

## West Point United Methodist Church

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Joel 2:28

One hundred and seventy five thousand dollars is a lot of money! Thirty one months ago our church borrowed that amount from the United Methodist Loan Fund in order to purchase twenty eight acres of ground adjacent to the old West Point High School property. Looking back, we had no idea what we were getting into. Fourteen months ago we acquired the lot the old high school was setting on as well. Again, we had no idea what we were getting into. Today, we still have no idea of what we are getting ourselves into. But here is what we do know. We know that our mortgage is no more. It is kaput, extinguished, done! My friends, it gives this pastor great pleasure to tell you that we've paid off our mortgage in just over two and a half years. The ground is ours free and clear. On Easter Sunday, April 4th, we will burn the mortgage. We also know that as we look back on this journey so far, it's been very clear that God is in charge. Not only has God been in charge, God has made it very clear that He has been in charge the whole time. All of this has been to God's glory.

Mark Twain once said: “Twenty years from now, you will be far more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than the ones you do.” That quote from Mark Twain keeps coming back to me as we prepare for the next step — the one that includes breaking ground and beginning to build a new building — and it still seems that we have no idea what we are getting ourselves into. But that's okay because God does and God hasn't let us down so far. I am convinced that when we look back on this time twenty years from now, we won't be disappointed and neither will God if we continue to trust God and His plan for us. Let's revisit that vision for just a moment. **We envision the West Point United Methodist Church to be the focal point of our community and a welcoming church reaching out to everyone; providing all the opportunity to know and serve God; offering fellowship; providing spiritual leadership and teaching the Word of God.** Remember those words? They are our mission statement. I believe God's vision for us are in those words. We have an opportunity to build a new church. But that's not really what God is asking of us. Make no mistake, there will be a church building in our future. But I believe God is calling us to build a community and the church will spring up as a by product of that vision. Can you see it? A church that is in use by the entire West Point community; something going on almost every night. I can see Four H clubs, sewing circles, affordable day care, youth basketball, and other programs and services. I can see a place where a graduation party or a wedding reception can be held for more than a handful of people at a time. And yes, I see a facility that will make creative and exciting worship far more possible than the lovely building we are in now. To do this, we must

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Maundy Thursday service @ Stidham UMC 6:00 PM</i>	2 <i>Good Friday service @ West Point UMC 7:00 PM</i>	3
4 Easter Sunday Sunrise service 6:30 AM <i>Breakfast to follow</i> Worship service 10:30 AM	5	6 <i>Administrative Counsel mtg 7:00 PM</i>	7 <i>Confirmation class 6:00 PM 708 to Purdue University United Methodist Women 7:00 PM</i>	8 <i>Disciple I 6:00 PM</i>	9 <i>Confirmation Class to Temple Israel 6:00 PM</i>	10
11 <i>Come Dream with us meeting at Fire Station 5:00 PM</i>	12	13 <i>Beth Moore 7:00 PM</i>	14 708	15 <i>Disciple I 6:00 PM</i>	16	17
18 <i>Cluster meeting @ Stidham UMC 2:30 PM</i>	19	20	21 <b>Little Beamers Easter Egg Hunt 4:30 PM</b>  708	22 <i>Disciple I 6:00 PM</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28 708	29 <i>Disciple I 6:00 PM</i>	30	

**SERMONS & SCRIPTURE  
LESSONS**

## April Birthdays

### Adults

#### April 1

- Maundy Thursday @ Stidham UMC
- Seder Meal 6:00 PM
- Last Supper Re-enactment

- Little Beamer's church
- Dreaming Day at Fire Station 5:00 PM

Acts 5:27-32 & Acts 5:33-39.  
Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Trust God."

#### April 2

- Good Friday Services at West Point UMC 7:00 PM
- Ministry Drama by Stidham UMC

#### April 18

- 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Little Beamer's church

Mark 2:1-12 & Genesis 4:3-9.  
Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Who Are Your Stretcher Bearers?"

