



JUNE 30, 2026

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

The **Window**

A Note from the Pastor

If you've entered the church through the south side of the building (from the parking lot) in the last month or so, you've noticed the caution tape and the missing brick and the rusty steel beam.

It may appear that there hasn't been any progress since the initial demolition of the bricks. And, in material terms, your eyes do not deceive you.

But progress has been made. We've found a better match to the brick than was initially offered. We've gotten the opinion of experts – welders and structural engineers – about what to do with the rusty column. We've made a plan for gutters that weren't obviously a problem before we began.

Visible progress should be coming! The steel beam should be cleaned up and reinforced this week. The bricks are being shipped any day. And hopefully we will have everything back together soon.

All of these unexpected changes come at a cost. Not least of which is the time of Vic Johnson, our chair of trustees, who has diligently worked with contractors and vendors to find the right solutions and communicated with the Leadership Team about what is needed. And the time of Bob Wyman who has been incredibly helpful along the way.

The financial cost has gone up to. What started with an \$8,500 quote has now become a nearly \$18,000 project when it's all totalled.

That moves the project from something that we felt we could absorb with our building fund to something that will inhibit our ability to do other projects over time without some help from you.

You can help! We would always appreciate your prayers for God's oversight and direction as we seek to steward our property and finances. Your gift to the building fund would also help us replenish funds so that we can press ahead with other projects that keep our facility beautiful and functional for the work of ministry.

In Christ,
Br. Chad

Angels in Aprons

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 and adults: Eli McKellar, John Marlin Stewart, Hayden Wallace, Levi Rose, Jon Burris, Galen Walter and Chad Bowen

Get Your Knives Sharpened! - Brother Chad is sharpening knives for \$5.00 each at the Farmer's Market on Thursdays from 4:00 pm - 6:00pm at the Mossy Oak Outlet Pavilion. All proceeds will go toward the mission trip to El Salvador.

There will be no newsletter on July 7th. Happy 4th!



**Make plans now for our
Mission Trip to
EL SALVADOR!**

March 6-13, 2027
\$750 per person
\$100 deposit due
September 1, 2026
Remaining balance due
December 31, 2026

**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.**



**COMMUNION
Offering**

**Our Communion Offering for the
month of July will go to SKW Family
Services.**

**SKW Family Services is a private,
non-profit organization committed to
offering social services and support
to empower children and families to
experience an improved
quality of life.**

**PLEASE JOIN US EACH SUNDAY AT 10 A.M. FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND 11 A.M. FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



June Loaves and Fishes

We had a great group of volunteers who worked to provide meal a meal in June for our seventeen recipients. Becky Shirley, Tammy Walters and Gail Foote provided the chicken casserole, green bean salad, fruit and cheesecake. Ladonna Helveston, Jane Caston, Gary Echols, Nita Wyman and Beth Raines delivered. Thanks to all these volunteers.

CHURCH MEETINGS

July 13 @ 10:00am - Kitchen Committee
July 13 @ 4:30pm - Student Ministry Meeting
July 20 @ 4:30pm - CDC Board Meeting
July 28 @ 6:00pm - Leadership Council



**Join us for a bbq
supper to introduce
our new youth director,
Ken Pickens**

Wednesday, July 15

5:30 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**BBQ, BAKED BEANS, POTATO
SALAD, CHIPS AND DESSERT
WILL BE SERVED**



Lighthouse Kids to the Movies

The Lighthouse Kids had a wonderful time last week when they went to the see a movie *Over the Hedge* . They ended the trip with a visit to Chick-fil-A. All the children and the parents had a great time!!! Their next visit will be on the July 31st to the indoor playground Kidz-n-Play in Columbus.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

July 5 -Gail Foote and Dee Echols

July 12 - Jessi Sugg
and Shannon Wallace

YOUTH HOSTS FOR JULY

July 1 - Barbara Iles and Gail Foote and
Betty Fulgham

July 22 - Amy Buckley and Stacy Hays

July 29 - Gracy Taylor and Lucy McKellar



Peter Is Called to Minister

In Acts 10, God calls on Peter to minister to Cornelius, an Italian centurion, and his family and friends and to share with them the message of salvation through Jesus. To prepare Peter for this ministry, God sends a vision of a large white cloth full of all kinds of animals lowering from heaven, making an analogy between eating "unclean" animals and preaching to Gentiles. In Sunday school, the children utilized wooden figures and articulated animals to act out this Bible story. Thank you, Laura and Elizabeth Stewart for teaching on Sunday.



Fun Friday in the CDC

We want to thank Betty Fulgham, Mika and Abby Stringer, Becky Shirley, Gail Foote and Katie Bowen for providing the treats for the June Fun Friday. The staff enjoyed pizza, chips, fruit, cookies, and cake.



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 May.	(\$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 28, 2026

Sunday School.....	49
Worship Service.....	77
Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....	10
Total Worship	87

ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



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
 Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)
 Cora Chandler
 Janice Davis
 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)
 Lynda Mize
 Carole Higgins Morton
 Vickie Ogle (James Gammill's mother-in law)
 Susie Purnell Randall
 Becky Rackley (Laura Stewart's aunt)
 Evelyn Smith (Amy Buckley's mother)

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

11:00 AM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 2:6-15

SERMON

"Baptism: Dead and Raised"

ANTHEM

"Songs of Forgiveness" - arr. Pethel

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

LAY READER: Kristen Williams

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, Aug 8
 Fellowship Hall

