

THE POINTER

September 1, 2026



I wanted to extend a special "THANK YOU!" to all who were able to be a part of our Rise Against Hunger event. Dale Gauthreaux, the RAH representative for our event, gave us high marks for the work that was done and for the great attitude of those who participated. I've heard great comments from others who had a chance to visit with the folks from Keeney Memorial UMC

and Auburn University who stopped by to take part alongside us. These are great examples of our connectionalism through mission and serving our world with these meals.

I also wanted to share with you about the cat who has taken residence in the drain area next to our playground. It was brought to our attention late last week and numerous unsuccessful attempts were made to remove it. Following a call to Animal Control for help, the West Point Police Department showed up Friday afternoon to assist. After a couple of attempts, they were able to remove the cat. Although the cat has returned, I wanted to thank Sgt Moncus, Corporal Robedeau, and Officer Robedeau for their assistance and work.

That's it for now. As you will see in this edition, there's a lot happening at West Point First. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Peace, Pastor Ed



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Wednesday, September 2

Wear your favorite team shirt,
and join us for a special tailgating menu
**AND Wear your favorite team shirt to
worship on September 6!**



**The church office will be closed Monday,
September 7, for Labor Day.**

Wednesday Night Suppers

September 2—Spirit Night

Wings, Meatballs, Sliders (Ham and Turkey),
Rotel, Chips, Salad Bar

September 9

Tacos, Salad Bar, Dessert

September 16

Cranberry Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert

September 23

Baked Ziti, Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert

September 30

Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Pineapple Casserole,
Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert



Lunch-In

Tuesday, September 8

12:00 pm

Call the office to RSVP!

**Chicken/Wild Rice Casserole,
Zipper Peas, Autumn Salad,
Rolls, Real Homemade Banana Pudding**

The mission of West Point First United Methodist Church is to invite all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ, to grow through God's Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit in a caring congregation, and to serve God by sharing His love in our community and the world.

Vision: Invite Grow Serve

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

August 23



Attendance

	Week of 8/2	Week of 8/9	Week of 8/16	Week of 8/23	Week of 8/30
Worship	124	125	119	134	104
Small Groups	28	24	94	39	27

Number Served Through Food Ministries

	Soup Kitchen	# Served
Food Closet	August 6	57
Families: 2	August 13	43
Individuals: 2	August 20	36
	August 27	39

Giving

Date	Budget	Designated Offerings
August 2	\$29,817.00	\$535.00
August 9	6,347.00	17.00
August 16	3,362.00	531.50
August 23	2,693.00	143.00
August 30	1,650.00	965.00
Online	2,578.00	

PRAYER list

Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett,
Ellen Downs Beaulieu, J. R. Bowen,
Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart,
Robert and Debbie Eason,
Hamp Ferguson, Jacob Grubbs,
Al and Jackie Hammer,
George and Diane Hester,
Cindy Smith Huff, Nell Oates,
Katherine Parker, Laura Pratesi,
Barbara Ruddick, Mona Sikander,
Lisa Ann Soehnel, Julie Squire,
Nelle Sturdivant, World Conflicts,
Our Country, Unspoken Requests,
Victims of violence,
Victims of fire and natural disaster,
Those suffering from dementia
and their families

New Prayer Concerns:

Paul Brown, Jenifer Ewing

Leadership Board meeting



Sunday, September 13
Immediately following Morning Worship
Lunch will be provided.



Complimentary copies of the September-October Upper Room devotionals are available in the elevator lobby.



What gifts and talents has God entrusted to you? If God has set children and families in your head, hands, and heart, we have a place for you to serve in pre-K and family ministry. Planners, teachers, caregivers, and those gifted in social media needed. If this is you, please call the church office and leave your contact info.

Lay Servant Ministries

The following 3 classes will be offered in person at Ben Hill UMC on Saturdays, October 17 & 24, 9 am - 2 pm.

Basic Lay Servant Class

Spiritual Gifts

Soul Reset:

Relearning the Rhythms of Grace Through Daily Life with God

These 2 classes will be offered **via Zoom**:

United Methodist Polity, October 6, 13, 20 - 6 pm - 9 pm

Justice In Everyday Life, October 10, 17 - 9 am - 12 noon,
and October 15 - 6 pm - 9 pm

Registration is required for all classes. There is a \$40 registration fee (plus processing fee) which does not include books. Books can be purchased from Cokesbury, Upper Room Books, Amazon or most book stores. You must attend or complete all sessions to receive credit for the course.

Questions, contact District Lay Servant Ministries Director, Cynthia Holland at cythinam@msn.com.