#### April 5

- Easter Sunday
- No Sunday School
- Sunrise Service 6:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 10:30 AM
- New Member Induction @ 10:30 Service
- Holy Communion

John 21:1-23 & Luke 24:1-12.  
Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Catch and Release"

#### April 25

- 4th Sunday Easter
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship Service 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM
- Little Beamer's church

Daniel 3:1-15 & Daniel 3:16-29.  
Pastor Jeff's sermon will be "Faces"

#### April 11

- 2nd Sunday of Easter
- Sunday School 8:30 AM
- Traditional Worship 9:30 AM
- Praise & Worship Service 11:00 AM

Cindy Cade	April 3
Jill Craig Luzon	
Ruth Buckner	April 6
David Emerick	April 7
Helen Van Hook	April 8
Tisha Green	
Teresa Craig	April 10
Dana Luttrell	
JB Van Sickle	April 11
Kristine Burke	April 12
Kellie Harbath	
Doris Craig	April 13
Art Bilyeu	
Carl Holtman	April 15
Wren Craig	
Thelma Smith	April 16
Ike Cheesman	April 17
Brinda Goans	April 19
Mike Ritchie	April 24
Jeremy Ritter	April 25
Kim Emerick	
Kris Emerick	April 26
Jasmine Gutierrez	April 28
Lisa Synasael	

## Prayer Concerns

Connie Burke, Heather Toro, Sharon Hughel, Helen Nice, Teresa Vaughn, Luke Vaughn, Eric Elming, Bill House, Jim Deckerd, Reva Page, Vickie Ward and her father, Brent Maxwell, Harold Bollinger, Ellen Martin (Nancy Allrich's mom) and Krystal West (friend of Robin Leuck), Lorelei Smith, Jane .

All our men and women in uniform, particularly Cody Hamilton, John MacIntosh, Rob Gaither, and Jeremy Ritter, especially those serving in harm's way.

The family and friends of Russell Patrick, (Wilbur Patrick's brother) on his recent passing.

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expand our vision to include our community. On Sunday April 11th, at 5:00 PM, we will invite the community to come and dream with us. We've invited the public to think about what West Point needs and how the church can provide it with the new building we are starting to plan for. I don't know what will come of this, in fact, I have no idea what we are getting ourselves into. I do, however, think that God does. And God continues to lead us. As the prophet Joel says: "your young adults will prophesy, your seniors will dream dreams; your youth will see visions." God is asking us to dream big and, I think, God is challenging us too. Can we "out big" God? It is altogether fitting that we are taking this next step in this Easter season. The reconciling promise of the cross insists that not even death can hold God's people back when God sets them loose. My friends, God has set us loose. Now let's walk into our future.

Blessings, Pastor Jeff

## How things stand with our new property

The dream is now a reality. Our mortgage is paid in full! This means that the first step in a very long journey is completed. We now begin to prepare for the next phase. Please be in continuous prayer about this and mark your calendars for April 11th at 5:00 PM at the fire station. That's when we will invite the West Point community, those who attend our church, and even more so, those who for whatever reason do not. We will invite them to come dream with us and give us their input on what they think our community can use in terms of a new building. Blessings and congratulations my friends.



Here are some facts about where we stand on our mortgage:

Original Loan Amount:	\$175,000.00
Amount Paid as of 3/17/2010:	\$175,000.00
Mortgage Amount Remaining:	\$0
Amount lowered from the previous month:	\$14,355.47.



## Luke 24:4-6

*While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"*

## GO GREEN SAVE MONEY

**We are now able to e-mail the church newsletter to you.**

If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter via e-mail instead of US mail, send an e-mail to us at [wpumc@tds.net](mailto:wpumc@tds.net). Then beginning next month your newsletter will arrive by e-mail. This will save on paper (save a tree) and postage (save a buck) helping to make us good stewards of God's gifts.

