



The Monthly Pointer

A Monthly Newsletter of



First United Methodist Church

West Point, Georgia

From the Pastor



On Wednesday, February 14, we begin the season of Lent. The Lenten journey is a time to consider the tangible ways that Jesus demonstrated sacrificial living, and the powerful, world-shaking ramifications it had on society. But, what does it mean for us today? If we are called to live

as Jesus lived, what does that sacrificial approach look like to us? What if Lent is about being radically transformed for Jesus, today? Over this Lenten season, we'll look at what the sacrifice of Jesus means to us and how we are called to live like Jesus. I hope you'll join us in worship each week.

February 18:

Sacrifice: Open Your Mind

February 25:

Sacrifice: What Matters Most

March 3:

Sacrifice: Disrupting Power

March 10:

Sacrifice: Shine the Light

March 17:

Sacrifice: Bravery

March 24:

Sacrifice: Joy Before Sorrow

I also hope you'll take some time to look through this edition of the *Monthly Pointer* and check out all the Lenten activities happening this month and coming up in March. Stay connected and join us!



Blessings,

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**INVITE
GROW
SERVE**

Ways to Invite, Grow, and Serve



PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
STARTING AT 6PM
 Until the pancakes, sausage, & bacon run out!
\$5 PER PERSON



50+ VALENTINES LUNCHEON
 All couples who've been married for 50 or more years are invited to lunch.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
 Noon, Banquet Room.
 Call the church office to RSVP.

All couples who've been married for 50 or more years are invited to lunch on Sunday, February 11th.

We want to celebrate you!

Please call the church office to RSVP.

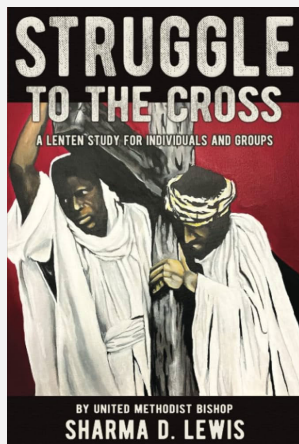
Menu:

Tomato Bisque, Winter Salad, Roast Beef, Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Red Velvet Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream, Chocolate Covered Strawberries

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14
6:30PM, CHAPEL



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, 6PM



STRUGGLE TO THE CROSS
 A LENTEN STUDY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS
 BY UNITED METHODIST BISHOP SHARMA D. LEWIS

Pastor's Lenten Lunch and Study
7 weeks: Wednesdays
February 14 - March 27
Noon-1pm, Banquet

You're invited to join pastor Erik and others for our Lenten Lunch and Study. The Lenten Lunch and Study will meet each Wednesday from

noon-1pm during the season of Lent. Together, we'll study Bishop Sharma Lewis' book, *Struggle to the Cross*. This daily Lenten devotional will pull together scriptures and practical spiritual devotion as we seek to come to a deeper understanding of the cross of Christ. Please call the church office to sign up. When you sign-up please let us know if you would like for us to order a book for you. The cost is \$15. Or you may order online through Amazon or Cokesbury.



First Annual West Point
FATHER/DAUGHTER & MOTHER/SON DANCE Party
 RSVP BY CALLING (706) 645-1379 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
MUSIC TREATS PHOTO BOOTH
 Friday, February 16, 2024
 6:00-8:00 PM
 West Point First United Methodist Church
 TIX- ADULTS \$10 KIDS \$5
 TOTAL COST PER FAMILY NOT TO EXCEED \$25
 CASH ONLY ACCEPTED AT DOOR

First annual West Point Father/daughter & Mother/son Dance Party!

Join us on Friday February 16, from 6-8pm at West Point First United Methodist Church for a time of dancing, singing, and good food!

Catered by Johnny's and Pokey's
 Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child— with a family cap of \$25.

Cash only at the door and proceeds will go to support the American Heart Association.

Call or email the church office to RSVP.

sherry@westpointfumc.org 706-645-1379
 Please let us know how many are in your party.

We look forward to seeing you!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Ways to Invite, Grow, and Serve

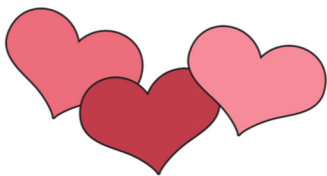


CAMP GLISSON SCHOLARSHIP

Attention West Point First Kids and Families!

If you plan to attend **Camp Glisson** this summer and need a little help with the camp registration costs, WPFUMC is offering scholarships! Stop by the church office to fill out an application this month.

***** WPFUMC members - if you would like to help us with these scholarships, we welcome your generous donations to the scholarship fund. Let's help any and all kids in our congregation experience the "holy dirt" at Camp Glisson!!**



Lunch-In
Tuesday, February 13
12:00 pm
Banquet Room

Menu:

Poppy Seed Chicken, Rice, Broccoli Casserole,
Strawberry/Pretzel Salad, Red Velvet Cake

Everyone is invited!

Call the church office to save your seat!

Cost - \$5



All men are invited for a time of prayer, scripture reading, and breakfast. If you have never been before, come join us in the Banquet Room as we grow together.



Game Night
February 8 and 22
6-8 pm

You are invited to come play cards and games with friends. Bring your favorite game(s), a snack to share, and your favorite non-alcoholic drink. Meet at the Zachry Center door, and be prepared to have a fun evening with friends!

