

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2012

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ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 1, 2012

Sunday School.....56
Early Service.....na
10:55 AM Service.....157
Total Worship.....157



THE WINDOW
of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
West Point, Mississippi
January 4, 2012

USHERS: Larry Pitre Shane Alpe Gene Childress
Bryan Houston Ken Dill Bob Seitz

ACOLYTES: **CRUCIFER:**
COFFEE & JUICE: Men’s Bible Class **FIRST FRIENDS:** Bob & Joni Seitz
SOUND TECH: Bennie Hitt **LAY READER:**

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Bryan & Laurann Harrell (1/8)
Jason & Lucy McKellar (1/15)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins
Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home
Merlaine Nichols Maggie King Grace Cliett
Ora Trenor Carolyn Cooper Dr. Robert Lott
Mary Lester Jeanette Pyle Mike Meeks
Thomas Hodo Walter Nichols Maxine Hinshaw
Laverne Fowler Mary Murphy Mary Carothers
Kathryn Provencher

Waverly Care Home **Dugan** **WP Living Center**
Charlotte Young Dinks Thornton Barbara LeBlanc
Dot Bandy

Deployed Military

Jim Williams Sgt. Robert (Bob) Harrell
TASK GROUP TRIEDENT 288 Eng. Company
APO/AE 09354 Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan
APO/AE 09380

The 10:55 Worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.

First United Methodist Church *Dated Material*
P. O. Box 293 *January 4, 2012*
West Point, MS 39773 **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHURCH STAFF

Jeff Shannon, Pastor, 494-5133
Judy Staggers, Music Ministries, 494-2198
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Ron Crawford, Custodian
Hubert Caston, Building Superintendent
Dana Tait, CDC Director, 494-6811

1st Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 8, 2012
8:45 & 10:55 AM
Psalm 32
“Spiritual Bits”
ANTHEM
“Tell It On the Mountain”

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As is the first newsletter of 2012, I want to wish you a happy New Year. Perhaps I should say a “meaningful New Year” because happiness is not a place at which we arrive or a goal in itself; it is rather the result of living a meaningful life. The only meaningful life is directing our whole being (soul, strength, mind, and heart) to God who creates and redeems us. It’s so simple, and yet so easy to lose sight of. Jesus gave us the Great Commandments to always keep our focus on God.

This Sunday we will talk about the discipline of the Christian life, using an illustration or two from the animal kingdom to help us. Speaking of this Sunday and its topic, I realize that January 1st is pretty much of a lost Sabbath for many people. But I would encourage you, and prayerfully hope for each one of us, that we make a committed, Spirit-sustained resolve to be active in church this year.

In January some other topics we’ll address are the hidden powers of evil in our world (we have difficulty identifying how evil manifests itself), the core meaning of salvation in Jesus Christ, and also what it means to walk with God on a daily basis.

Please prayerfully consider the ministry opportunities that are developing: Youth and children’s ministries, the parenting study, our Wednesday night supper, and educational ministries – most notably our morning Sunday school.

One final thought: I am going to include a quotation or two each week. Perhaps they will be meaningful to you.

Jeff Shannon

“All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy, for what we leave behind is a part of ourselves; we must die to one’s life before we can enter into another.” - Anatole France

SYMPATHY... We extend sympathy to Leon and Kathryn Provencher on the death of their great granddaughter.

AND THE LORD ADDED... We welcome into the membership and fellowship of FUMC, Marc, Laura, Elizabeth and John Marlin Stewart and Lyman and Deborah Smith. Please welcome both of these families to FUMC.

What's Happening at FUMC

ANGELS IN APRONS

January 2 - January 15- Mary Jo Hill and Sherrill Weems

January 16 - January 20 - Holly Hitt and Penny Pearson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, January 4th

5:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

All children up to 6th grade are invited to come for supper and then join in a fun mission activity. We are collecting canned goods for the Food Pantry. Please put them in the shopping cart in the hall. Allison Trolio is the chairman for January.

UPCOMING PARENTING PROGRAM

January 8th thru 22nd - 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

For parents, grandparents and anyone else, we will have a video/discussion program on January 8th, 15th and 22nd (and possibly the 29th) using material from John Rosemond. Children's Choir will also meet at the same time as this group, 4:30-5:30 PM. To sign up, please call the church office.

