



NOVEMBER 11, 2025

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

# *The* Window

## **A Note from the Pastor**

*His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness."*

Matthew 25:21

As we roll full steam ahead into the Thanksgiving holiday, I've been reflecting on what good comes from being thankful. One of the obvious fruits of giving thanks is the absence of pride; it's hard to give credit to someone else while also taking credit ourselves.

But there's another side effect of thanksgiving that might not be so immediately obvious: resourcefulness. Far too much of our attention gets directed towards what we lack, usually in comparison to our neighbors. "She won't share her toy." "Good grades come easily for them." "I can't afford to be on trend." "I'm just one person." "I don't have enough time."

There's a compelling scene in the movie *Apollo 13*. After an explosion caused all kinds of damage for the spacecraft, one of the problems was air filtration. The only available filter is square. The one they need to replace is round. Several men go into a room stocked with only the odds and ends available to the astronauts, find a solution, and instruct the astronauts on what to do.

If they had focused on what they didn't have, they would have despaired. Instead, their spirit was, "This is what we have. Let's see what we can do." The giant gap between despair and resourcefulness is bridged with gratitude. Let's give thanks for the things we've got. And let's put them to work for the Master's purposes.

The man with only 1 talent in Matthew 25 doesn't do anything with it. Only getting 1 doesn't seem fair when the others got more. But the master isn't concerned with how many talents they earn; he's concerned with how they use what they have.

The contrast in the parable is astounding: Be faithful— even if it seems like you don't have much—and the master will entrust you with more. On the other hand to offer, if you think you have nothing, you'll be right in the end.

As Thanksgiving comes around, don't neglect giving thanks. And let it be a bridge towards resourcefulness. If you focus on what you have, and not on what you don't, I suspect you'll find a way to use it for the good of the Master.

In Christ,  
Br. Chad



## Angels in Aprons

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

**Nov. 17 - Nov. 30** - Beth Raines and Susan Johnson

## Church News

**Judy Shirley Circle** – The Judy Shirley Circle will meet Monday, November 17th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses will be Anna Dill, Donna Cook and Gail Foote. We will study chapter 7 in our book *Twelve Ordinary Men* and prepare our cards for the College Connection. We hope everyone can attend.

**Wednesday Communion** – Wednesday Communion will be postponed until Wednesday, December 3rd.

**Hanging of the Greens** - Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 30th, during the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to attend as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent season.

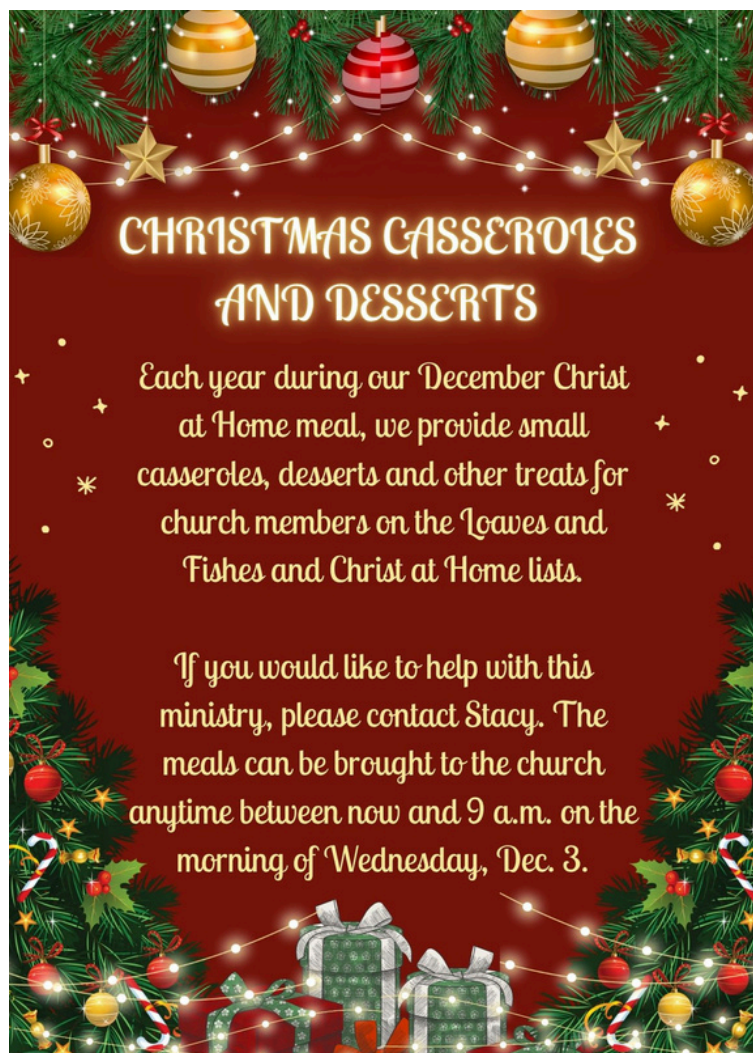
**Chancel Choir Christmas Program** – The Chancel Choir Christmas program will be Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Poinsettia Time Again** - The Judy Shirley Circle will be selling poinsettias again this year to raise funds for its mission projects. The cost is \$20.00, and the deadline for purchase will be December 1st. Please contact Gail Foote if you would like to order. An order form is also available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like, you may pick up your poinsettias on December 13th, or you may leave them to decorate the church during the Christmas season.

