



OCTOBER 21, 2025

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

The **Window**

A Note from the Pastor

*The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.*

*Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding
and hearken to the voice of his word.*

*Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.*

*Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.*

Psalm 103:19-22

The Lord reigns over everything. And he's praised by the angels and the heavenly host.

Every time we pray the Lord's prayer, we ask that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. One way that happens is when we recognize that all of creation ("all the works of his in all places of his dominion," as the Psalmist says), is made to bless the Lord.

And we are exactly where we need to be when we find ourselves blessing God as a part of that heaven-and-earthly chorus.

That's one reason that we're planning to worship outside this week. It reminds us that God's dominion isn't just in the church building. God reigns everywhere over everything.

There's another reason we're going to worship outside, too. Sometimes, the safety of the four walls and the stained glass can make us feel like our faith is just for us. That it's somehow private or limited to our church family.

There's something a little vulnerable about worshipping in a space that we can be seen by anyone driving by. That's probably good for us. And I pray it's also invitational-that folks will know without a doubt that they're welcome to worship with us.

Bring a chair (or let us know you need one). Bring a friend. We'll worship the Lord whose throne is in heaven and whose dominion is everywhere.

In Christ,
Br. Chad

Angels in Aprons

Oct. 20 - Nov. 2 - Dee Echols and Donna Cook

Church News

Thanksgiving Meal - Our annual church-wide Thanksgiving meal will be held Sunday, Nov. 16th following the church service. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary to provide a side item. The church will provide chicken and dressing, rolls and tea. Dee Berry will provide the ham.

Lunch Bunch - The Lunch Bunch will go to Georgia Blue in Starkville on Friday, October 31st. The van will leave the church at 11:00am. Please call Gail Foote or Donna Cook to sign up.

Sunday School Announcement - There will be NO Sunday school on October 26th due to Worship in the Park.

All Saints' Day - All Saints' Day will be Sunday, November 2. Please join us for this special service as we celebrate and remember those members of our congregation who have moved into the Church Triumphant during the past year.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

All meetings will be held in the library.

11/03/25 at 5:00pm Leadership Team

11/17/25 at 4:00pm CDC Board



Mums for Missions

We want to thank everyone who bought mums. A total of \$703.35 was raised for missions. Thanks also to Shannon Wallace, Julie Gray, Stacy Hays, Gail Foote, Eli McKellar, Hayden Wallace and police officer Kevin Smiley for helping with pickup.



Happy Birthday, Ruth Alice!

We want to wish Ruth Alice Echols a happy birthday!!! She turned 97 today. Ruth Alice has been so active in our church through the years. She sang in the choir and provided food for many church functions. She is famous for her delicious caramel cake. We love you, Ruth Alice. Happy birthday!!!!

Central District United Women in Faith Meeting

This weekend, our church was blessed to host the first Central District Annual Meeting of the United Women in Faith, and what a powerful time of worship and fellowship it was! It began with the 100 women meeting for food and fellowship before moving to the sanctuary for the program.

The Women of the Chancel Choir truly brought down the house with their selection of "This Little Light of Mine" before Elizabeth Bailey introduced the speaker, our Central District Superintendent Rev. Paulette Buford-James. Rev. Buford-James inspired the entire group with her dynamic and uplifting message. The officers for the new Central District United Women in Faith were installed, and they include Elizabeth Bailey as president and Holly Hitt as treasurer. The meeting concluded with Bro. Chad leading Holy Communion. Before returning home, the group gathered for a meal of chicken salad, pasta salad and dessert provided by the Judy Shirley Circle.

Elizabeth Bailey said that she was so proud of the Judy Shirley Circle because all members contributed and worked to make this event a wonderful, memorable experience for everyone.



Congratulations, WPHS Swim Team!

Four members of the West Point High School Swim Team traveled to Tupelo on Saturday to compete in the MHSAA State Swim Competition. They are coached by our own Helen Facella. The four member relay team composed of Caston McKellar, Bradie Wooten, Charlie Harrell and another of our youth, Tyler Johnston came from behind to finish in fifth place. Not only did Caston McKellar win first place in both the 50 meter and 100 meter freestyle, but he set a new state class 2 record for the 100 yard freestyle! We are so proud of all of these young men and their coach. They did a great job of representing West Point!

CDC CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 6 - Mary Carr Ecklund

Oct. 13 - Anna Dill

Oct. 20 - Kenya Lee

Oct. 27 - Mary Carr Ecklund

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Oct. 5 - Tammy Walters and Shannon Wallace

Oct. 12 - Practice for Children's Sabbath

Oct. 19 - Art and Becky Shirley

Oct 26 - No Sunday school due to
Worship in the Park

YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS

Oct. 1 - Bill and Caroline Atkins

Oct. 8 - Art and Becky Shirley

Oct. 15 - Gloria Bunnell and Nita Wyman

Oct. 22 - Lucy McKellar and Shannon Wallace

Oct. 29 - Dee Echols and Gail Foote





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
 Ella Willow, Youth Intern
 Ron Crawford, Custodian
 Kenya Lee, CDC Director, 494-6811

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 09/30/2025

Total revenue received in Sept.	\$28,416.64
Total expenses in Sept.	(\$47,350.22)
Year to date revenue	\$292,340.25
Year to date expenses	(\$345,196.35)

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

ATTENDANCE October 19, 2025

Sunday School.....	39
Worship Service.....	61
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	8
Total Worship.....	69

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dugan

Becky Landin
 Deb McGaughey

Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Our Members

Evelyn & Fox Haas
 Caroline Harrell
 Jordan Helveston
 Austin Hill
 Emerson Houston
 Susan Johnson
 Victoria Johnston
 Kiley McNamee
 Charlotte Messier
 Jerry Mize
 Johnnie Newell
 Beth Raines
 Mike Reid
 Ben Rosenkrans
 Billy Buck & Judy Staggers
 Gail Wolanek
 Jimmy Wood
 Kathy Wood

Our Family and Friends:

Ted Berry
 Wayne Brand
 Joe Brownlee
 Edith Carlisle
 Valeda Carmichael
 Mary Margaret Case
 Pam Chambliss (Superior Services employee)
 Mike Colbert (Kiley McNamee's father)
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)
 Robert Darsey
 Marcus Davidson
 Ellie Delk (Rachel Wood's niece)
 Martin Edmondson (Tammy Walters' father)
 AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)
 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
 Dianne Ramsey (Kiley McNamee's mother)
 Susie Purnell Randall
 Robbie Robinson
 James Stockton
 Ben Smith
 Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)
 Debbie Williams (Jason Williams' mother)

Family of Joanna Rice Goree
 Family of Billy Hays
 Family of Moses Vernon

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in the Park

Sunday, October 26, 2025

11:00 AM

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:12-21

SERMON

"Are We Perfect When We Are Born?"

Special Music

"Why Me, Lord?" - Kristofferson
 Gary Echols and Joe Neely

LAY READER: Vic Johnson

**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.**