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, January 11th

6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Wednesday Night Supper

As some of you know, the church will have a catered church-wide Wednesday night meal on the third Wednesday of the month, beginning January 18th. Call the church office to sign up. More details to come!

UPCOMING PRECEPT CLASS

Anita Lee will be teaching the Kings and Prophets series beginning Wednesday, January 18th at 9:00 AM. This first course will focus on

Solomon's reign and the building of God's magnificent temple. Classes will be held at First Baptist Church. The cost is \$25.00. Please call Melissa Henry at 494-4213 to order a book.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE SCHEDULE TO BE MAILED OUT THIS WEEK. Worship Committee members will receive this year's schedule in the mail this week. Call Judy if you have any questions.

District Leadership Training

Saturday, January 14, 2012

10:00-3:00

Starkville FUMC

Workshops will be held for Trustees, PPRC, Finance, Vital congregations, Conflict transformation and Safe Sanctuaries. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office.



JUDY'S JUBILATIONS

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas full of quality time with family and friends, and I hope all of you have a wonderful and blessed 2012. It's hard to believe another year has gone by and it's also hard to believe how fast it flew!

I'm sure you all would join the **Chancel Choir** in expressing affirmation to Mr. Richard for his beautiful tenor voice he shared with us this past Sunday as he sang "The First Noel." It's always a treat to hear him, and the choir enjoyed singing with him on their anthem special.

If you made it to the Christmas cantata December 18, you heard the special the choir is going to sing this Sunday, January 8. It's titled "Tell It On the Mountain," and it is a moving, exciting arrangement that the choir loved singing.

The **Bell Choir** will resume rehearsals next Wednesday, January 11, at 5:45 PM in the bell room.

The Joyful Jammin' Children's Choir will resume their rehearsals this Sunday, January 8, from

4:30 - 5:30. All children in Pre-K - 6th grade are welcome! If you have any questions, please call me at 494-2198 or come by my office.

WALK AEROBICS!!! We have such a good time exercising with our sisters in Christ on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and would love to share this fun time with others who would like to come. We exercise on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:45, on Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:45, and on Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45. Each of these days will allow you to do free weights, necessary stretching, walk aerobics, abdominal work, as well as warm ups and cool downs. It's doable and enjoyable and we would love to have you! Call me at 494-2198 or come by my office if you'd like to visit or join.



First off I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome and the openness that ya'll have shown. I am honored to be here and excited to get started. So far,

everything has been going great. There haven't been any hiccups yet. **Disciple NOW 2012** weekend is coming up. It will be **February 24-26**, which is the last weekend in February. So go ahead and mark it on the calendar and let's get ready for a good weekend.

Youth t-shirts are in. If you ordered one and have not picked it up, please come by the church office.

We will have UMYF this **Wednesday, January 4th**. Hope to see everyone there.

THANK YOU...

Dear Church Family, It has been a pleasure serving as your Building Superintendent for the past 7 ½ years. Thank you for that opportunity and also for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

Richard Echols

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2012 Contribution envelopes are still at the printers and have not been shipped yet. Hopefully

we will receive them in two weeks. Please just earmark your check operating or building fund and place your check in offering plate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4 - January 10

Wed.	5:30 PM	Children's activities
	6:00 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
	6:30 PM	Wed night supper committee
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
	4:30 PM	Parenting Seminar
	4:30 PM	Joyful Jammin' Choir
	6:00 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Membership committee
Mon.	4:00 PM	Methodist Purls
Tues.	9:30 AM	Lochie Millard Circle, Gail Wolanek, hostess
	1:30 PM	Walk Aerobics

Come Ride with Us to Church...

Our Transportation Ministry Needs Riders!!! Call if you need a ride!

- 2011 Transportation Monthly Schedule -

(1st Sunday) Jim Helveston - 662.494.2047

(2nd Sunday) Carl Miller - 662.494.6773

(3rd Sunday) Trolio Family - 662.574.5959

(4th Sunday) Nina Millard- 662.494.7763

(5th Sunday) Brasfield Family -662.494.1371