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The Newsletter of First UMC  
West Point, Mississippi

# *The* Window

## A Note from Our Director of Family Ministries

As United Methodists we are called to connect faith with action. We are called to serve others not only within the walls of our church, but within our community as well. At First United Methodist Church in West Point, we are meeting the challenge through our many outreach services.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." What a wonderful quote by John Wesley and what a wonderful way to live our lives. Our church has made an imprint on our community through our various outreach programs. Have you ever wondered where you could best use your talents? Let me tell you about a few of our outreach programs.

**Christ At Home** – This program provides a homecooked meal to approximately 60 people within our community on the second Wednesday each month.

**Mission Team** – Our Mission Team has traveled to a number of different areas to spread the word of Jesus Christ, teach children and work on projects as needed by that community.

**The Blessing Box** – Located under the portico on the side of the church, we stock the Blessing Box with cold weather items, shelf stable food and personal hygiene items for anyone in need. We also have two coat racks located by the box for anyone who would like to leave a coat or for anyone who needs one.

**Angels in Aprons** – This committee provides a home cooked meal to church members who have returned home from a hospital stay.

We are doing such important work in our church, and I am so proud to be a part of it. These are just a few of the ministries that are making an impact. We would love to have you involved. Opportunities to serve are as diverse as our members. To all who are already serving – THANK YOU! To those looking for a place to put your talents to work – give me a call.

Stacy Hays  
Director of Family Ministries

## Angels in Aprons

Jan. 26 - Feb. 8 - Gen Thomas and Stacy Hays

Feb 9 - Feb 22 - Jane and Jenny Caston

**Lunch Bunch** - The Lunch Bunch will go to Harvey's in Columbus on Friday, February 13. The van will leave the church at 11:00am. Please let Donna Cook or Gail Foote know if you would like to go.

**Ash Wednesday** - February 18 is Ash Wednesday. We will have services at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



### Judy Shirley Circle

The Judy Shirley Circle met on Martin Luther King Day. Elizabeth Bailey, Mary Carr Ecklund and Cinzia Duncan were the hostesses. Cinzia read Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech to commemorate the holiday before proceeding with the study of *Twelve Ordinary Men*. The next meeting will be Monday, February 16, at 6 pm. Hostesses will be Nita Wyman, Wilma Hinshaw and Becky Landin. We will study Chapter 9 in our book.



## on Missions



### The Grief Committee

Caring for our members and their friends and families following a death is an important mission of our church. Dee Echols and Beth Raines are co-chairs of this committee. When there is a death, the church offers to prepare a meal before or after a funeral, so that families can relax and be together. Sometimes the food is taken to their homes, but often the meal is provided at the church. Much thought and work goes into providing the meal in a lovely setting. Beth contacts church members to request food items and Dee creates beautiful floral arrangements for the Fellowship Hall. Members help with preparation, serving and clean-up before, during and after the meal. More volunteers are needed to provide food and help with serving and clean-up. Contact Stacy if you would be willing to help.

**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**  
**Pancake Supper**  
Feb. 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**Fellowship Hall**

*If you would like to pick up your meal, sign up by calling the church office or on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Pick up orders will be available from 5:00-5:30 under the portico.*

### CHURCH MEETINGS

Feb. 23 @ 5:00pm - CDC Meeting

Feb. 24 @ 6:00pm - Leadership Council

# CHILDREN & YOUTH



## The Angel in Our Nursery

On Sunday we recognized Annie Barnes. Annie has been keeping children in the nursery for about two years, and she has been an angel to all the children and their parents. Parents always felt comfortable leaving their children with her. Annie has decided that she must step down due to health concerns, but she has agreed to substitute occasionally. We wish her all the best in her retirement. We will miss you, Annie!

## CDC CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS

**Feb. 9** - Elizabeth Bailey

**Feb. 16** - Charlotte Messier

**Feb. 23** - Linda Drake

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**Feb. 1** - Bill and Caroline Atkins

**Feb. 8** - Art and Becky Shirley and Shannon Wallace

**Feb. 15** - Helen Facella and Shannon Wallace

**Feb. 22** - Linda Drake and Shannon Wallace



## January Fun Friday

What a feast the CDC staff had last Friday! Thank you, Stacy Hays, Anna Dill, Gen Thomas, Dee Echols, Cinzia Duncan and Katie Bowen, for providing these treats. The staff loved everything you served.

## YOUTH SUPPER HOSTS

**Feb. 4** - Bill and Caroline Atkins

**Feb. 11** - Susan Johnson and Holly Hitt

**Feb. 18** - Jane Caston and Gloria Bunnell

**Feb. 25** - Shannon Wallace and Lucy McKellar



## Lighthouse Kids

The Lighthouse Kids talked about leaders, and they learned that Jesus was the ultimate leader. They played a game where someone used words to tell others what to draw. Everyone was supposed to draw the same picture without looking at the others. Then everyone compared pictures to see if they matched.

A new 2026 schedule for Lighthouse Kids volunteers is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers are responsible for picking up food at Sun Fresh at 4:45pm, serving the food at 5:15pm, cleaning up, then helping with the children with an activity/craft from 6:15 to 6:45. If you are interested in helping, please sign up or contact Rachel Wood.



# 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 12/31/2025

Total revenue received in Dec.	\$83,268.64
Total expenses in Dec.	(\$37,885.89)
Year to date revenue	\$531,994.88
Year to date expenses	(\$555,640.33)

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

## ATTENDANCE February 1, 2026

Sunday School.....	54
Worship Service.....	75
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	10
Total Worship .....	85

## ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### In the Hospital

### Dugan

Deb McGaughey

### Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

### Our Members

Tommy Bryan  
 Evelyn Haas  
 Caroline Harrell  
 Jordan Helveston  
 Austin Hill  
 Emerson Houston  
 Barbara Iles  
 Susan Johnson  
 Victoria Johnston  
 Charlotte Messier  
 Jerry Mize  
 Johnnie Newell  
 Mike Reid  
 Ben Rosenkrans  
 Billy Buck & Judy Staggers  
 Gail Wolanek  
 Jimmy & Kathy Wood

### Our Family and Friends:

Ted Berry  
 Wayne Brand  
 Joe Brownlee  
 Edith Carlisle  
 Mary Margaret Case  
 Pam Chambliss (Superior Services employee)  
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)  
 Ellie Delk (Rachel Wood's niece)  
 Rosa Gonzalez  
 Patsy Harrington (Bro. Chad's grandmother)  
 AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)  
 Rusty Iles  
 Mary Carolyn Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's stepmother)  
 Curtis Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's father)  
 Lynette Loud (Rachel Wood's mother)  
 Lynda Mize  
 Carole Higgins Morton  
 Susie Purnell Randall

Robbie Robinson  
 Andy Williams  
 Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)  
 Debbie Williams (Jason Williams' mother)  
 Sheila Wood

Family of Beverly Campbell  
 Family of Fox Haas



**Children add joy to our lives when situations appear sad or bleak.**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, February 8, 2026**  
**11:00 AM**  
**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
 Ephesians 2:11-21  
**SERMON**  
 "The Second Surprise of the Gospel"  
**ANTHEM**  
 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" - arr. Kirkland  
**SOUND TECH:** Julie Gray  
**LAY READER:** Vic Johnson  
**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.**