



The Monthly Pointer

A Monthly Newsletter of



First United Methodist Church
West Point, Georgia

From the Pastor

CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK &

Easter

Egg Hunt March 23	Palm Sunday March 24	Maundy Thursday March 28	Good Friday March 29	Easter Sunday March 31
11am-1pm	Morning Worship	Maundy Thursday Worship	Good Friday Worship	7am Sunrise Service Downtown River Park (Please bring a chair)
Egg Hunts, food, & Fellowship	9am Chapel	6:30pm	6:30pm	9am Chapel
115 Highland Dr West Point	11am Sanctuary & Online	Sanctuary	Sanctuary	11am Sanctuary & Online

WEST POINT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Lenten Travelers, as you can see above, the last week of March is Holy Week. What a special and meaningful time in the life of the church and in our faith journey! I'll be honest, my eye is on the prize of the last day of the month – the Easter celebration!

However, we have a way to travel before we get there. I hope you'll make a point to join us for Sunday morning worship and for our Holy Week experiences, including the Stations of the Cross. More about each of these opportunities is found in this edition of *The Monthly Pointer*.

As exciting as Easter is, be sure to gift yourself with the Lenten journey of repentance and renewal. Be sure to journey with Jesus to the cross so his sacrifice takes deeper root in your life and fills your Easter celebration with great joy.

Blessings,



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Lenten Sermon Series Now - March 24

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. Join us on Sunday mornings for worship for our Lenten sermon series as we look at what the sacrifice of Jesus means to us and how we are called to live like Jesus.

Holy Week at West Point First



Palm Sunday Worship: March 24, 9am and 11am

Palm Sunday began in the Jerusalem Church in approximately the late third century. Observances consisted of hymns, prayers, and Bible readings as people traveled through the many holy places within the city. At the final place, the site of Jesus' ascent into heaven, the ministry would recite the biblical passage of Jesus' victorious entrance into Jerusalem. Then as dusk neared, the people would return to the city declaring: "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord." (Matthew 21:9).

What is the Stations of the Cross?

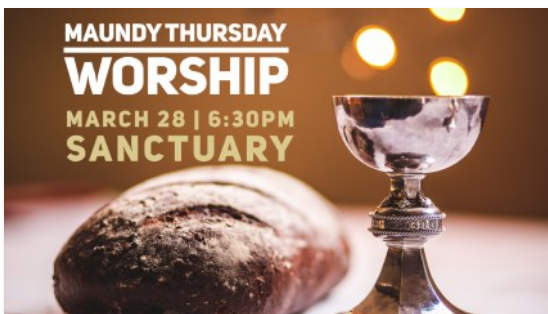
During Holy Week you will have the opportunity to travel through immersive stations that display the last days of Jesus' life. Each station tells the story of our Savior's sacrifice as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up and be present while the Stations of the Cross is opened. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer or let Pastor Erik know if you can help.



Maundy Thursday Worship: March 28, 6:30pm

Join us for the meaningful service as we remember the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin mandatum, which means "commandment."



Good Friday Service of Tenebrae: March 29, 6:30pm

Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness") is a solemn observance of Jesus' passion and death. This service marks Jesus' journey to Golgotha, and allow for extended meditation through proclamation of the Word in scripture as well as music, increasing darkness, and silent reflection. We gather on Good Friday evening for the dramatic narrative of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, and to reflect on God's wondrous love.



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EASTER EGGS

In order to have lots of eggs for the hunt, we are asking YOU to fill some! Plastic eggs will SOON be available in the elevator lobby and the Zachry Center. Simply grab a pack, fill them with candy, and return them to the church by March 20.

Saturday, March 23, 11am
Home of Sandra and Edmund Glover

EVERYONE is invited!

The church will provide chicken strips and drinks. We are asking YOU to bring the sides and desserts. You may also want to bring a folding chair!



Easter Sunday Worship

March 31

7am: Sunrise service

Join us at the Downtown River Park for a beautiful Sunrise service and Holy Communion.

Please bring a chair!

9am: Patchwork Worship

Join us in the chapel for our Patchwork Easter celebration.

11am: Morning Worship

Join us in the sanctuary as we celebrate the Risen Savior.

Flower Cross

We are planning a living floral display on the large wooden cross on the church grounds for Easter Sunday. YOUR flowers will be needed!



Palm Sunday

March 24, 11 am Morning Worship

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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!!



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.



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

Menu:
Irish Stew, Green Fluff,
Le Sueur English Peas,
Cornbread, Bread Pudding

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



Sunday, March 10
Immediately following
11 am Morning
Worship
in the Banquet Room.
Lunch will be served.

March 7 and 14*



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

Wednesday Night Suppers
Wednesdays at 6 pm



April 9: Lunch-In
April 11 and 25: Game Night



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.

Mary Davison (Mother-in-law of Laura Lanier Davison),
 Andy Mabrey (Brother of Dale Mabrey),
 Shannon Doughtie, Andrew Hardin,
 Robert Eason, Charlie Mays, Hamp Ferguson,
 Donna Keith, Amy Whitlock Burton, Jim Frank,
 Barbara Ruddick, Sarah Auler, Bentley Bryant,
 Steven and Alaine Wright, 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

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the families of Laken Riley, Rev. Dr. Willie Edmondson, and Grant Carson.



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| 1: Paul Brown | 12: Robert Young |
| 3: Thatcher Royster | 13: Sam Payne |
| 3: Tomlin Royster | 14: Jared Duskin |
| 4: Jane Darden | 15: Virginia Huguley |
| 4: Cheryl Mays | 16: Lenora Jackson |
| 5: Donny Douglas | 23: Michele Young |
| 5: Cody Royster | 24: Susu Lokai |
| 9: Ryver Ewing | 25: Corey Frank |
| 9: Joyce McIntosh | 27: Theresa Fannings |
| 11: Bill Pittman | 30: Luann Jones |



By Our Gifts

Needed Budget Year to Date \$96,400
Received Budget Year to Date \$184,575
Expenses Year to Date \$96,291

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 February Worship Attendance

9 am Patchwork Average: 19
11 am Average: 98
Online Average: 57
Total Average: 174

Numbers of Weekly Small Groups: 16
Average February Small Group Attendance: 211

February Persons Served: 455

Friday, March 1

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch Study
 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids
 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, March 10

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

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

12:00 pm: Lunch-In
 1:00 pm: Food Closet
 6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, March 13

12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch Study
 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids
 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am: Patchwork
 10:00 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Morning Worship
 12:30 pm: Handbells

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch Study
 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids
 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 21

12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen

Friday, March 22

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 23

11:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 25

10:00 am: Staff Meeting
 10 am—6 pm: Stations of the Cross
 12:45 pm: Handbells
 4:00 pm: Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26

10 am—6 pm: Stations of the Cross
 1:00 pm: Food Closet
 6:00 pm: AA

Wednesday, March 27

10 am—6 pm: Stations of the Cross
 12:00 pm: Lenten Lunch and Study
 5:15 pm: Kingdom Kids
 6:00 pm: Wednesday Night Supper
 7:00 pm: Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 28

10 am—6 pm: Stations of the Cross
 12:00 pm: Soup Kitchen
 6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10 am—6 pm: Stations of the Cross
 6:30 pm: Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31—Easter

7:00 am: Sunrise Service
 9:00 am: Patchwork
 10:00 am: Sunday School
 11:00 am: Morning Worship

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