



JUNE 16, 2026

The Newsletter of First UMC
West Point, Mississippi

The Window

A Note from the Pastor

*Like a master painter, God made me art.
Like a master thinker, God made me smart.
Like a master builder, God made me strong.
And he'll work on me my whole life long.*

This chorus has been bouncing around in my head since last week.

Especially after watching Critz Campbell throw a lump of clay on his potter's wheel, center it as he started it spinning, and then shape that lump into a tall, beautiful vessel. He then used a wire to take a section out of it so he could show us that it had an outside and an inside, with the inside able to hold something like water or oil.

Vessels being shaped by God. Beautiful. Smart. Strong. One of the greatest strengths of the Methodist witness to the Gospel is the emphasis that we have placed on what it looks like to be shaped by God over our entire lives.

Before we are even aware of it, God's grace is working on us, awakening us to God's love and convicting us of our sin. When we finally accept it, God's grace is working on us, bringing new life and forgiveness. And, then we consciously continue to grow as we learn to love God ever more in heart, soul, mind, and Spirit and love our neighbors as ourselves.

He'll work on you your whole life long.

We can't make God work on us. His grace is coming for us whether or not we ask for it, seek it, or even want it. But, I must ask: Why would you not want it? Why would you not be excited for the master to mold you into his image of beauty, power, glory, and love?

And if you do want God to shape you in those ways, you can't do it yourself. But you can immerse yourself in the means of grace—scripture, prayer, worship, service, generosity, communion, study—to make yourself as open as possible to what God has for you.

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In the potter's hand,
Br. Chad

Angels in Aprons

June 16 - June 29 - Stacy Hays and Amy Buckley

June 30 - July 13 - Shannon and Lannie Wallace

Lake Junaluska Youth Trip – The youth will be attending a camp with M28 Ministries from July 7 – July 10 at Lake Junaluska. Please be in prayer for these youth.

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.

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.

CHURCH MEETINGS

June 23 @ 6:00pm - Leadership Council

June 30 @ 10:00am - Worship Committee

July 20 @ 4:30pm - CDC Board Meeting

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



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Help us stock up on supplies for our CDC!

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RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Aug 8
Fellowship Hall



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 Potter's Wheel Part II

Day two of VBS was a great success!! Critz Campbell demonstrated how to mold clay on a potter's wheel, and the children were mesmerized during his presentation. Then all of the children were able to throw their own pots. The parents came on Wednesday night and enjoyed a wonderful meal with the children. They were able to view the items the children had made before they proceeded to the sanctuary where they sang songs and fellowshiped together.

We want to thank all the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. Jessi Sugg did a great job as coordinator. Tammy Walters and Dee Echols handled all the meals. Caroline Atkins, Jessi Sugg and Julie Gray decorated the Fellowship Hall. Caroline Atkins and Erin Robinson helped the children mold and paint a clay vase. Linda Drake was the master storyteller, and Rachel Wood led the music activities. Jon Burris and Galen Walter, the youth interns, were responsible for games. Finally, Critz Campbell was the highlight when he taught the children to throw a pot. As you can see, it takes a village to hold a great VBS. Many thanks to everyone!!!

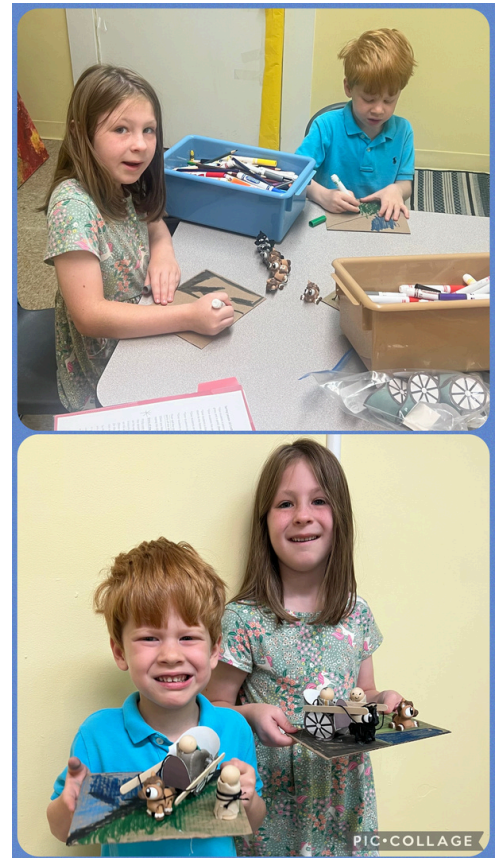
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

June 7 - Linda Drake
and Shannon Wallace

June 14 - Helen Facella
and Shannon Wallace

June 21 - Kristen and Kathryn Williams
and Shannon Wallace

June 28 - Laura and Elizabeth Stewart
and Shannon Wallace



The Message of Jesus Is for Everyone!

In Acts, Chapter 8 we find the story of Phillip directed by the angel of the Lord to an Ethiopian in a chariot reading the book of Isaiah. Phillip explains to the Ethiopian about Jesus and, when the Ethiopian believes, Phillip baptizes him.

In the Sunday school class, the children used their own hand-made chariots and wooden figures for Phillip and the Ethiopian to act out the story. They talked about how the message of Jesus is for all, not just the Jewish people.



Great Job, Huck!

We want to congratulate Huck Robinson on a successful day at his lemonade stand on Saturday. He was a wonderful salesman, and he offered great lemonade and other treats to his customers on an extremely hot day.



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 14, 2026

Sunday School.....	42
Worship Service.....	63
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	12
Total Worship	75

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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 Staggers
 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)
 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)

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

11:00 AM

SERMON

"The Lord's Supper:
Saved by Water"

ANTHEM

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Wyeth

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Gloria Bunnell

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.**



Leo Zepponi is really concentrating as he throws his pot.