



OCTOBER 28, 2025

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

The **Window**

A Note from the Pastor

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

What is the central witness of your life?

That's a question that always gets asked by others when we die. It's not a bad idea for us to ask ourselves this question every day.

The author of Hebrews says that we're surrounded by a cloud of faithful witnesses. The faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses is described in some detail. Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David and Samuel are given passing reference. The prophets, as a group, are praised for their mighty deeds and their faith through suffering, and they are examples of faithfulness for us.

God wants you to be in their number when they come marching in.

On Sunday morning, we'll celebrate All Saints Day. "Celebrate" might strike you as a strange descriptor for the day that we remember those who have died. We won't celebrate their death, but we will celebrate their witness. We'll rejoice in the ways that, in this life, they laid aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and ran with perseverance the race that was set before them. Our joy in their faith is a participation in the joy that was before Jesus that led him to the cross, because they have looked to Jesus as the pioneer and perfecter of their faith.

Jesus is inviting you to be a saint, to be made holy by his self-offering. Jesus is inviting you to be a martyr, to be a witness to his life-changing, world-altering grace. If you're looking for a place to start, don't over-complicate it. Set aside the things weighing you down and distracting you from the goodness of God and run after Jesus who is already blazing the trail. The way of Jesus is the way of a grand adventure and a beautiful witness.

In Christ,
Br. Chad

Angels in Aprons

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

Nov. 3 - Nov 16 - Stacy Hays and Kiley McNamee

Church News

Thanksgiving Meal - Our annual church-wide

Thanksgiving meal will be held on 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 turkey 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.

Communion Offering - Our Communion offering for November will go to The Mission. The Mission has a faith-based approach to recovery and helps men struggling with addiction find hope and healing through the power of Jesus Christ.

Veterans Day - November 11th is Veterans Day, and we will recognize all our veterans on Sunday, November 9th.

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

All meetings will be held in the library.

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

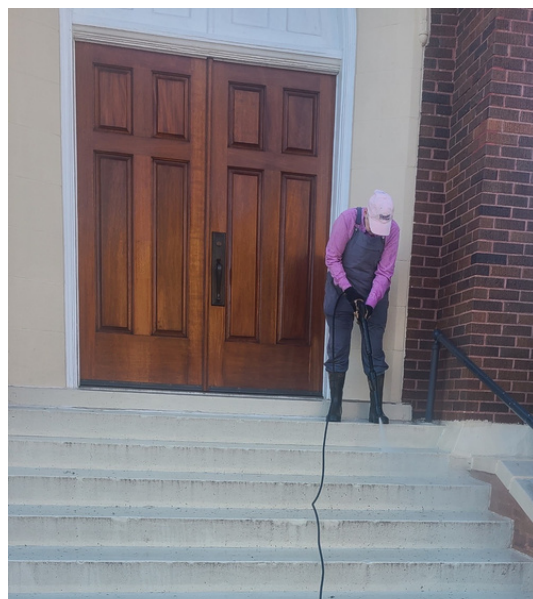
11/17/25 at 4:00pm CDC Board



on Missions

Christian Women's Job Corps Lunch

The church provided a meal recently for the Christian's Women's Job Corps. The group enjoyed chicken salad, pasta salad, deviled eggs, chips and brownies. Thank you, Stacy Hays, Dee Berry and Tammy Walters, for organizing this meal.



Mission Work in the Church

We have many volunteers who are working to improve our church facilities. Recently Gen and Ben Thomas pressure washed all the church steps. Thank you, Ben and Gen, for your commitment to our church.

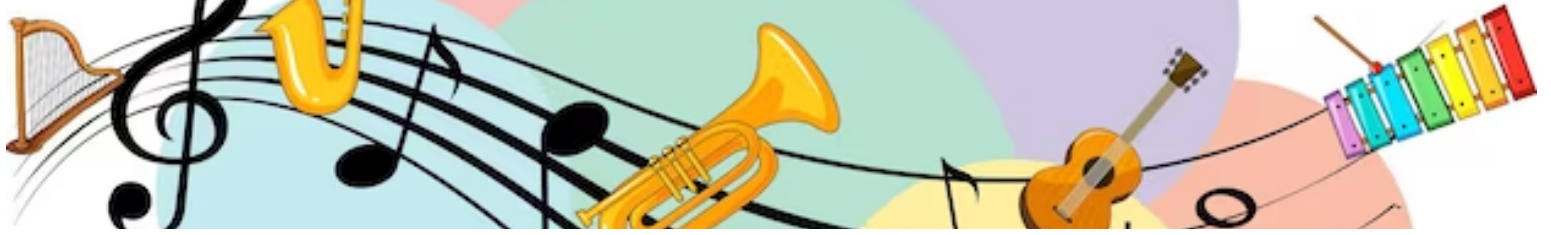
All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 11 a.m.



Join us for this special service as we celebrate and remember those members of our congregation who have moved into the Church Triumphant this past year.





MUSIC NOTES

This past Sunday, we worshiped in a slightly different way—singing a cappella, with no instruments to accompany us. It felt different, quieter, maybe even a little solemn. But there was something powerful in that simplicity. Every voice could be heard, blending together in pure harmony, unadorned and sincere. Singing without instruments reminds us that worship doesn't depend on accompaniment or production—it begins in the heart. When we lift our voices together, even without instruments, God still hears the fullness of our praise. Sometimes, stepping back from familiar music allows us to rediscover the simple, beautiful sound of God's people singing as one.

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." — Psalm 150:6

NEWS FROM THE CDC

Activities in the CDC

The CDC has chapel every Monday morning. Anna Dill presented a lesson to the children a few weeks ago on the good Samaritan and loving our neighbors as ourselves. She brought Band-Aids for them to put on their boo-boos. Each child got a small bag of Band-Aids to take home to use when their siblings and neighbors have cuts and scratches.

Fun Friday was last week. The staff was treated to sausage biscuits, sausage balls, cheese and crackers, chips, candy treats, cake and drinks. Thank you, JoAn Tedford, Gracy Taylor, Stacy Hays, Gail Foote, Katie Bowen and Cinzia Duncan, for providing these snacks.

Preschool I and II went on a field trip last week to the Pumpkin Patch and to the Tupelo Buffalo Park. Everyone had a great time.

Finally, this Friday the children will participate in the Boo Parade which is always a hit with the children and staff. Everyone should come out and see the ghosts and goblins at 9:00am on Friday.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Nov. 2 - Tammy Walters and Shannon Wallace

Nov. 9 - Linda Drake and Shannon Wallace

Nov. 16 - Helen Facella and Shannon Wallace

Nov. 23 - Kristen and Kathryn Williams and Shannon Wallace

Nov. 30 - Jessi Sugg and Shannon Wallace

YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS

Oct. 29 - Dee Echols and Gail Foote

Nov. 5 - Betsy McGlohn and Mary Carr Ecklund

Nov. 12 - Cinzia Duncan and Jane Caston

Nov. 19 - Elizabeth Bailey and Susan Johnson

Nov. 26 - No Youth

CDC CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS

Nov. 3 - Caroline Atkins

Nov. 10 - Elizabeth Bailey

Nov. 17 - Lona Rosetti

Nov. 24 - Caroline Atkins





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 26, 2025

Sunday School.....	0
Worship Service.....	58
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	15
Total Worship.....	73

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dugan

Becky Landin
 Deb McGaughey

Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Our Members

Beverly Campbell
 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 Johanna Rice

21st Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 2, 2025

11:00 AM

The Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel: 22:21-25

SERMON

"What Exactly Is Righteousness?"

Anthem

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - arr. Parks

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Gloria Bunnell

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.**