



FIRST NEWS



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DECEMBER SERVERS

9:00 11:00

Ushers

Acolytes

December 1	Berkley Chambers	Charlie Martens
December 8		Jack Lipscomb
December 15		Harrison Martens
December 22	Berkley Chambers	Layla Daniels
Christmas Eve	(5) Rachel Daniels	(7)
December 29		Asher Sims/ Fielding Wiggins

Crucifiers

December 1	Cayden Powell	Grant Wiggins
December 8	Emory Dunn	Brooks Wiggins
December 15	Caleb Powell	Mary Boyd Robinson
December 22	Laura Grace King	Reid Hines
Christmas Eve	(5) John David Brewton	(7)
December 29	Cayden Powell	Drew Sims

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 Wednesday.**

Altar Guild

Carole Dean

Altar Flowers

December 1	—Bill & Michelle Rainey
December 8	—Countryman
Dec 15	—Poinsettias
Dec 22	—Poinsettias
Dec 29	—

SUNDAY WORSHIP MUSIC SCHEDULE

	9:00	11:00
December 1	Chancel Choir	Ensemble
December 8	Chancel Choir Christmas	Cantata at both services
December 15	Chancel Choir	Ensemble
December 22	Chancel Choir	Solo
December 29	Solo	Chancel Choir

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 Ham sale begins!
- 8 Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata—both services
Children—Andalusia (1:00 pm)
- 15 Men's Club Breakfast (8 am) - Barnett
White Christmas offering—both services
Baby's Christmas ornaments—both services
Children's nativity—both services
Christmas Fellowship Meal (5:00 pm) - Wesley
- 24 Chancel Bells programs (4:30 pm)
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion (5 & 7 pm)
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Years Eve

Church offices will be closed from Dec 23-Jan 5—
Business office will be open on Dec 23 and Dec 30
from 9:00-12:00

You're Invited!

Join us this Advent as we explore the
gift of God's grace.

Sunday, December 1	9:00 or 11:00 am
Sunday, December 8	9:00 or 11:00 am
Sunday, December 15	9:00 or 11:00 am
Sunday, December 22	9:00 or 11:00 am

Christmas Eve

Chancel Bells program 4:30 pm
Candlelight Communion Service
5:00 or 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 15 ~ 8 am in Barnett Hall

Children & Youth



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

December Schedule for Children/Youth

Dec 1—Children (5-6 pm); Youth (5-6:30) - ELF feast and lesson

Dec 8—Children will go to Candyland in Andalusia—meet at the church at 1:00; NO Youth that night

Dec 15—Fellowship Meal—soup supper & cookie exchange

Dec 22—Children & Youth (5-7 pm) - deliver Christmas cheer to nursing homes, supper on the go

Dec 29—NO Children/Youth

Youth Prayer Breakfasts: Join us on Wednesday mornings in December (4th and 11th) at HARDEES. We will gather at 6:45 am for food, prayer, and fellowship.



Double Digit Disciples will meet Wednesdays, December 4th and 11th from 4:00-5:00 pm.



WE WILL HONOR OUR 2019 BABIES WITH CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT BOTH SERVICES.



Children will dress as the nativity Sunday, December 15th during both worship services. Children should meet in Barnett Hall 15 minutes prior to each service to dress. We will have advent activities during the Sunday School hour.

HONEYBAKED HAM.

Youth are taking orders for Honeybaked Hams again this year. They will be delivered the week of December 16th. You may order by contacting the church. Orders and money are due December 11th,

checks should be made out to COYM. Prices are as follows:

4-5 lb boneless ham - \$55; 7 lb ham - \$65; 8 lb ham - \$70; 9 lb ham - \$75; 10 lb ham - \$80
smoked or roasted sliced turkey breast - \$35.00 smoked or roasted whole turkey - \$50.00



When: January 31-February 2, 2020

Who: 3rd-5th graders

What: Grab your friends and come enjoy your favorite camp activities, great Bible studies, and more—at your favorite camp—in the Winter!

