



SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

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

The **Window**

A Note from Stacy

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, energy and talents to make our church fish fry a success! From preparing and cooking the food to serving, setting up, cleaning up and helping wherever needed, every act of service made a difference.

We are so thankful to each person who came to support this special event and fellowship with our church family. Because of your generosity and hard work, the proceeds from the fish fry will help support our mission trip in March to El Salvador. Thank you to the following individuals and groups:

Bob Wyman, Joey Hays, Ken Pickens, Vic Johnson and Jim Helveston for cooking the fish and french fries. I know it was HOT!

Bill Atkins for letting us use his fish cooker and setting it up for us.

Jane Caston for the delicious hushpuppies.

Dee Echols for the table decorations.

Jennie Taylor for helping Dee with the serving table decorations and helping me with set up.

Gail Foote for helping with all the small details.

Revive for helping with cleanup.

Beth Raines, Jennie Taylor, Susan Johnson, Luann Purnell, Lynn Purnell, Anna Dill, Wilma Hinshaw and Gen Thomas for all the delicious desserts
Ron Crawford for so much that it is hard to list it all here. Suffice it to say - he was a tremendous help, and I couldn't have done it without him!

We have a lot to look forward to this fall. Here is what we have coming up so I will be reaching out soon for volunteers and other support. Mark your calendars!

Sunday, October 5 - Blessing of the Animals at the Harrell Chapel at 5:30 PM. All animals should be on a leash or in a crate.

Sunday, October 12 - our church worship service and the church picnic at Waverly Waters Pavilion. Worship will begin at 11 a.m. and the lunch will follow. Please contact me if you can help with food and drinks.

Sunday, November 15 - Thanksgiving meal in the Fellowship Hall after the church service. I will have a sign up sheet available at the back of the sanctuary around the first of November.

Again, thank you all for making my job so enjoyable.

Love In Christ,
Stacy

Angels in Aprons

Sept. 8 - Sept. 21 - Becky Shirley and LaDonna Helveston

Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 - JoAn Tedford and Barbara Bryan

Courtyard Clean-up - A group is organizing to do some landscaping maintenance around the church. If you'd like to help prune, weed, or plant contact Vic Johnson.

Life Line Screening - Life Line Screening will be in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 5, to screen for chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis, peripheral arterial disease, or other vascular conditions. Pre-registration is required.

CHURCH MEETINGS

October 19 @ 4:30 p.m. - CDC Board Meeting

October 19 @ 6:00 p.m. - Leadership Council

October 25 @ 3:30 p.m. - Charge Conference

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER HOSTS

September 2 - Jane Caston, Becky Landin and Barbara Iles

September 9 - Lannie and Shannon Wallace

September 16 - Revive Members

September 23 - Jason and Lucy McKellar



First United Methodist Church
Mums FOR SALE

All proceeds go toward our mission trip to El Salvador.

1 GALLON \$10 **3 GALLON \$20**

Available Colors:

Yellow White Bronze Red Lavender

Deadline to order is **September 27th**

Pickup will be **Wednesday, October 14th** at the Bryan Youth Center at a time to be announced later.

Please call the church office at **662-494-1658** to place your order!



Blessing of the ANIMALS
Sunday, Oct. 4
at the Harrell Chapel
Beginning at 5:30 pm

All animals should be on a leash or in a crate.



Worship Service and CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, Oct. 11
Waverly Waters Pavilion
Worship will begin at 11 am and lunch will follow.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy good food and fellowship!

