



JULY 29, 2025

The Newsletter of First UMC
West Point, Mississippi

The Window

A Note from the Preacher

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

It is helpful from time to time to return to the foundational beliefs and activities that make us who we are. The mission of the United Methodist Church is one of those things.

It's strength is in its simplicity. We have one job: to make disciples. We expect our carrying out of that job to serve a singular purpose-- that things on earth will be transformed to look like things in heaven.

There are a lot of tasks that shape life in the church. There are administrative tasks: printing bulletins, distributing newsletters, paying bills, reviewing financial reports, repairing air conditioners or elevators, and talking about policies and procedures. There are support tasks: dishes to be done, supplies to procure, trash to take out. There are meetings that have to be scheduled and led, decisions to record and implement. There are even ministry tasks: lessons to teach, people to visit, worship to lead, support to offer.

Sometimes, we try to convince ourselves that, because we've done the tasks, we've completed the mission. But we know intuitively that completing all the tasks doesn't mean that we've accomplished what we set out to do. You can check everything off the list and not win a championship, or make the sale, or earn the grade that you were aiming for.

You probably won't fulfill the mission without the tasks, but completing the tasks doesn't guarantee success. So, how are we doing? Are we completing the mission, or just busy about tasks? What's **your** place in the mission?

I am praying that God would guide us in prayer and practice such that people might come to saving knowledge of the power of God, grow in grace, and testify in word and deed to the difference God makes in the world.

For the mission,
Br. Chad

ANGELS IN APRONS

July 28 - Aug. 10 - Barbara Iles and Holly Hitt

Aug. 11 - Aug. 24 - Jane Caston and Jason McKellar

CHURCH NEWS

Annual Rummage Sale - The rummage sale will be held this Saturday, August 2, from 7:00am until 12:00 noon. Items for the sale may be dropped off through Wednesday, July 30.

Weekly Communion - This week Rev. Andy Ray and our youth intern Jon will be holding Holy Communion on Wednesday, July 30th, at 12 noon in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Child Development Center Chapel - The CDC Chapel will resume in August. Please call the church office or Anna Dill if you are willing to help with this important ministry.



6/30/2025 Giving Statements

Giving Statements have been emailed to the address we have on file. If we don't have an email address for you, a statement has been mailed. Please check your email to see your statement.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

08/14/25	5:30pm	Nominations/Personnel	Library
08/17/25	12:15pm	Leadership Council	Library
08/18/25	5:00pm	CDC Board Meeting	Library

CONGRATULATIONS!



We want to congratulate Elizabeth Bailey who completed her cancer treatments on Friday. We pray that all her tests and scans in the future will be clear.



on Missions

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING
DONATIONS
FOR THE TEXAS FLOOD VICTIMS.



PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO UMC
AND WRITE "TEXAS FLOOD" ON
THE MEMO LINE. DEADLINE TO GIVE IS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH



Kitchen Committee

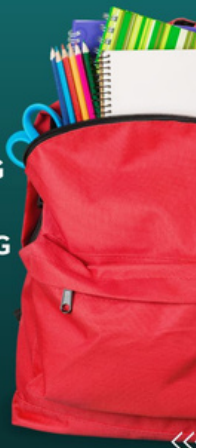
We have a wonderful group of women who have agreed to serve on our Kitchen Committee. They will be organizing, cleaning and maintaining our kitchen. We are so grateful to Dee Berry, Jean Dill, Betty Fulgham, Wilma Hinshaw, Holly Hitt, Becky Landin, Peggy Trulove and Chairman Jane Caston for accepting this mission.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

ALL STUDENTS ENTERING
THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL
YEAR ARE ASKED TO BRING
THEIR BACKPACKS
TO CHURCH THAT MORNING
TO BE BLESSED.

We will also kick off our School
Supply Drive on that day. A tub
will be located at the back of the
sanctuary for you to place
your supplies in.





