



The Monthly Pointer

A Monthly Newsletter of



First United Methodist Church

West Point, Georgia

From the Pastor



Christ the Lord is Risen! How glorious it is to be “Easter People.” But what exactly does that mean? It means that we are people who have been redefined by the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we discussed throughout the Lenten season, Jesus’ sacrifice on

our behalf, ushers in a new hope and way of being for us. No longer do we have to be defined by the past or the world's standards. We are now defined by the gift of God’s great love.

In the letter of 1 John we read these words, “We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so, we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters...Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.” (1 John 3:16, 18 NLT). How are we doing at showing this love to the world?

As fellow sojourners our call is to carry on Christ’s sacrificial love in the world so others will come to know the hope we have in the resurrection. You have been called. I have been called. We have been called together – we are Easter People! Praise be to God!

Happy Easter!

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Ways to Invite, Grow, and Serve



Lunch-In
Tuesday, April 9
12:00 pm—Banquet Room

Menu:
Baked Chicken and Dressing,
Green Beans, Carrots,
Cranberry Sauce,
Spinach/Pecan Salad, Rolls,
Strawberry Shortcake

Everyone is invited! Call the church office to save your seat!
Cost - \$5

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.

***** 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!!**



Join us for
Game Night
April 11 and 25,
6-8 pm
Zachry Center



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.



Wednesdays at 6 pm
Join us for good food and fellowship around the tables!



Calling all Children!
Join us
Wednesdays
5:15 pm.
Contact Jan Hollis for more information.



There's a place for you in
Sunday School!
Sundays at 10am



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.

Coming up in May...

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.



Mark Your Calendars!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7 - June 9
More details to come!

Rise Against Hunger

Your gift to Rise Against Hunger leads to resilience and self-sufficiency for people across the globe, like families who receive hot meals from community feeding programs in the Philippines. Ending hunger starts with a meal — and it starts with you! Donate today.

You are invited to participate in a meal packing experience on Sunday, June 9, following the church-wide lunch in the Zachry Center. To sign up or make a monetary donation, click [here](#).



WORSHIP
Q & A
RECEPTION

CLERGY & LAITY
WELCOME

BISHOP DEASE IN THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

- SUNDAY, APRIL 7
- 3:00-5:00PM
- GRIFFIN FIRST UMC

SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR THE Q&A TO southwest@ngumc.net
by April 1

**Bishop Robin Dease
in the SouthWest District
Worship, Q & A, Reception
Griffin FUMC—Sunday, April 7, 3-5 pm**

While preregistration is not required, we would love for you to RSVP (by April 1) to let us know you plan to attend. You may also submit a question for Bishop Dease using this link.

<https://northga-reg.brtapp.com/BishopinSouthWest>

Non-perishable food items will be collected for a local food bank, and each attendee is asked to bring two items that do not require refrigeration or cooking. A monetary offering will be taken to support long-term recovery efforts in the district.



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

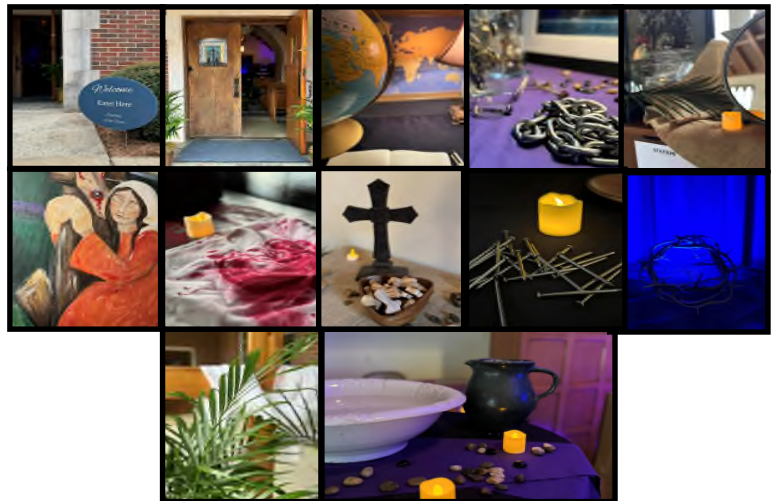
If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Davida White (Mother of Jan Hollis),
 Mary Davison (Mother-in-law of Laura Lanier Davison),
 Andy Mabrey (Brother of Dale Mabrey),
 Shannon Doughtie, Robert Eason,
 Charlie Mays, Hamp Ferguson,
 Donna Keith, Amy Whitlock Burton, Jim Frank,
 Barbara Ruddick, Sarah Auler, Bentley Bryant,
 Sharon Cowart, Margaret Bartlett,
 Jackie and Al Hammer, 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



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| 3: Erik Mays | 16: Gerry Slaughter |
| 4: John Banks Zachry | 17: Dani Knowles |
| 4: Patty Partain | 18: Bill Slade |
| 5: Donna Kelley | 26: Pat Duttera |
| 6: Mike Hixon | 27: Graham Finlay |
| 6: Sammie Williams | 27: Barbara Williams |
| 11: Laura Smith | 27: Jordan Weston |
| 13: Cheryl Morrison | 29: Wade Royster |
| 15: Teresa Doughtie | |

2024 Stations of the Cross



By Our Gifts

Needed Budget Year to Date \$144,600
Received Budget Year to Date \$241,665
Expenses Year to Date \$148,629

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 *March* Worship Attendance

9 am Patchwork Average: 19
11 am Average: 100
Online Average: 57
Total Average: 176

Numbers of Weekly Small Groups: 16
Average *March* Small Group Attendance: 443

***March* Persons Served: 439**

April Calendar of Activities

Monday, April 1

Church office closed.

Tuesday, April 2

Church office closed.

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, April 3

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids

6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 4

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, April 5

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am: Patchwork

9:45 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Morning Worship

12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, April 8

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, April 9

12:00 pm: Lunch-In

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, April 10

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids

6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 11

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

6:00 pm: Game Night

Friday, April 12

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am: Patchwork

10:00 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Morning Worship

12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, April 15

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, April 16

1:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, April 17

5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids

6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper

7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, April 19

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

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: 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

7:00 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

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am: Patchwork

10:00 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Morning Worship

12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, April 29

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:45 pm: Handbells

4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, April 30

12:00 pm: Food Closet

6:00 pm: AA

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Church Staff

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