How Much: \$85

How to Register: register by December 13th—see Pam for more info

Youth Ski Retreat

Youth are planning a ski retreat to Winterplace, West Virginia February 14-17, 2020. We will stay at Glade Springs Resort and ski Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$325/person and includes lodging, bus transportation, food, lift tickets and ski/board rentals. A deposit of \$50 is due December 1st to hold a spot for you! We will be selling HoneyBaked Hams and will apply proceeds to their trip

A Word From Our Pastor

celebrate
generosity

Electronic Giving.
Up front Giving.
One Fund Giving.
Totally Pledge your Ministry Plan.
Expenses Plus New Projects.
Measurable Goals for your Money.

\$600,000.00

2020 Ministry Plan

**You
can
expect!**

Newly Paved Parking Lot
Wesley Hall Upgrades
Community Projects
Loving our Building Projects
Ladies Rest Room Remodel
Youth Room Upgrades
Children's Room Upgrades
Face Book Live
Camp Scholarships
Community Scholarships

Notes from Nancy

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir will present *A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols* on December 8th at both Worship Services. This Service, by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman, will fill you with a spirit of singing and rejoicing with renderings of many favorite carols as well as an opportunity to join in the singing!! Come and be a part of this celebration of the meaning of Christmas!

CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse as usual during the month of December with at least one extra rehearsal scheduled on Sunday, December 1st at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Chancel Choir will NOT rehearse on December 18th, 25th or January 1st. Rehearsals will resume on January 8th.

CHANCEL BELLS will present a program of Christmas Music at 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve prior to the 5:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. Chancel Bells will take a break and resume rehearsals on January 15th.



merry mail

A Christmas card mailbox is set up so that you may spread cheer to folks in our church. This will be a fundraiser for our Youth trips. The mailbox is downstairs in Barnett Hall and you may deposit the cards in the slots that are marked alphabetically. A donation of 25 cents per card is recommended. You may make donations by check also.



Advent Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDIES (9:30 AM AND 5:15 PM) WILL
CONTINUE CHRISTMAS ADVENT STUDIES
DECEMBER 4TH, 11TH, AND 18TH.**

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP MEAL

& COOKIE EXCHANGE

December 15th at 5:00 pm, we will have our December fellowship meal! Soups on! Please bring your favorite pot or crockpot of soup to share!! If you would prefer, we can also use dessert or things to compliment soup—like cheese, sour cream, crackers...

We will also have a cookie swap following the meal. If you would like to participate, please bring a batch or two of your favorite shareable treats—cookies, candy, snack mix—the church will provide a container to take your favorites home.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michelle Rainey; Pete Black
- 2 Penelope Hines
- 3 Molly Wiggins
- 4 Ann Kennedy; John Farish Ard;
Wally & Christi Dunn—Anniversary
- 5 Stacey McKenzie; Cal Carter
- 6 Mary Helen Capell
- 7 Kathy Johnson; Lauren Black
- 8 Milton Coxwell
- 9 James Boulter
- 12 Carole Dean; Kay English
- 13 Dr. Peggy Capell
- 14 Sammie Carter; Max Carter
- 16 Terry Galbraith
- 17 Fielding Wiggins
- 19 Trent Hughes
- 20 Virginia McQueen
- 22 Vivian Bennett; Charlie Martens
- 23 Sue Sellers
- 25 Thomas Countryman
- 26 Rev. Bill Curtin
- 27 Sarah Dyess
- 31 Becky Barnett



Please let us know if we have left anyone out

FUMC CHURCH STAFF

Rev. William 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

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/UMYF

Wednesday:

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

Monday:

1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group

Thursday:

10:00 am Adult Coffee Time

First United Methodist Church services are broadcast by radio every Sunday at 9:00 am by WMFC-FM Monroeville 99.3