

MAY 26, 2026

The Newsletter of First UMC  
West Point, Mississippi

# *The* Window

## A Note from the Pastor

This Sunday is “Trinity Sunday.”

It’s a day every year where we remember the triune nature of God. God is three and God is one (“tri-” like tricycle and “-une” like unity).

Sometimes we treat this mystery like it’s a math problem, like if we crunch the numbers the right way we can finally make sense of it. Or we look for images or analogies that might help us get our heads around it. Those efforts are almost certain to leave us in error or deeply frustrated.

But that doesn’t mean that there aren’t helpful ways to talk about the triune God. There’s the abstract technical language – God is one in being while also being three distinct persons. The Godhead is united in will and purpose, in love, and in the creation and redemption of the world. All three persons are eternal, equal in majesty and glory, and worthy of our adoration.

All of that technical language is an effort to understand the marvel of God’s work in the world. It flows out of something much more obvious about how God works in the present and how God’s work is captured in the story of scripture.

The Holy Spirit is present in the life of the church. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, draws us to Jesus, helps us to pray when we don’t have words, and unites us with the love of the Father. The person of the Holy Spirit working on our hearts, minds, and souls, brings us from the death of Sin into the new life offered to us by the Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus, who empties himself of love for us, has offered the sacrifice that reconciles us to God and each other. His embodied expression of love as our crucified and risen savior has washed our sins, cleansing us in a way that makes it possible for us to enter into the presence of God our Father.

The Spirit brings us to the Son who brings us to the Father. And the Spirit can do this because the Father sent the Son into the world and the Son sent the Spirit into the world.

The mystery of the Trinity is not a problem to be solved. It’s a framework to begin to understand the love and salvation of God.

Worshiping the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with you,  
Chad



### Angels in Aprons

**May 19 - June 1** - Luann Purnell and Anna Dill

**June 2 - June 15** - Julie Gray and Lona Rosetti

**Wednesday Night Activities** - Wednesday, May 20, was the last night for children and adult Wednesday night activities until the fall. The youth will continue to meet and have their meals in the Bryan Youth Center.

**Summer Office Hours** - The Personnel and Nominations Committee approved summer office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:30pm Monday - Thursday beginning Monday, June 1, through at least through July 31. Then we will reevaluate.

**Save the Date** - We will have a fish fry on Sunday, June 7, at 5:00pm at The Harrell Barn. Contact Stacy if you can help with set up and clean up.

**June 3 Communion** - There will be NO Communion on June 3 because Brother Chad will be at Annual Conference.

### CHURCH MEETINGS

**TONIGHT May 26 @ 6:00pm** - Leadership Council

**June 15 @ 4:30pm** - CDC Board Meeting

**June 30 @ 10:00am** - Worship Committee



### Christ at Home for May

Our May Christ at Home meal was taco salad with a variety of desserts. Thank you Julie Gray, Dee Berry, Amy Buckley, Jerrilynn Patriquin, and Stacy Hays for preparing the meal. We also want to thank Gary Echols, Jim Helveston, Jason McKellar, Phil McClellan, Bill and Charlotte Messier, Beth Raines, Bob Seitz, Greg Sugg, and Jimmy Tedford for delivering.



### Honoring Two Outstanding Women

The Judy Shirley Circle celebrated two outstanding women in their May meeting. Caroline Harrell and Donna Cook were awarded Life Membership Pins. These pins are awarded to church members who have gone above and beyond to fulfill the missions of United Women of Faith. First United Methodist is so privileged to have these two members in our congregation.




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# Vacation Bible School

## The Potter's Clay

Monday, June 8-Wednesday, June 10  
5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Ages 3 years to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
Fellowship Hall  
Meal Provided



For more information, call the church office at  
**662-494-1658**

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**May 24** - Art and Becky Shirley

**May 31** - Erin and Janae Robinson  
and Shannon Wallace

**June 7** - Linda Drake  
and Shannon Wallace



### The Importance of Prayer and Trust in God

Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray when he was facing his crucifixion. Throughout this terrible time, he never lost his faith in God. The children learned the verse from Mark 5:36: "Don't be afraid; just keep trusting." Then they made prayer beads and a prayer pen to help them to remember to pray. Thank you, Gracy Taylor, Dee Echols and Gail Foote, for teaching.



### Playdate at the Church

The Lighthouse Kids had a fun playdate at the church on May 9. They enjoyed socializing and playing with each other. Then they had a delicious meal from Chick-fil-A and homemade ice cream. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children in our church.

**We are now accepting donations for our annual Rummage Sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Fellowship Hall.**

**If you have items you would like to donate, please call the church office to arrange a time for drop off. No clothing or shoes please!**

**All proceeds will go to missions.**





# 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  
 Jon Burris, Youth Intern  
 Ron Crawford, Custodian  
 Kenya Lee, CDC Director, 494-6811

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 4/30/2026

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Total revenue received in Apr. | \$26,429.55    |
| Total expenses in Apr.         | (\$34,652.73)  |
| Year to date revenue           | \$134,620.38   |
| Year to date expenses          | (\$150,018.37) |

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

## ATTENDANCE May 24, 2026

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Sunday School.....            | 46 |
| Worship Service.....          | 77 |
| Virtual 11:00 AM Service..... | 8  |
| Total Worship .....           | 85 |

## ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### In the Hospital

### Our Members

Elizabeth Bailey  
 Liv Brand  
 Tommy Bryan  
 Helen Childress  
 Donna Cook  
 Evelyn Haas  
 Caroline Harrell  
 Jordan Helveston  
 Austin Hill  
 Emerson Houston  
 Susan Johnson  
 Victoria Johnston  
 Charlotte Messier  
 Jerry Mize  
 Johnnie Newell  
 Charlotte Portera  
 Ben Rosenkrans  
 Billy Buck & Judy Staggers  
 Gen Thomas  
 Jimmy & Kathy Wood

### Dugan

Deb McGaughey

### Our Family and Friends:

Ted Berry  
 Wayne Brand  
 Joe Brownlee  
 Edith Carlisle  
 Pam Chambliss (Superior Services employee)  
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)  
 Elsie Dixon  
 Tina Doster  
 Tims Dowdle - Jane Caston's brother  
 Corre & Tommy Foster & Baby Ellis  
 Patsy Harrington (Bro. Chad's grandmother)  
 AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)  
 Rusty Iles  
 David Landin (Becky Landin's brother)  
 Curtis Lewellen (Lona Rosetti's father)  
 Buddy McGee  
 Bonnie Miller (Gail Foote's friend)  
 Lynda Mize  
 Carole Higgins Morton  
 Vickie Ogle (Jame Gammill's mother-in law)  
 Susie Purnell Randall

## Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

11:00 AM

## GOSPEL LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

## SERMON

"The Lord's Supper:  
 The Great Thanksgiving"

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" - arr. Wood  
 Rachel Wood, soloist

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill

**LAY READER:** Elizabeth Bailey

**STREAM TEAM:** Jason McKellar

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.**

### Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother  
 Harold Gene Tedford (Jimmy Tedford's  
 brother)  
 Ronald Tedford (Jimmy Tedford's brother  
 Debbie Williams (Jason Williams' mother)  
 Sheila Wood

Family of Norma Morrison Cole  
 Family of Lee Coleman

