



MARCH 3, 2026

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

The Window

During the Lenten Season, most of us focus on what we need to give up for 40 days. Have you ever considered what you can do to give back to our church or our local community? Instead of giving up something you enjoy, or in addition to giving something up, we can also focus on what we have to offer or what we can do to draw closer to the Lord over the 40 days of Lent.

Here are a few ideas I have thought of:

Volunteer to teach our children's Sunday school class or lead our weekly chapel for the children of the CDC. We can always use volunteers for our Lighthouse Kids on Wednesday nights.

Volunteer at the local food pantry or shop for some items for our Blessing Box..

Vow to participate in all the Holy Week Services.

Increase your tithe, if only by a few dollars, during the Lenten Season.

Join a Sunday school class if you don't already have one or participate in a Bible study.

Fast from social media and instead spend that time reading the Bible.

Volunteer for one of the church's feeding ministries such as Christ at Home, Loaves and Fishes or Angels in Aprons.

Pray continuously for our church; our growth, our members, and our pastor.

There are so many ways we can use our specific talents to support our church's ministries while also focusing on our own spiritual growth. Lent is the perfect time to get started.

Love in Christ,
Stacy

Angels in Aprons

Feb. 24 - Mar. 9 - Dee Echols and Donna Cook

Mar. 10 - 23 - Caroline Atkins and Helen Facella

Giving Up Study – Through the season of Lent, Br. Chad will be teaching a study on surrendering to God. Join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. If there is interest, we may also have a week-day option for the study. During the season of Lent, we will have a meal for all ages at 5:30pm. Classes will follow at 6:00pm. This study will not meet this week due to Game Night.

Daylight Saving Time - Daylight saving time will begin on March 8. You will need to move your clocks up one hour.

Hydrangeas - The J. B. Cook Class is selling white hydrangeas to adorn our chancel area on Easter. Each hydrangea will sell for \$25. Call the church office to place your order by March 22nd. There are also order forms at the back of the Sanctuary.

Game Night - Mark your calendars for our next game night which will be this Wednesday, March 4. Come and join the fellowship. You may play, watch the fun or just visit with friends. Everyone is welcome!

First United Methodist Church Upcoming Events



March 22 - Deadline to order hydrangeas
March 29 - Palm Sunday Service - 11 a.m.
April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service - 6 pm
April 3 - Good Friday Service - 12 noon
April 5 - Easter Service - 11 a.m.
April 5 - Last day to order ferns
April 11 - Fern pickup - 9 a.m until 10:30 a.m.

Please join us each Sunday.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

**HOLY ROLLERS
GAME
NIGHT**
FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MARCH 4
5:30 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
FUN GAMES
SPAGHETTI
FELLOWSHIP

**FERNS FOR
SALE**
10 inch Kimberly Queen
or
10 inch Boston Hanging
\$22 each
DEADLINE TO ORDER IS
EASTER SUNDAY.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
OUR MISSIONS.
PICKUP DATE - SATURDAY, APRIL 11
9:00-10:30AM
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
662-494-1658
TO ORDER.



MUSIC NOTES

As the choir rehearses our Easter music and we look ahead to Holy Week, there is a sense of both anticipation and reverence in the air. Easter doesn't simply arrive, we prepare for it. We practice the notes, shape the phrases, and listen carefully to one another so that when the time comes, the music can speak clearly and beautifully.

In many ways, this is what Holy Week invites all of us to do. Just as we rehearse music, we prepare our hearts. We walk with Christ through the solemn moments of the cross so that the joy of the resurrection rings even more brightly. The music of this season carries deep emotion, and as we sing it, it shapes us.

May these weeks of preparation not only ready our voices but also soften our hearts. When Easter morning comes, may we not only sing the Alleluias but feel them as well



Lighthouse Kids

The Lighthouse Kids had a great time playing a game in which each person tried to see how many slices of bread that they could get in the basket. Then they learned how Jesus fed the 5000.

SUPPER NEWS

During the season of Lent, we will have a meal for all ages at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Youth will then meet at 6:00 in the Bryan Youth Center.



Communion
will be offered
every Wednesday
at 12 noon in the
Sanctuary. All are
welcome.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Mar. 1 - Jessi Sugg and
Shannon Wallace

Mar. 8 - Linda Drake and
Shannon Wallace

Mar. 15 - Erin and Janae Robinson and
Shannon Wallace

Mar. 22 - Shannon Wallace

Mar. 29 - Kristen Williams and
Shannon Wallace

CDC CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS

Mar. 2 - Mary Carr Ecklund

Mar. 9 - Tammy Walters

Mar. 16 - TBA

Mar. 23 - Mary Carr Ecklund

Mar. 30 - Elizabeth Bailey



CHURCH MEETINGS

Mar. 3 @ 5:30pm - Personnel and Nominations

Mar. 10 @ 10:00am - Worship Committee

March 30 @ 5:00pm - CDC Board Meeting

Mar. 24 @ 6:00pm - Leadership Council



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 1/31/2026

Total revenue received in Jan.	\$25,274.38
Total expenses in Jan.	(\$32,327.84)
Year to date revenue	\$25,274.38
Year to date expenses	(\$32,327.84)

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

ATTENDANCE March 1, 2026

Sunday School.....	51
Worship Service.....	84
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	15
Total Worship	99

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In the Hospital

Dugan

Deb McGaughey

Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Our Members

Liv Brand
 Tommy Bryan
 Antonio Facella
 Evelyn Haas
 Caroline Harrell
 Jordan Helveston
 Austin Hill
 Emerson Houston
 Barbara Iles
 Susan Johnson
 Victoria Johnston
 Charlotte Messier
 Jerry Mize
 Johnnie Newell
 Charlotte Portera
 Ben Rosenkrans
 Billy Buck & Judy Staggers
 Jimmy & Kathy Wood

Our Family and Friends:

Sammy Beal
 Ted Berry
 Wayne Brand
 Joe Brownlee
 Edith Carlisle
 Pam Chambliss (Superior Services employee)
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)
 Rosa Gonzalez
 Patsy Harrington (Bro. Chad's grandmother)
 AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)
 Campbell Helveston
 Rusty Iles
 Curtis Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's father)
 Lynda Mize
 Carole Higgins Morton
 Susie Purnell Randall
 Robbie Robinson
 Andy Williams
 Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

11:00 AM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

"Giving Up: Pride of Place"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - arr. Wood
 Rachel Wood, soloist

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Linda Drake

STREAM TEAM: Andy Gray

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.**

TIME CHANGE



SPRING FORWARD

1 HOUR

MARCH 8TH