



AUGUST 12, 2025

**The Newsletter of First UMC
West Point, Mississippi**

The **Window**

A Note from the Intern

As I sat in my room in Wilmore, Kentucky, considering what goal I wanted to pursue this summer, I landed on one focus, which I shared with everyone close to me and the leadership council at FUMC. My one goal was this: to be a part of revealing what a spiritual community is within the body of Christ. I was excited about what God wanted to do with my time in West Point, and excited to join Jesus's ongoing ministry here.

I got opportunities to share my heart for worship from the pulpit, preaching about singing and confession. I hoped to reveal that our Lord Jesus is worthy of our song. Not just a song from our lips, but a song from our heart. I also hoped to witness to the reality that when we confess, our God is faithful to forgive and cleanse us. But once again, not just a confession from our lips, but a contrite heart bent toward God. We ought to posture our hearts rightly in worship, whether that is through song, confession, or any other forms of worship we participate in. This kind of worship, with right heart posture, is the kind of worship where God works in our hearts to make us holy, to make us like Him.

For the whole summer with the youth, we walked through the Sermon on the Mount. This great scriptural discourse is essential to not only aligning our hearts and minds with Jesus, but also our lives. I hope that I displayed this, not only by teaching, but by living this way in sight of the youth. Whether we were meeting on Wednesday nights, going on a trip to Lake Junaluska, or learning about the character of God on Sundays, my hope was to display a life aligned with Jesus for the sake of others.

During this summer we engaged together in a weekly rhythm of Eucharist on Wednesdays. A sharing with one another in the body and blood of Jesus Christ is one of the many important things that a spiritual community does. And so, by the end of this summer, I hope I have reached this goal to be a part of revealing of spiritual community. And, just as our liturgy says, I know that even as I go, by the Spirit of God, we have been made:

One with Christ

One with each other

And one in ministry to all the world.

Jon

ANGELS IN APRONS

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

CHURCH NEWS

Elevator Installation - The elevator installation will begin on Wednesday, August 13. It will be out of order for up to two weeks.

UMCOR Donations for Flood Victims - Monday, August 18, is the deadline to donate to the Texas Flood Victims through UMCOR. Please make your check out to FUMC and write "Texas Flood Victims" on the memo line.

Lunch Bunch - The Lunch Bunch will go 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.

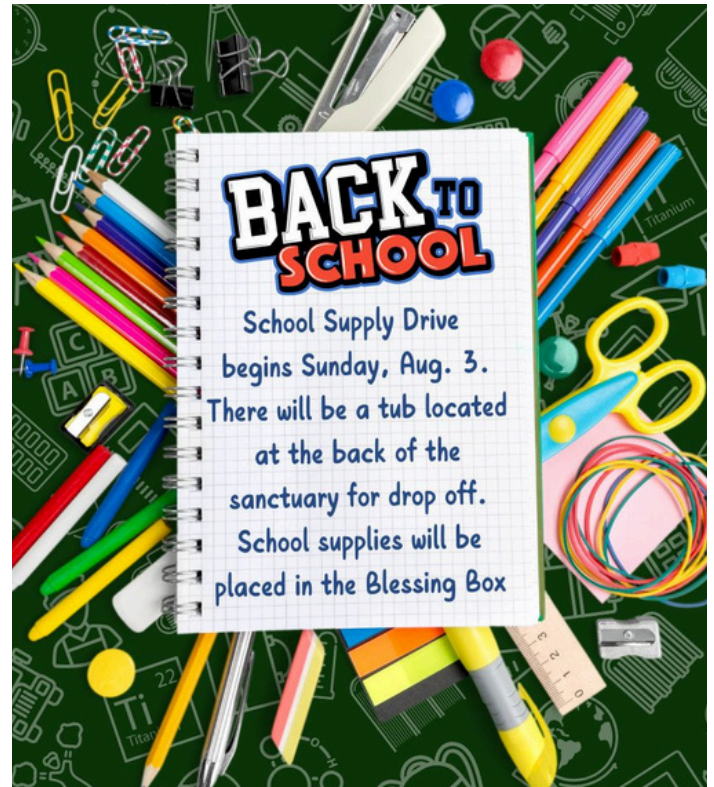


FUMC Aprons -We would like to thank the McKellar family who donated new aprons for use in our kitchen. A special thanks goes to Jason McKellar who screen printed the design.



