** The mission team 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** -There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday due to the prayer service. The study will resume on May 8th and continue through May 15th. Bro. Giles is teaching the short-term Bible Study 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!

**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.

**Children's Parents Meeting** - Bro. Giles wants to meet with all the children's parents on Sunday, May 5th, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss summer events and future plans. A nursery will be available, and a children's Sunday school will be held in the 1st-3rd classroom downstairs.

**Communion Offering** - Our communion offering for the month of May is United Methodist Senior Services.

**Prayer Service** - Please join us for our monthly prayer service Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

**Thank You** - We want to express our thanks to Johnny Caston. The church mower has been in the shop, and Johnny has been cutting the grass during this time. We really appreciate his help.

**Upper Rooms** - The new *Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide* has arrived. Please pick up your copy from the table at the back of the sanctuary.



## Mission Spotlight



Gloria Bunnell, Jane Caston, LaDonna Helveston and Elizabeth Bailey prepare meals for the monthly Loaves and Fishes delivery. Loaves and Fishes is a ministry of United Women of Faith. Volunteers prepare and deliver homecooked meals to some of our church members each month.

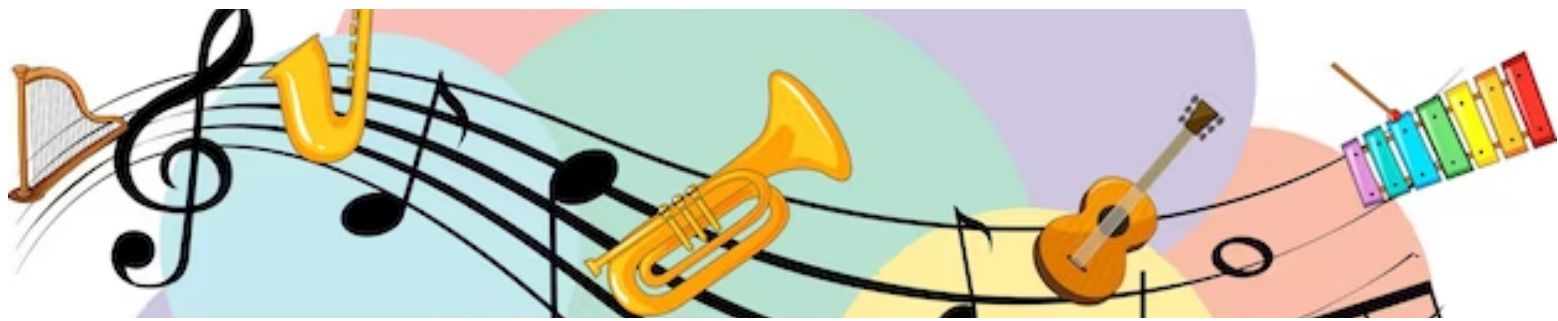
## YOUTH NEWS

A poster for a fundraiser event. The text reads: "FUNDRAISER EVENT", "HAMBURGER & HOTDOG COOKOUT", "SATURDAY, MAY 11 FROM 11:00 AM - 1:00PM", "BRYAN YOUTH CENTER \$12 PER PLATE". There is an illustration of a hamburger and a hotdog. At the bottom, it says "All proceeds go toward the BigStuf Youth Camp".

Sign-up at [www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-hamburgerhotdog-meal-fundraiser-tickets-887840834837](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-hamburgerhotdog-meal-fundraiser-tickets-887840834837) or by calling the church office at 494-1658. Deadline to order is Sunday, May 5.

### YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS:

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**

### Positives Benefits of Singing in the Choir

- Increases unity amongst members
- Regulates heartrate
- Reduces stress and helps with depression
- Increases cognitive function
- Works as a pain killer
- Improves symptoms of chronic diseases
- Improves memory



## SAFTETY EQUIPMENT



The church has several health and safety devices that are available if needed. Two wheelchairs and a stretcher are located in the Safety Closet at the back of the sanctuary. A defibrillator is located in a cabinet between the elevator and the door to the Wesley Fellowship Room. An additional defibrillator is located in the hallway in the daycare between the two baby rooms. This cabinet also contains a portable airway suction device which can be used if someone is choking. Members who have been trained on these devices are Jim Helveston, Julie and Andy Gray, Greg Sugg, Jay Wood, and Bob Ecklund.

## LIGHTHOUSE KIDS!

The Lighthouse Kids made a prayer volcano. They poured baking soda which represented their thanks to God, added food coloring which represented praises, and then vinegar to “pour out” all their needs and requests. When the volcano bubbled, that illustrated God’s excitement when they came to him in prayer. When the volcano overflowed, God was pouring out his blessings to the children.



### LIGHTHOUSE KIDS VOLUNTEERS:

- 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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024

11:00 AM

The New Testament Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

### SERMON

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Giles Lindley

“In this World”

### Special Music

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” - arr. Wood

Rachel Wood, soloist

**SOUND TECH:** Julie Gray

**LAY READER:** Linda Drake

**STREAM TEAM:** Andy Gray

**CDC CHAPEL:** 5/6 - Linda Drake

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 28, 2024 Budget \$1,788.00  
Received to date, Budget \$89,802.91  
Received April 28, 2024 Bldg. \$271.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund \$7,310.00

### ATTENDANCE April 28, 2024

Sunday School.....38  
Worship Service.....88  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service....21  
Total Worship.....93

### 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  
Donna Cook  
Vicki Cooper  
Ruth Alice Echols  
Helen Facella  
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

### 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  
Shane Jukes  
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)



**Revive meets each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the  
Good Shepherd Sunday School classroom.**

**Please join us!**