### Come Dream With Us!

Do you have dreams for the West Point Community? If the sky were the limit, what would you like to see in West Point? A day care? A senior center? A banquet hall? A place for your quilting group, boy scouts, 4-H club to meet? We want to know what you dream for West Point. The West Point United Methodist Church will soon pay off its land loan and is starting the next phase, to build a building. But our mission is to be the center of this community, so we need to know what the community (YOU!) want. We are organizing a dreaming event on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the West Point Volunteer Fire Department Community Room. We will provide the food, you provide the dreams. All are not only welcome, but expected. It is your community!

Come Dream.



## The Tax Man Cometh

It's that time of year again. You know, that time usually after the Super Bowl and before April 15<sup>th</sup>, where we Americans diligently get ready to settle up with the tax man. Darlene Christian would like you to know that your giving records will be cheerfully forwarded to you if you but ask for them. However, if we don't hear from you, we will assume you don't want them. You can contact Darlene at [dcmc2@tds.net](mailto:dcmc2@tds.net), or at 572-2719.

## April Birthdays

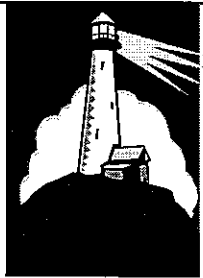
Rachael Goans	April 8
Kenzie Emerick	April 12
Adylina Green	April 13
Jonathan Coblentz	April 13
Konrad Ferger	April 20
Colin & Jacob Nicoson	April 27
Lindsay Snider	April 28

If we missed anybody, please accept our apologies and let Pastor Jeff know so we can update our records!

## Hey Light House;

On April 7th, we will take a field trip to Purdue University where we will be guinea pigs for Karla Ross's nursing class. Following Wednesdays we will continue our study of the books of the prophet Samuel. This month, we will see a king abuse his power and we will experience the tragedy of his fall. We will see the rise of a new king; a man after God's own heart. And we will see that sometimes, even good people give in to temptation. If you think the bible is boring, you will be very pleasantly surprised by the stories of Saul and David.

April 14th will be our "chill day" at 708. So come join us for some food, fellowship, and fun.



## Little Beamers!!!!!!

Is it Easter already? On April 21st at our Little Beamers meeting we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at West Point UMC. Can't wait to see you there! Bring your friends.

Next class is Wednesday at 6:00 708.



confirmation set for day April 7th just prior to

We will go to Temple Israel to attend a worship service at in our local Synagogue. Details to follow. We are really looking forward to these opportunities to deepen our faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Jeff

## B I B L E   S T U D I E S

### Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

The dates for VBS have been established! Mark your calendars for June 14 through June 18. One big difference this year: Our VBS wrap up will be Friday evening June 18 at 7:00 PM. There are ways you can help us get ready. First of all, cash donations to offset our costs are welcome. But what we need most are things of a "NAUTICAL ARTICLES FOR DECORATING OUR VBS IN JUNE. SOME THINGS SUGGESTED WERE NETS, SHIP WHEELS, LIFE PRESERVER RINGS. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT WOULD ENHANCE OUR DECORATING THEME.

PLEASE LET PAM KATTER KNOW 572-2687.

The life transformational experience that is the Disciple I Bible study continues. We've experienced the four Gospels and now we are exploring the evangelist ministry of the Apostle Paul. The adventure continues.

### *Women's Bible Studies*

#### *Come Join Us*

Beth Moore's "It's Tough Being a Woman" bible study concludes on April 13th. The amazing journey through the Old Testament story of Esther as a profile in courage has been amazing. We saw that Esther trusted God and landed a blow that saved her people. Esther's destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is in your corner.

Be in prayer about what we should study next. If you have any suggestions, contact Delite Ritter or Ronda Smith.

## Our Vision Statement

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**For more information about West Point UMC, contact us at 765-572-2256, or  
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[www.westpointunitedmethodist.org](http://www.westpointunitedmethodist.org)**

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Traditional Worship	9:30 AM
Praise & Worship	11:00 AM

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