Women's Sunday School Social

Caroline and Bill Atkins hosted the Women's Class and their families at their home for a Sunday School social on Saturday, August 9th. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, fellowship and swimming for some. Special guests were Caroline Harrell and Anna Dill. Thanks to Caroline and Bill for hosting this event.



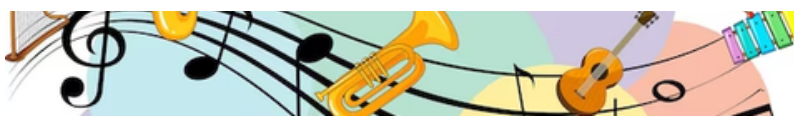
Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

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

The Rummage Sale Was a Success!

Our rummage sale was another success, and we couldn't have done it without all of you! We had close to 30 volunteers who helped sort and price prior to the sale, while others worked the day of and helped clean up and organize what was left. Lynn Morgan from the Christian Women's Job Corp picked up the remaining, scarves and jewelry. Bro. Dickie Bryan and several men from The Mission came by on Friday to take the rest of the items that were not sold. Those items will be donated to The Friendship House on the campus of Mississippi State University. This organization, through the Baptist Student Union, provides a welcoming environment and resources to help international students adjust to life in the United States while connecting with the local community. We made a total of \$2,275.15 at this sale, and all proceeds will go toward our future mission trips.

We want to give special thanks to Ron Crawford who helped unload cars and took the donations upstairs as they were brought to the church. He then helped pack up everything that was left. Thank you, Ron!!!



MUSIC NOTES

If you spend any time in our choir rehearsals, you'll quickly see that the Chancel Choir is more than a group of singers—they're a team. When the basses sing a passage well, the altos cheer them on. When the sopranos soar, the tenors beam with pride. They celebrate one another's strengths, encourage each other through challenges, and work together toward one goal: offering their very best to God in worship. They know that every voice matters and that the beauty of the music depends on everyone doing their part. More than just singing notes, they lift each other up, knowing that their unity and love for one another make their song even more powerful. They take their calling as worship leaders seriously—and it shows in every note they sing. "So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:5).

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Aug. 3 - Cheryl and Chad Bowen

Aug. 10 - Gail Foote and Dee Echols

Aug. 17 - Erin Robinson

Aug. 24 - Linda Drake

Aug. 31 - Caroline and Bill Atkins

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 Fundraiser

The CDC is selling t-shirts as a fund-raiser. 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. Deadline is August 31st.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



KICKOFF
August 13

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

Maker's Workshop

The new Lighthouse Kids' unit is called Maker's Workshop. It begins in Genesis with Adam and Eve committing the sin of eating the forbidden fruit. Then the children will learn about important people and promises that God made in Genesis to send the Savior to rescue humanity.



Thanks to the Youth and Volunteers

The youth did a great job cleaning out the storage shed at the Bryan Youth Center. We want to thank Marc Facella for loaning his trailer and Jane Caston for allowing the youth to use her dumpster. We also want to thank Brother Chad, Julie Gray, Jason McKellar, Ray Purnell and Jon Burris for helping.



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 August 10, 2025

Sunday School.....	59
Worship Service.....	79
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	10
Total Worship.....	89

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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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025

11:00 AM

The Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

SERMON

"Worship: This Is My Body"

Anthem

"Come Be Fed" - Schram and Staggers

SOUND TECH: Ray Purnell

LAY READER: George Purnell

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)