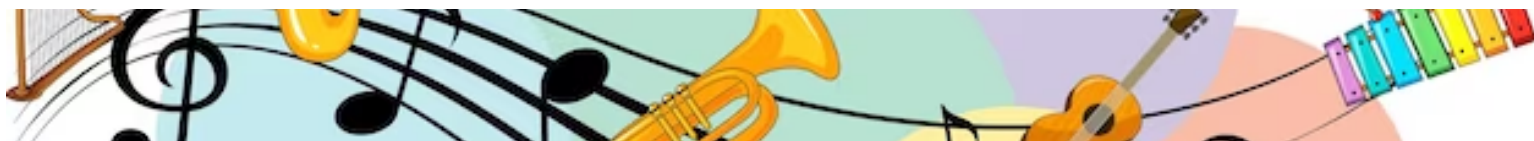
### Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings

All meetings will be held in the library.

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







## MUSIC NOTES

This past Sunday, we were reminded of the promise we all hold in our hearts: Jesus is returning. We do not know the day or the hour, but Scripture calls us to be watchful and ready. That doesn't mean living in fear—it means living in faith. It means seeking Christ in our choices, our words, and our daily lives. When we gather for worship and when we lift our voices in song, we are practicing readiness—turning our hearts toward God and aligning ourselves with His will. May our music and our lives reflect a people prepared, hopeful, and awake.

*"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." — Matthew 24:42*

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH



### Congratulations on Your Accomplishments!

Our children and youth are so talented! Elizabeth Stewart played "Carol of the Bells" at the MAIS Solo and Piano Competition on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Mae and Collier Sugg performed in the play **Candy Cane Lane** last weekend at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts. Finally, Hayden Wallace was inducted into the National Honor Society at Hebron. We are so proud of these individuals for their hard work and achievements.

### CDC CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS

Nov. 3 - Caroline Atkins  
Nov. 10 - Elizabeth Bailey  
Nov. 17 - Lona Rosetti  
Nov. 24 - Caroline Atkins



### The Lighthouse Kids Learn about Worship

The Lighthouse Kids learned about worship and they talked about how everyone can worship God with prayer, service, singing and dancing.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Nov. 2** - Tammy Walters and Shannon Wallace

**Nov. 9** - Linda Drake and Gen Thomas  
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



# First United Methodist Church

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## 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 10/31/2025

Total revenue received in Oct.	\$29,794.54
Total expenses in Oct.	(\$33,067.55)
Year to date revenue	\$322,134.79
Year to date expenses	(\$378,263.90)

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

## ATTENDANCE November 9, 2025

Sunday School.....	42
Worship Service.....	65
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	15
Total Worship .....	80

## ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Dugan

Becky Landin  
Deb McGaughey

### Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

### Our Members

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

### Our Family and Friends:

Sandra Bailey  
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  
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  
Dianne Ramsey (Kiley McNamee's mother)  
Susie Purnell Randall  
Robbie Robinson  
James Stockton  
Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)  
Debbie Williams (Jason Williams' mother)  
Sheila Wood

Family of Evelyn Lantz  
Family of Cheryl Sundbeck

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

## The Scripture Lesson

Revelation 21:1-4

## SERMON

"What Is Heaven?"

Dr. Ricky James, Guest Pastor

## Special Music

"God Bless America" - arr. Allen

**SOUND TECH:** Ray Purnell

**LAY READER:** Jay Wood

**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.