

FIRST NEWS

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MARCH SERVERS

Ushers 9:00 11:00

Acolytes 9:00 11:00

March 3	Cayden Powell	Grant Wiggins
March 10		Charlie Martens
March 17	Mary B Robinson	Jack Lipscomb
March 24		Layla Daniels
March 31	Cayden Powell	Ann Thomas Luke

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March 3	Caleb Powell	Brooks Wiggins
March 10	Laura Grace King	John David Brewton
March 17	John Farish Ard	Drew Sims
March 24	Emory Dunn	Reid Hines
March 31	Caleb Powell	Brooks Wiggins

If you are unable to serve as scheduled above, PLEASE remember that you are responsible for getting a substitute and advising the church office of the change before noon on the previous Thursday.

Altar Guild Jean Whatley

Altar Flowers

March 3	Ron &Christi Wiggins
March 10	
March 17	
March 24	
March 31	Sarah Countryman

SUNDAY WORSHIP MUSIC SCHEDULE

	9:00	11:00
March 3	Chancel Choir	Ensemble
March 10	Chancel Choir	Solo
March 17	Chancel Choir	Ensemble
March 24	Chancel Choir	Solo
March 31	Ensemble	Chancel Choir



We will observe

Ash Wednesday

on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:00.
The service will be in the Sanctuary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6 Ash Wednesday Service (6:00) - Sanctuary**
- 10 Fellowship Meal (5:00) - Wesley Hall**
- 17 Men's Breakfast (8:00) - Barnett Hall**
- 19 AL Mentor (5:30) - Barnett Hall**
- 21 Unleashed Methodist (11:30) - VF Club**

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Keep up to date on upcoming events on our website, Instagram and Facebook pages!

CHILDREN will meet on Sunday nights in March from 5:00-6:00,

EXCEPT FOR:

March 10—Fellowship Meal
March 24—NO PM ACTIVITIES

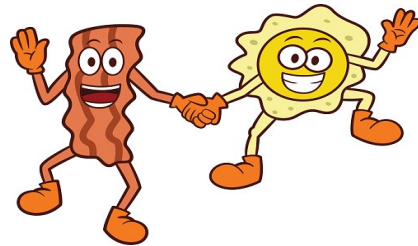
YOUTH will meet on Sunday nights in March from 5:00-7:00,

EXCEPT FOR:

March 10—Fellowship Meal
March 24—NO PM ACTIVITIES



Double Digit Disciples will meet March 6th and 13th and will NOT meet March 20 and 27.



MARCH Youth Prayer Breakfasts will be at 6:45 every Wednesday.

We will NOT meet March 20th or 27th



Our Fellowship Meal will be supper on Sunday, March 10th, at 5:00 pm in Wesley Hall.

It will be a birthday celebration for all of our church family.

We will have a table for each birthday month. We will need a cake or desserts for each month/table— if you would like to provide that please contact Christi Dunn at 593-5899. The church will provide the fried chicken, please bring sides to share. This is always a fun meal and celebration! Please make plans to join us and bring a friend for the great food and fellowship.



Notes from Nancy

In my mind, it takes 33 years to travel from Ash Wednesday to reach the risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

In these next weeks, I visit the stories of Jesus interacting with people.

I am seeing myself in each setting.

In some, I am the wounded, in others, I am the arrogant, still in others, I stand near and observe.

Like you, I am not really asking what I must change. No, rather, I am asking "do I want to change"?

The Season of Lent is a time for all of us to look in to our souls, with open hearts and minds to see if we are ready to visit the Cross of Christ. When I look at the life of Jesus, I can see so clearly where I am like Christ and where I am not like Christ.

If we are ready to wade through the parts of us where we are not like Christ, then we are getting ready to celebrate the
Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Women's Bible Studies

Wednesday women's groups will begin Lent studies in March on Ash Wednesday (March 6) at 9:30 and 5:15—please let Pam know if you would like to join! Ladies groups will not meet March 27th but will resume April 3.



Unleashed Methodist will be eating at Vanity Fair Golf Club on March 21st and will listen to Mayor Sandi Smith talk about Monroeville news!

Please see Mary Ann Brown if you would like to go.

CHANCEL CHOIR will lead in worship at the Ash Wednesday service on March 6th.

The Chancel Choir is preparing for the Maundy Thursday Service on April 18th. This Worship Service will include the Holy Communion and a program called "Behold the Darkness". There is still time for any who would like to sing with the Choir to come to rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 and be a part of this service.



Easter lilies will be available for order until Sunday, March 31st. Cost: \$14.
Pick up an order form or call the church office to order.



Extraordinary Olympics will be held in March this year. FUMC will once again supply lunches for the volunteers. We need donations of canned sodas and Gatorades and individual bags of chips. Please bring these items to Norman Barnett Hall and leave in the kitchen (please mark for EO). Volunteers will be needed the day of the event which will be held on March 14th to assemble and then deliver the lunches to the high school. If you prefer- monetary donations can always be utilized also - please mark your check for EO. This is such a wonderful annual event - I hope you will find a way to participate. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering with the lunches, please contact Christi Dunn, 593-5899.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sunday, March 17 | 8am | Barnett Hall



MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Rhonda Hastings
- 6 Roy Adams, Brooks Wiggins
- 9 Ricky Powell; Kathryn Wiggins
- 11 Donna Brown; Matthew Owens
- 12 Jerry Dyess
- 13 Jack Groves
- 17 Jonathan Byrd; Jim & Suzanne Davis (Anniv)
- 18 Anna Ruth Melton
- 20 Matthew Hughes
- 23 Rick Dorrance
- 24 Teenie Fleming; Michael Wiggins;
Mary Boyd Robinson; Sarah Baker Barnhardt
- 25 Mike Dueitt
- 26 Christi Dunn
- 28 James Ellis
- 29 Katie Lee
- 31 Chip Hare

FUMC CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Bill Curtin	Senior Pastor
Dr. Thomas L. Butts	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Pam Barnhardt	Minister of Education
Nancy Carleton	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Jessica Hankins	Church Business Manager
Christi Dunn	Nurse Director

Regular Church Service

Sunday:

9:00 am Morning Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
4:00 pm Ensemble
5:00 pm Children
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Wednesday:

6:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am Wednesday Men
9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
4:00 pm Double Digit Disciples
5:15 pm Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Chancel Bells
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Monday:

1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group

Thursday:

10:00 am Adult Coffee Time

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