

Scripture Reading	1 John 3:16-24	Dr. Mays
Sermon	"Christ Has No Body on Earth but Ours"	Dr. Mays
*Hymn	"I Love to Tell the Story"	UMH #156
*Benediction		Dr. Mays
*Choral Benediction	"Go Rejoicing!" Chancel Choir	Hal Hopson
*Postlude	"The Lily of the Valley" Gail Douglas	Hays/Hayes

**Please stand as you are able.*

UMH—United Methodist Hymnal

Assisting in Worship This Morning

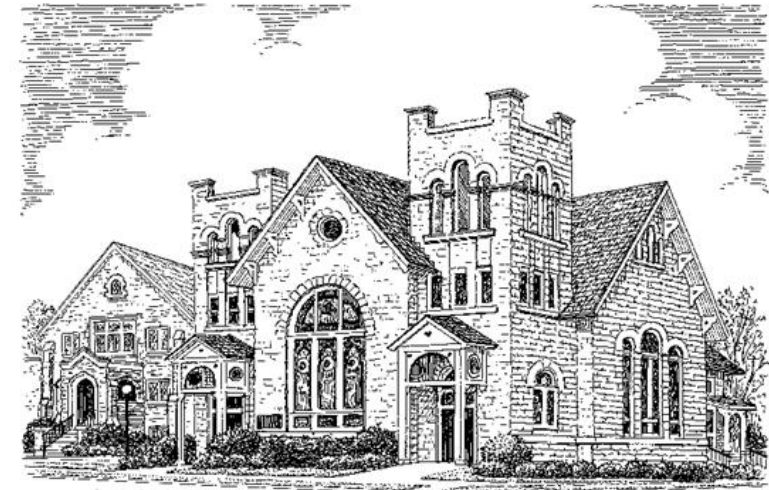
Acolyte	Athena Chen
Altar Guild	Susan Edwards and Becky Sands
Ushers	Joe Doughtie and Bobby Gassman
Tech Team	Bill Gladden, Michael Andrews, Sherry Pinckard

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Invite. Grow. Serve.

The Worship of God

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Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Erik A. Mays

Chiming of the Hour Gail Douglas

Prelude Harris/Berry
"I Will Praise Him"
Gail Douglas

Lighting of the Candles Athena Chen

Choral Call to Worship Trad. African Folk Song
"What a Mighty God We Serve"
Chancel Choir arr. J. Henry

Call to Worship
The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.
We are refreshed beside still waters.
We have been given everything we have.
God offers us everything we need.
When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us.
We are comforted and reassured.
God leads us in the right paths.
Our cups are filled to overflowing.
God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed.
We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.
We have received plenty that we might share.
We are called to be God's helpers.

Opening Prayer Dr. Mays

*Hymn UMH #384
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #885
A Modern Affirmation

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Passing of the Peace
As the children come forward, you are invited to take a few moments to greet those near you.

Children's Moment Jan Hollis

Offertory Prayer Dr. Mays

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Gabriel/Berry
"Higher Ground"
Gail Douglas

*Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Hymn UMH #381
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Prayer Praises & Concerns

Call to Prayer Trad.
"Come and Fill Our Hearts"
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Dr. Mays

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

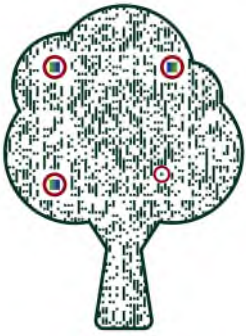
Anthem Mark Patterson
"How Will They Know"
Tonya Frank, Soloist
Chancel Choir
Refrain

If not from my hands, how will they learn to give? If not from my heart, then where will love begin?
If they never see Christ alive in me, how will they know God's love?

If not from what I say, how will they learn to care? If not from what I do, how will they learn to share?
If they never see Christ alive in me, how will they know God's love?

If they never hear of Jesus' love at Calvary, if they never know the sacrifice He made,
if they never hear a joyful song resounding,
if they never hear a hymn of grateful praise, how will they know God's love?

