

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2010**

2010 budget \$561,347.00  
Received March 7, 2010 Budget 11,160.00  
Received to date, Budget 108,451.78  
Received March 8, 2010 Bldg. 1,067.00  
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 19,330.00

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

**ACOLYTES:** Emily Elkins/Ken Dill

**COFFEE & JUICE:** Word of Life SS Class

**SOUND TECH:** Mike Gammill

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Julie & Mary Campbell Gray(3/14)  
Vicki & Camille Cooper (3/21)

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Alice Hughes & Barbara Donahoo

**Remember in Prayer**

**In the Hospital**

Betty Bennett - NMMC, Tupelo  
Carlisle Campbell - NMMC, Tupelo

**At Home**

Merlaine Nichols Maggie King Grace Cliett  
Walter Nichols Nanette Rainey John Gable  
Ben Brashier Dot Bandy Barbara Harrell  
Robert Lott Dinks Thornton John Clemmons  
Doris Bruce Robert Harrell Don Raines  
Gert Hill Jean Sarsgard Mary Lozes  
Hollis Pendley Hugh Lenoir Josh Stevens

**Waverly Care Home**

Jo Phyfer  
Charlotte Young  
**Dugan** Olin Ray McFadden Barbara LeBlanc  
Carolyn Cooper  
Mary Lester  
**WP Living Center**

**Deployed Military**

Jacob Sanders  
A-TRP 1-98  
COB SEICHER  
APO, AE 09393

**If you know of other persons deployed in the military, please inform the church office with their addresses.**

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*First United Methodist Church* *Dated Material*  
*P. O. Box 293* *March 9, 2010*

*West Point, MS 39773* **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Don Bishop, Pastor, 494-5133  
Judy Staggers, Music Ministries, 494-2198  
Tricia Smith, Program Director, 494-2198  
Jeremy Arnold, Youth Director, 494-8693  
Julie Gray, Office Manager, 494-1658  
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Pat Ausborn, Pianist, 494-2198  
Ron Crawford, Custodian  
Richard Echols, Building Superintendent  
Dana Tait, CDC Director, 494-6811

**ATTENDANCE, MARCH 7, 2010**

Sunday School.....140  
Early Service.....39  
10:55 AM Service.....155  
Total Worship.....195

**CRUCIFER:** Sarah Elizabeth Dill

**FIRST FRIENDS:** Hubert & Jane Caston

**LAY READER:** Chris Jester

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 14, 2010**  
**8:45 & 10:55 AM**  
**II Corinthians 5:16-21**  
**“Reconciled to be Reconcilers”**  
**ANTHEM**  
**“God So Loved the World”**

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**THE WINDOW**

of

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

West Point, Mississippi

March 9, 2010

**LAY SPEAKER SCHOOL**

The Starkville District Lay Speaking School is March 27, 2010, at Starkville FUMC offering two advanced classes as well as basic lay speaking. Registration flyers are available in the sanctuary hallway. The deadline to register is March 17, 2010.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**

Join United Methodists everywhere Sunday, March 14, by participating in this special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere. Our gifts assure that when catastrophes cause suffering, our church, impelled by Jesus' love and compassion, will be in the lead to ease the pain. Our gifts will also help provide funds for UMCOR to begin immediate relief when the need arises anywhere in the U.S. and world. Envelopes were distributed last Sunday and more will be available next Sunday or just mark your gift.

**Dugan Ministry April 2010**

During the month of April members of our church family share their time and talents with our friends and family living at Dugan. Each Sunday from 9:00-9:30am three volunteers meet in Dugan's recreation room to share with them a brief Sunday school lesson, sing a few hymns with piano accompaniment. Wilma Hinshaw is coordinator of this ministry. If you are interested you may contact Wilma at 494.5233 or Tricia at the church office 494.2198.

**STOP HUNGER NOW**

Don't forget our Lenten project is Stop Hunger NOW and our goal is \$2,500. These funds will allow us to package 10,000 meals on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Each meal costs approximately 25 cents. Each member is asked to donate 25 cents per day during Lent which totals \$10.00. To date we have collected \$534. Please give generously and help us have a successful packaging event. Sign up to help at the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

**FUMC YOUNG ADULTS ON THE MOVE**

The new Good Shepherd class had 14 present last Sunday and 11 the week before and is still growing. The Young Adult Council is calling together their age group in a double-edged local mission project to work on the new Habitat house on Grove Street. They are sponsoring a Spud and Salad lunch on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. They will receive donations to purchase materials that our Young Adults will install in the house in a work day/days later in order that the family of 3 will have their own new home as soon as possible. Plan to come to lunch and make a generous donation so our young adults can go to work in the name of Christ.

**SYMPATHY...** We extend sympathy to Sam and Sarah Caston and their family on the death of their unborn son. Services are incomplete at this time.



# TRICIA'S NOTES...

## MANAGES IN APRIL

**February 28th - March 13th** - Anna Dill & Tricia Smith

**March 14th - March 27th** - Ann McClellan & Janet Jameson

*You are invited to*

**Mary Carothers' 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

**Saturday, March 13**

**2:00-4:00 PM at The Ritz**

*Please no presents.*

**Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging**

**1:30-3:30pm - Saturday - March 27th**

**Fellowship Hall**

We will host a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event here at our church on Saturday, March 27th.

This event is great for all ages and everyone is encouraged to help! *If you are interested in participating, you may sign-up at the back of the sanctuary or by contacting the church office.*

### Easter Lilies .....

Easter lilies may be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4th, in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you wish to participate, please contact your florist. Containers should be dressed in dark green paper with white ribbon. **Bulletin information should be turned in by noon Monday, March 29th.** Forms may be found in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. Lilies should be delivered to the church by 10:00am on Saturday, April 3rd.

**Palm Sunday - March 28th**

**Children's Procession of the Palms**

**10:55am (at beginning of Worship)**

**Mark your calendars .....**

**Young Adult Sponsored**

**Spud & Salad Lunch**

**Sunday - March 28th - Following Worship**

**Fellowship Hall**

Everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall

following our 10:55am worship service to enjoy a delicious "Spud & Salad" lunch. This is a young adult project fundraiser with all donations going to Habitat for Humanity. Please come support our young adults.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday - April 1st

6:00pm

### Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday - April 3rd

10:00-11:30am

at the home of

Jimmy and Kay Bryan

Easter Sunday - April 4th

10:55am Worship Service

The Chancel Choir will present their Easter Cantata.

**One Service Only!**

### Spring Fling at Lake Stephens 2010

**Tuesday - April 13th**

Featuring BJ Johnston as John Wesley: The Man From Aldergate. *Look for posters located throughout the church as well as in your Sunday school classrooms. If interested, contact Tricia in the church office 494.2198.*

### In the Spotlight...

- **Susan Hallmark** for coordinating the children's Wednesday Night Activity for the month of March.

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## JUDY'S

## JUBILATIONS



Big thank yous go to the **Chancel Choir** members for the beautiful anthem they sang for this past Sunday's service. "Lamb of Glory" is one of the prettiest, most meaningful anthems we sing and

they always sing it beautifully. This Sunday the choir will sing "God So Loved the World", an anthem that continues to hold a special place in our hearts and is based on John 3:16. Please remember that this choir will present an Easter cantata on Easter morn during the 10:55 am worship service. The title of the cantata is "In

Christ Alone" and soloists will be Joni Seitz, Gary Echols and Phil McClellan.

**Disciples VI's** next practice will be Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM in the choir room.

**The Bell Choir** played "It Is Well With My Soul" as the prelude for this past Sunday's 10:55 am worship service and played it beautifully! Thank you Bell Choir! We especially appreciated our church pianist Pat Ausborn, filling in for Becky Shirley as she was out of town. The Bell Choir will not practice this week.

**Children's Choirs** will not practice this Sunday, March 14 as many will be gone for spring break. We will come back together on Sunday, March 21 with both choirs rehearsing.

**Dance aerobics** welcomed Helen Childress who joined us this past week for dance aerobics. We look forward to each session and have so much fun! Anyone interested in visiting and/or joining the class is welcome. Several have asked if there is a charge and the answer is no; it's a ministry.

That's Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 and Friday mornings at 9:30. Wear your tennis shoes, bring an exercise mat if you want to do some ab work, and a set of 5 lb., 8 lb. or 10 lb. weights for some strength training. It's fun! Ya'll come!

**The Singspirations Choir** presented its program of hymn arrangements to the residents of Dugan Memorial Home and the Henry Clay. We plan to present it to the residents in Waverly Care in the very near future. **ALSO.....GET READY FOR A SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM DURING APRIL** when they will present it for the congregation!!! Watch the newsletter for more information.

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This past Sunday we continued our walk through of the Bible with the Book of Job. What an encouragement it is to see someone go through everything Job went through, but still keep his Faith in God.



Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> was the District Youth Mission Day. Seven of our youth participated along with Julie Gray and Ann McClellan. Meals were prepared and cards were made for 29 residents of

the Housing Authority in Starkville. This was a great experience for our youth. They continue to share God's love through mission work.

With all the exams the students have this week we will have a "Study Night" at youth on Wednesday. Bring your books and notes with you.

We will still have youth this next week even though many of you will be out of town for Spring Break. For those of you who are sticking around West Point for Spring Break, we will have a fun day of activities on **Wednesday the 17**.

Youth will begin earlier in the day and we will go to Starkville to go Bowling and go see the new Alice in Wonderland! You must sign up in advance in the youth house so we know how many Bowling Lanes and Movie Tickets to get.

Jeremy Arnold

Youth Director

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAR. 10 - MAR. 16**

Wed.	9:00 AM	Precept Bible Study
	4:30 PM	Prayer Group
	5:00 PM	Children's Activities
	6:00 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Staff Parish Meeting
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri.	9:30 PM	Dance Aerobics
Sat.	2:00-4:00PM	Mary Carothers' 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration @ The Ritz
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:55 AM	Worship Service
		No Confirmation
		No Children's Choir
		UMYF
Mon.	4:00 PM	Knitting Group
	7:00 PM	Ruth Weems Circle,
		Judy Shirley, hostess
Tues.	9:30 AM	Singspirations
	1:30 PM	Dance Aerobics - FH