We will be serving:
BBQ • Baked Beans • Slaw
Potato Salad • Chips • Dessert

A sign up sheet is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

September 6 - Caroline Atkins
and Gail Foote and Dee Echols

September 13 - Linda Drake

September 20 - Erin and Janae Robinson
and Mark and Suzanne Bean

September 27 - Katie Bowen
and Art and Becky Shirley

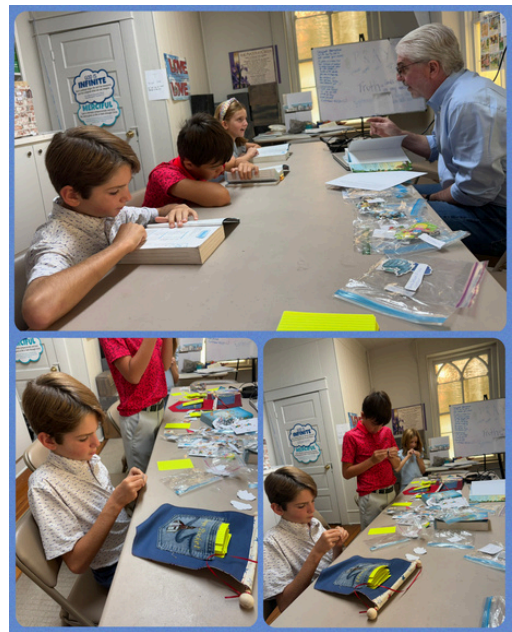


Our Handyman Crew Is Amazing!!

We have a new refrigerator in the kitchens thanks to an anonymous donor. It was unloaded from the truck, unpacked and moved upstairs by our wonderful Handyman Crew. They also removed the old refrigerator. Thank you, Bob Wyman, Vic Johnson, Bob Eckland, Ron Crawford and our generous donor, for your dedication to our church.



Scenes from the Fish Fry and Worship Service



Making Kind Actions and Prayers a Priority

The people of the early churches suffered harassment from others and discouragement among themselves. Paul often wrote to encourage them. To the

Philippians, he wrote that they could be closer to Jesus through kind actions, thoughts, and prayers. In Sunday school, the children did activities focused on making kind actions and prayers a priority of their lives through daily acts of kindness and prayers for specific people, stored in a prayer pocket.

Thank you, Mark and Suzanne Bean and Erin and Janae Robinson, for teaching our children and thank you, Gracy Taylor, for creating such wonderful activities.



Congratulations, Elizabeth Stewart!

Elizabeth was selected to be a senior maid on the homecoming court at Oak Hill. We are so proud of her and of all her accomplishments.



First United Methodist Church

WEST POINT

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chad Bowen, Pastor, 494-5133

Rev. Dr. Ken Pickens - Pastor to Youth

Rachel Wood, Music Ministries, 494-2198

Stacy Hays, Family Ministries, 494-2198

Julie Gray, Financial Secretary, 494-1658

Gail Foote, Office Manager, 494-1658

Seth Matlock, Pianist

Galen Walter, Youth Intern

Ron Crawford, Custodian

Kenya Lee, CDC Director, 494-6811

FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of 8/31/2026

Total revenue received in August \$46,584.93

Total expenses in August (\$42,736.56)

Year to date revenue \$278,697.68

Year to date expenses (\$322,029.26)

More detailed financial information is available here:

<https://fumcwestpoint.com/monthly-financial-summary/>

ATTENDANCE September 13, 2026

Sunday School.....49

Worship Service.....63

Virtual 11:00 AM Service.....14

Total Worship77

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

Gale Griggs

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 Wood

Our Family and Friends:

Sara Kate Algood (Donna Cook's daughter)

Ted Berry

Wayne Brand

Joe Brownlee

Mickey Burgess

Edith Carlisle

Caryl Currier (Gloria Bunnell's sister)

Cora Chandler

Janice Davis

Elsie Dixon

Tina Doster

Micki Dowdle (Jane Caston's niece)

Corre & Tommy Foster & Baby Ellis

Patsy Harrington (Bro. Chad's grandmother)

AnnaBeth Harrison (former children/youth director)

Rusty Iles

Evan Johnson (Vic Johnson's brother)

David Landin (Becky Landin's brother)

Bruce King

Chuck Lavender (Gracy Taylor's brother)

Lynda Mize

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

11:00 AM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 4:1-11

SERMON

"Samuel: The Ark of the Covenant"

ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord" - arr. McDonald

SOUND TECH: Mike Gammill

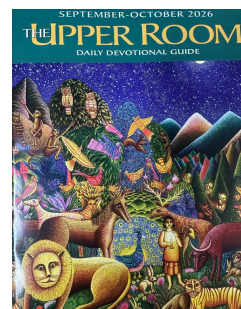
LAY READER: Jay Wood

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.



New Upper Rooms

The new *Upper Room Daily Devotional Guides* are in. They are located on a table at the back of the sanctuary and on the table as you enter the church. Please take one. We want them to be used.