



JUNE 9, 2026

The Newsletter of First UMC
West Point, Mississippi

The Window

A Note from the Pastor

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

(Jeremiah 18:1-4)

Last night kicked off our first night of Vacation Bible School. It's such a joy to see children and adults singing, laughing, playing, learning, and creating together.

Yesterday, our focus was on how God, as our potter, shapes and molds us into the people and communities that he wants us to be. He is the potter. We are the clay.

This passage from Jeremiah gives a little more detail to the image. It's an image that let's us catch a glimpse of the Gospel.

We get misshapen by life. Our own sin disfigures our souls. And our sin can fracture the relationships that unite us as a community. Maybe it's a short-temper. Or a failure to keep our word. Or greed. Maybe it's some other kind of unfaithfulness.

Whatever it is, one of the surprising things about God's love for us is that he refuses to just trash the whole thing. He doesn't abandon his children when we fail. He doesn't abandon his church when we go astray.

He just continues his work, shaping us as we seems best to him.

Our church has changed a lot in the last few years. Much of it has been quite hard. The VBS lesson isn't just for the kids. It's for all of us. We can rest in the fact that God is going to keep shaping us. He will mold us into the a vessel that pleases him.

May we become the vessel that God would have us to be.

In the potter's hand,
Br. Chad

Angels in Aprons

June 2 - June 15 - Julie Gray and Lona Rosetti

June 16 - June 29 - Stacy Hays and Amy Buckley

Construction Work - During the construction work, please do not use the stairs beside the Fellowship Hall. Instead use the elevator or the stairs by the elevator to go to the first floor.

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 - Please mark your calendars for a special Wednesday night meal on Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30. During this time we will introduce our new youth minister Ken Pickens to the congregation. We are so excited to welcome Ken to our church staff.

CHURCH MEETINGS

June 15 @ 4:30pm - CDC Board Meeting

June 23 @ 6:00pm - Leadership Council

June 30 @ 10:00am - Worship Committee

YOUTH HOSTS FOR JUNE

June 3 - Shannon Wallace

June 17 - Nita Wyman, Anna Dill and Elizabeth Bailey

June 24 - Mary Carr Ecklund and Betsy McGlohn



TO THE NATIONS
MATTHEW 28:19
Declare His Glory

Join us for a Mission Trip to El Salvador
March 6-March 13, 2027
\$750 per person
\$100 deposit per person due Sept. 1
Remaining balance due Dec. 31

We will stay at the Methodist Mission and projects will include church construction, food distribution and Vacation Bible School.
Contact Stacy, Julie or Chad for more information

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Aug 8

Fellowship Hall



You may now drop off your items for the rummage sale. Please contact the church office to arrange a time. No clothes or shoes please.



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Help us stock up on supplies for our CDC!

Find the wish list at

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Lighthouse Kids Movie Adventure

Join us in June for our movie adventure with Lighthouse Kids! This trip will be packed with fun, fellowship, and great memories.

Wednesday, June 24
 Movie Day – Over the Hedge (Columbus Malco Cinema)
 Leave at 9:15 AM. Return at 2:00 PM.
 Lunch at Chick-fil-A after the movie

Important Notes
 Please send money for lunch.
 Comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Text Rachel Wood 662-889-6757 with any questions.



The Great Commission

The children's Sunday school lesson focused on Matthew 28:16-20. They learned that Jesus told his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations." They talked about telling us about Jesus. Then they created a Great Commission Travel Case which contained items to help them understand and internalize the lesson.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

- June 7** - Linda Drake and Shannon Wallace
- June 14** - Helen Facella and Shannon Wallace
- June 21** - Kristen and Kathryn Williams and Shanon Wallace
- June 28** - Laura and Elizabeth Stewart and Shannon Wallace

The Potter's Wheel

The theme for this year's VBS is the potter's wheel. Linda Drake talked to the kids about how a potter molds clay, and she showed the children examples of pottery. Linda explained that God molds us through his teachings. Then Caroline Atkins and Erin Robinson taught the children how to mold vases into clay. Finally, Rachel Wood taught the children a song entitled "Masterpiece" during the closing which talked about how God molds people into his masterpieces.



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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 5/31/2026

Total revenue received in May	\$34,991.58
Total expenses in Apr.	(\$33,827.26)
Year to date revenue	\$169,611.96
Year to date expenses	(\$183,845.63)

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

ATTENDANCE June 7, 2026

Sunday School.....	42
Worship Service.....	63
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	14
Total Worship	77

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In the Hospital

Dugan

Deb McGaughey

Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

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 Stagers
Jimmy & Kathy Wood

Our Family and Friends:

Ted Berry
Wayne Brand
Joe Brownlee
Edith Carlisle
Pam Chambliss (Superior Services employee)
Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)
Cora Chandler
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)
Bonnie Miller (Gail Foote's friend)
Lynda Mize
Carole Higgins Morton
Vickie Ogle (James Gammill's mother-in law)
Susie Purnell Randall

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 Lee Coleman
Family of Buddy McGee
Family of Steve McKinney



The children in the CDC had a great year, and they are planning to have a fun summer.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

11:00 AM

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:12-24

SERMON

"The Lord's Supper:
You're Invited"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Till the Storm Passes By" - Lister
Gary Echols, soloist

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Elizabeth Bailey

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.