MUSIC NOTES

As backpacks are packed and classrooms open, we enter a new season full of fresh beginnings. The start of school brings excitement, nerves, and new opportunities—for students, teachers, and families alike. It's also a time to remember that God goes before us in every new chapter. Music can be a steady companion through all the changes—offering comfort, encouragement, and joy. Whether it's a quiet hymn or a rousing anthem, may the songs we sing this season remind us that we are never alone. Let's keep our students and educators in our prayers, and may we all begin this school year with hope in our hearts and a new song on our lips.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Aug. 3 - Cheryl Bowen

Aug. 10 - Caroline and Bill Atkins

Aug. 17 - Erin Robinson

Aug. 24 - Linda Drake

Aug. 31 - Gail Foote and Dee Echols

YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS

Aug. 6 - Elizabeth Bailey and Nita Wyman

Aug. 13 - Gloria Bunnell and Lucy McKellar

Aug. 20 - Susan Johnson and Beth Raines

Aug. 27 - Stacy Hays and Dee Berry



CDC Fun Friday

We want to thank Barbara Bryan, Nita Wyman, Wilma Hinshaw, Jean Dill, Joni Seitz, Katie Bowen and the Wesley Fellowship Class for providing the Fun Friday treats in July. The purpose of Fun Friday is to show appreciation to the CDC staff for the work that they do and to give them a little boost each month.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Lake Junaluska Youth Trip

The pictures above again illustrate how meaningful the Lake Junaluska trip was for the five youth who attended. Caston and Eli McKellar, John Marlin Stewart, Hayden Wallace and Samuel Price want to thank all of the church members who supported this event. The church would like to thank Brother Chad and Jon Burris for chaperoning this group.



KICKOFF August 13

Wednesday Nights • 5:15pm - 6:45pm
all children welcome • meal provided



First United Methodist Church

WEST POINT CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor, 494-5133
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198
Stacy Hays, Family Ministries, 494-2198
Jon Burris, Summer Youth Intern
Julie Gray, Financial Secretary, 494-1658
Gail Foote, Office Manager, 494-1658
Kindal Gammill, Pianist
Ron Crawford, Custodian
Kenya Lee, CDC Director, 494-6811

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 6/30/2025

Total revenue received in June	\$46,442.25
Total expenses in June	(\$36,466.43)
Year to date revenue	\$196,757.02
Year to date expenses	(\$226,557.82)

More detailed financial information is available here:
<https://fumcwestpoint.com/monthly-financial-summary/>

ATTENDANCE July 27, 2025

Sunday School.....	57
Worship Service.....	80
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	13
Total Worship.....	93

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our Members

Elizabeth Bailey
Beverly Campbell
R. B. Davis
Montez Ganss
Fox & Evelyn Haas
Caroline Harrell
Jordan Helveston
Austin Hill
Emerson Houston
Susan Johnson
Victoria Johnston
Charlotte Messier
Jerry Mize
Johnnie Newell
Mike Reid
Ben Rosenkrans
Gracy Taylor
Gail Wolanek
Jimmy Wood
Kathy Wood

Dugan

Deb McGaughey

Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Our Family and Friends:

Ted Berry
Wayne Brand
Joe Brownlee
Edith Carlisle
Mary Margaret Case
Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)
Robert Darsey
Marcus Davidson
Ellie Delk (Rachel Wood's niece)
Rebecca Duncan (Elizabeth Bailey's neighbor)
Martin Edmondson (Tammy Walters' father)
Sandra Harpole
Rusty Iles
Mike Kellar (Gay Duke's brother-in-law)
Curtis Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's father)
Lynette Loud (Rachel Wood's mother)
Steve Mitchell (Charlotte Portera's son-in-law)
Lynda Mize
Carole Higgins Morton

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 3, 2025

11:00 AM

The Scripture Lesson

1 John 1:9-2:2

SERMON

Youth Intern - Jon Burris

"Worship: Confession, Assurance of Pardon,
and Peace"

Anthem

"Peace Like a River" - arr. Raney

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray

LAY READER: Vic Johnson

STREAM TEAM: Art Shirley

The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on
WKBB 100.9 FM and on Facebook Live at
First UMC of West Point and YouTube.