



SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

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

# *The* **Window**

## **A Note from the Director of Family Ministries**

It's the 'ber months and that means a busy time of the year for our church staff and our church members. But it's a fun kind of busy! We have a lot of events planned over the next couple of months, so I wanted to take this opportunity to update you so you can make plans to attend, volunteer, or just keep up with our church plans.

-We are now taking orders for mums. Deadline to order is September 28<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds going to Missions.

-Our Christ at Home meal ministry will be this Wednesday. We could always use your help with food and desserts, as well as the preparation each month. Christ at Home is a wonderful outreach ministry and is so appreciated by those who receive the meals.

-Similar to Christ at Home, on a smaller scale, we provide meals each month to some of our church members through our Loaves and Fishes Program through the United Women of Faith. This month, Loaves and Fishes will be delivered on September 18.

-We will provide a meal for the West Point High School Football team and their coaches on Wednesday, September 24 at 4:30. Please join us if you can!

-On Sunday, September 28, following the church service, we will head to Waverly Waters Pavilion for our fall picnic. There is a sheet located at the back of the sanctuary for volunteers to sign up to bring food and drinks.

-We will feed the Christian Women's Job Corp on Tuesday, September 30, at 11:30 a.m. in Starkville. Many thanks to Dee Berry and Tammy Walters for helping me plan and execute this meal. We would love for you to join us that day if you are interested.

-Brother Chad leads an adult Bible study each Wednesday night at 5:30 in the library and The Lighthouse Kids meet each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. for dinner and a Bible lesson.

-We have a lot more planned for the month of October so stay tuned for more details!

Stacy



# ANGELS IN APRONS

**Sept. 8 - Sept. 21** - Becky Shirley and LaDonna Helveston  
**Sept. 22 - Oct. 5** - JoAn Tedford and Barbara Bryan

**Glad You Asked! (Sermons)** - On September 7<sup>th</sup>, Bro. Chad is going to begin a sermon series on questions you have about the Bible and our Christian faith. You can [click here to use our online form](#). There are also some forms on the back table in the sanctuary.

**Glad You Asked! (Study)** - Sometimes a sermon isn't enough! As we consider questions on Sunday mornings, you might find yourself wanting to agree, argue, analyze, affirm, or ask about the sermon. There may also be some questions that we can't get to on Sunday mornings that we can consider together on Wednesday nights. We'll start next Wednesday at 5:30. Don't miss it!

**Retirement Celebration** - On September 26, we'll celebrate Karen Cliett's (more than three decades!) faithful service in the CDC and wish her well as she enters retirement.

**Child Development Center Chapel** - The CDC Chapel has resumed. Please call the church office or Anna Dill if you are willing to help with this important ministry.

**Lunch Bunch** - The Lunch Bunch will go to Magnolia's at the Ritz on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Magnolia's at 11:30. Please call Gail Foote or Donna Cook to sign up.

## CHURCH PICNIC

### WAVERLY WATERS

### PAVILION



Sunday, Sept 28,  
following the  
church service

**There is a sheet at the back of the sanctuary for people to sign up to bring food items.**

## on Missions



### Backpack Snack Time Again

We are sending backpack snacks again to our Bright Horizons partners, South Side and Church Hill. This school year we are delivering 240 bags of food each month (60 per week). These bags are distributed on Friday every week to children who may need extra food over the weekend. Thanks to everyone who makes this outreach ministry such a success. Pictured are Julie Gray, Lisa Gammill, Anna Dill, Holly Hitt, Lona Rosetti and Barbara Iles.



### Mums for Missions

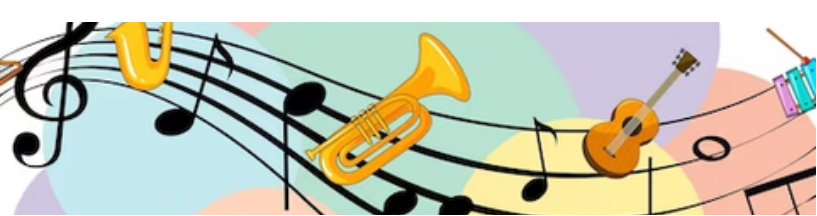
We are now taking orders for mums. One gallon is \$10 and a three gallon is \$20. Yellow, bronze, white, red and lavender are the colors available. Call the church office at 662-494-1658 to place your order. Deadline to order is Sunday, September 28. Pick up will be Saturday, October 4 from 9-11 a.m. at the Bryan Youth Center. All proceeds will go toward our next mission trip in 2026.

### Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

All meetings will be held in the library.

09/11/25 at 10:00am	Congregational Care
09/22/25 at 5:30pm	Personnel and Nominations
09/29/25 at 5:00pm	CDC Board
10/06/25 at 5:30pm	Leadership Council





## MUSIC NOTES

This week, Brother Chad reminded us that while fear of God's judgment may be the beginning of wisdom, it is not the fullness of it. True wisdom is found in love—perfect love that casts out fear (1 John 4:18). Music has a way of carrying that truth deep into our hearts. When we sing together, we remind one another that God's love is greater than our fear, stronger than our doubts, and constant in every season. Our hymns and anthems echo this good news: we are not defined by fear but by love. As we lift our voices in worship, may we also lift each other up in daily life, letting the perfect love of Christ guide us, bind us together, and send us out to love as He loves.



### CDC Fun Friday

We want to thank Donna Cook, Gale Griggs, Dee Berry Katie Bowen. Robin McCormick and the Wesley Fellowship Class for providing the snacks for Fun Friday. The CDC staff enjoyed the mini scones, sausage balls, cheese and crackers, assorted chips, fruit, cake and drinks.



### Thank Goodness for Our New Elevator!

Everyone is really enjoying our new elevator. Sometimes people don't really appreciate things until they are no longer working. I think everyone now realizes how important the elevator is to our church and its ministries.



### Holy Rollers Game Night

We had another great game night! We enjoyed a meal of barbecue, slaw, beans, dips and chips and a variety of before breaking off into groups to play our favorite games.



### Caroline Harrell Turns 88

Caroline Harrell's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday was Friday. She looks great, and we are so lucky to have her in our church. We hope she had a wonderful day, and we wish her many more birthdays.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Sept. 7** - Caroline and Bill Atkins

**Sept. 14** - Gail Foote and Dee Echols

### YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS

**Sept. 3** - Betsy McGlohn and Mary Carr Ecklund

**Sept. 10** - Cinzia Duncan and Jane Caston

**Sept. 17** - Anna Dill and Donna Davis

**Sept. 24** - Barbara Iles and Elizabeth Bailey



# 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  
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 8/31/2025

Total revenue received in Aug	\$27,868.10
Total expenses in Aug	(\$32,807.77)
Year to date revenue	\$263,923.61
Year to date expenses	(\$297,846.20)

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

## In the Hospital

### Our Members

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

### 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)  
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  
Linda Neely

### Dugan

Deb McGaughey

### Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

## The Scripture Lesson

Revelation 21:5-8 and Luke 16:19-31

## SERMON

"Glad You Asked:  
Does God send [fill in the blank] to hell?"

## Anthem

"Still" - arr. Clydesdale

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill

**LAY READER:** Barbara Iles

**STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar

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.**

## ATTENDANCE September 7, 2025

Sunday School.....47  
Worship Service.....77  
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....11  
Total Worship.....88

## ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



# REMEMBER IN PRAYER