

AUGUST 5, 2025

The Newsletter of First UMC  
West Point, Mississippi

# *The* Window

## A Note from the Preacher

One of the most frustrating things about the Christian faith is also one of the most compelling: it doesn't come prepackaged with simple answers to all of our questions.

Not having simple answers can be an invitation into a deeper faith, a recognition that sometimes the questions themselves are complex, and that God who made heaven and earth is always infinitely more interesting than the idols that we can manufacture ourselves.

This fall, it's my intention to engage questions that you have about the Bible, the Christian faith, and our world through preaching. To do that, you'll have to share some of your questions!

You can [click here to use our online form](#) or use your camera to use the QR code to the left. We'll have some physical forms to share on Sunday if you prefer that.

I can't promise to **answer** all of your questions, but we can consider the mystery together. Here are some prompts to get you started:

*Have you always wanted to hear a sermon on a certain topic? Is there a specific Bible passage you'd like to learn more about?*

*Are there things Christians often say that you think might be un-biblical, untrue, or unhelpful? Is there something that you think, if Christians could understand rightly, it would strengthen our witness in the world?*

*Are there conversations happening in the news or culture that you would like to hear addressed from a Biblical or theological perspective?*

*Do you have questions about God, life, death, salvation, sin, heaven, hell, denominations, worship, discipleship, the church, creation, suffering, faith, prosperity, missions, vocation, finances, politics, grace, judgment, forgiveness, Jesus, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, baptism, holy communion, Harry Potter, or Duke Basketball? Something else?*

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

**Elevator Installation** - The elevator installation should begin on Monday, August 11. It will be out of order for up to two weeks.

**Blessing Box** - We are desperately in need of some food items and a few personal hygiene items for our Blessing Box. We are almost out of everything. Please leave your donations in the cart outside the Fellowship Hall. You may also go to the church Facebook page to have items sent directly to the church.

**Texas Flood Victims** - We are now accepting donations for the Texas flood victims. Please write your check to FUMC and designate it for Texas floods. The deadline for donations is August 15.

**Lunch Bunch** - The Lunch Bunch had a great trip to the Central Station Grill in Starkville. The next trip will be to Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville on Friday, August 15. The van will leave the church at 10:30. Please let Donna Cook or Gail Foote know if you would like to go.



**CDC Fundraiser** - The CDC is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser. Adult shirts are \$20.00 and children's shirts are \$15.00. Orders may be placed by calling the church office or by signing the order sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



## on Missions



### 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

## Lighthouse Kids



# KICKOFF August 13

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





## MUSIC NOTES

After worship this week, one of our choir members smiled and said, "We really are a singing church!" What a simple, joyful truth—and what a gift. The sound of voices rising together in worship says something powerful about who we are. It means we're engaged. It means we're united. It means we're not just attending worship—we're participating in it. Singing isn't just music; it's ministry. When the congregation lifts its voice, it becomes a living testimony of faith, love, and community. So keep singing, church—whether you're in the choir loft or the back pew. Your voice matters. And together, we're telling the world who we are and whose we are. "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1).

### 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 Open House

The CDC Open House was held on July 31, so the parents could meet the teachers, receive important information and see their children's rooms before the new school year began on August 1. What a wonderful beginning it was!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH



### Children's Moments

Linda Drake explained to the children that when we plant seeds, the seeds change and grow. As we grow, we also change. God can change our hearts.



### Blessing of the Backpacks

We had a wonderful group for Blessing of the Backpacks. Brother Chad prayed for all the students, parents and teachers as the new school year begins. All the students were given backpack tags to remind them that God is always with them.



### The Sermon on the Mount

The youth are having wonderful discussions as they study the Sermon on the Mount.



# First United Methodist Church

WEST POINT  
CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor, 494-5133  
Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198  
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Jon Burris, Summer Youth Intern  
Julie Gray, Financial Secretary, 494-1658  
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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.....	71
Worship Service.....	98
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	14
Total Worship.....	112

## 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

## 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 10, 2025

11:00 AM

## The Scripture Lessons

Luke 22:14-23 and Colossians 2:6-15

## SERMON

"Worship: God's Presence and Power  
in Ordinary Things"

## Anthem

"Total Praise" - arr. Raney

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammell

**LAY READER:** Tommy Bryan

**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.

Susie Purnell Randall  
Robbie Robinson  
Ben Smith  
Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)  
Moses Vernon (Amy Buckley's uncle)  
Wes Williamson  
Bob Wilson (Joni Seitz's father)  
Donald Wilson (Terri Myers' father)

Family of Mary Anne Milburn  
Family of Randy Ferguson