Any Questions?

Call Paul Brown, 404.804.4710



There's a place for you
in Sunday School!

Sundays
at 10 am



Handbell Choir is open to anyone in our church or in our community. No previous ringing experience required. If you are interested and want to come try it out, let Gail Douglas know.

gailjdouglas@gmail.com 205-317-5776

Don't forget—Young students that are 5th grade or older are invited to be a part of the Handbell Choir, too. We have two practice times each week to choose from:

Sundays 12:30-1:30 or Mondays 12:45-1:45.

KINGDOM
KIDS
West Point First United Methodist Church

Wednesdays at 5:15

Wednesday Night Suppers
Wednesdays at 6 pm

Coming Next Month...



EASTER EGG HUNT
 Saturday, March 23
 More details to come!



PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24
 Patchwork Worship
 9am: Chapel
 Morning Worship
 11am: Sanctuary & Online
Hosanna in the highest!



MAUNDY THURSDAY
WORSHIP
 MARCH 28 | 6:30PM
 SANCTUARY



GOOD FRIDAY
WORSHIP
 MARCH 29 | 6:30PM
 SANCTUARY



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 MARCH 25-29
 10AM - 6PM
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Easter Sunday
March 31
 Sunrise Worship: 7am, Downtown River Park
 Patchwork Worship: 9am, Chapel
 Morning Worship: 11am Sanctuary & Online



“ Leadership Board March 10 ”

Lunch-In
 Tuesday, March 13
 12:00 pm
 Banquet Room

Game Night
 March 7 and 14*
 6-8 pm
**Please note the change in the regular schedule due to the Maundy Thursday service on March 28.*

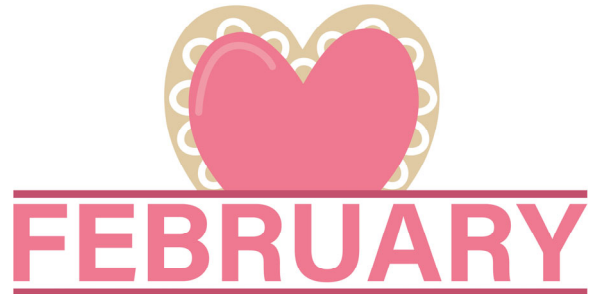


By Our Prayers...

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. - Philippians 4:6

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

Andrew Hardin, Robert Eason,
 Charlie Mays, Hamp Ferguson,
 Donna Keith, Amy Whitlock Burton,
 Jim Frank, Barbara Ruddick, Sharon Cowart,
 Steven and Alaine Wright, Sarah Auler,
 Jackie and Al Hammer, Charles (Steve) Phillips,
 Lisa Ann Soehnel, Alice Ward,
 Bentley Bryant, Margaret Bartlett,
 Lakin Rayfield, Jacob Grubbs,
 Communities impacted by storms, fires,
 and earthquakes,
 Communities and families impacted by violence,
 The war in Israel



BIRTHDAYS

- 6: Mary Claire Finlay
- 7: Ann Thomas
- 11: Martha Scott
- 16: Howard Ruddick
- 16: Carla Burgoyne
- 19: Leslie Leonard
- 20: Alton Pitts
- 21: Danielle Doughtie
- 23: Bill Gladden
- 24: Al Hammer
- 25: Parker Mays
- 26: Dalton Royster

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love. — Corrie ten Boom

By Our Gifts

Needed Budget Year to Date \$48,200
Received Budget Year to Date \$48,855
Expenses Year to Date \$28,194

For questions about giving, how to give online, or how to set up ACH bank drafts, contact Michael Markle Andrews: michael@westpointfumc.org

Thank you for your stewardship!

By Our Presence

Average *January* Worship Attendance

9 am Patchwork Average: 20
11 am Average: 94
Online Average: 36
Total Average: 150

Numbers of Weekly Small Groups: 15
Average *January* Small Group Attendance: 81

***January* Persons Served: 294**

Thursday, February 1

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, February 2

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am: Patchwork

9:45 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Morning Worship

12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, February 5

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, February 6

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, February 7

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids

6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 8

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

6:00 pm: Game Night

Friday, February 9

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, February 11—Transfiguration Sunday

9:00 am: Patchwork

9:45 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Morning Worship

12:00 pm: 50+ Anniversary Luncheon

12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, February 12

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, February 13—Shrove Tuesday

12:00 pm: Lunch-In

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

6:00 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch and Study

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids

6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 15

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, February 16

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

6:00 pm: Valentine Dance

Sunday, February 18—First Sunday in Lent

9:00 am: Patchwork

10:00 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Morning Worship

12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, February 19

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, February 20

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, February 21

12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch and Study

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids

6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

6:00 pm: Game Night

Friday, February 23

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, February 25— Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 am: Patchwork

9:45 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Morning Worship

12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, February 26

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, February 27

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, February 28

12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch and Study

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids

6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 29

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

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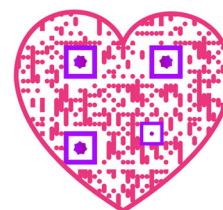
Closed from Noon - 1 pm

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