We will tell the story of Jesus and His love. We will sing the glory of God who reigns above.
Let the joyful songs ring out, let the hymns of praise begin.
We will share God's gift of love each day that we live. R



Check out the April edition of the Monthly Pointer for details about upcoming events!



The Daytrippers are back! Tuesday, April 30, we are heading to Columbus to give our new bus a short distance test run. We will be enjoying brunch at the brand new Flying Biscuit Cafe. The Biscuit is known for a variety of delicious breakfasts, but they also have a lunch menu. We will leave from the Zachry Center parking lot at 10 o'clock. Cost is \$5 for bus fuel plus your brunch/lunch. Afterwards, we will look around downtown on the river and see what's new since we were last there before the pandemic. Call the church office or see Helen to save your seat.



Many thanks to Jim Frank for the GREAT Easter photo of the congregation!! If you haven't seen it, check it out on the first floor ramp photo wall!!




VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 7 - June 9
More details to come!



Rise Against Hunger

You are invited to participate in a meal packing experience on Sunday, June 9, following a church-wide lunch in the Zachry Center.

Contact Jan for more info or to sign up to volunteer or make a monetary donation!



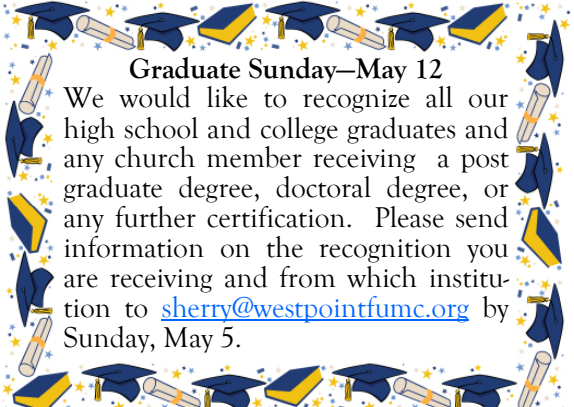
Silent Auction
May 22
at Wednesday Night Supper

All proceeds will be used for Rise Against Hunger meals

YOUR donations of goods and services are needed! Call the church office or see Jan for more info!



April 24, 6 pm
Beef Stroganoff,
Manager's Choice Veggie,
Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert



Graduate Sunday—May 12

We would like to recognize all our high school and college graduates and any church member receiving a post graduate degree, doctoral degree, or any further certification. Please send information on the recognition you are receiving and from which institution to sherry@westpointfumc.org by Sunday, May 5.

Welcome to West Point First United Methodist Church

Whether this is your first time with us or not, we greet you this day in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If this is your first time, we are especially glad that you're with us and pray you experience the peace and love of God through worship today. As a first time guest, please come to the side door nearest Ave C following the service so we can give you a gift to say "thank you" for coming. If you need assistance for anything, please see an usher. A Nursery for children ages 3 and under is available on the lower level.

Prayer Concerns:

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Will Doughtie, Chuck Bloodworth (Andrea Sanders' cousin)
Davida White, Mary Davison, Andy Mabrey, Shannon Doughtie,
Robert Eason, Charlie Mays, Hamp Ferguson, Donna Keith,
Amy Whitlock Burton, Jim Frank, Barbara Ruddick, Sarah Auler, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart,
Jackie and Al Hammer, Margaret Bartlett, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Alice Ward, Lakin Rayfield, Jacob Grubbs,
Communities impacted by storms, fires, and earthquakes,
Communities and families impacted by violence, The war in Israel

This Week at WPFUMC

Sunday, April 21

.....9:00 am: Patchwork
..... 9:45 am: Sunday School
..... 11:00 am: Morning Worship
..... 12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, April 22

..... 10:00 am: Staff Meeting
..... 12:45 pm: Handbells
..... 4:00 pm: Monday Bible Study

Tuesday, April 23

..... 1:00 pm: Food Closet
..... 6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, April 24

..... 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids
..... 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
..... 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 25

..... 12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen
..... 6:00 pm: Game Night

Friday, April 26

..... 6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast