

# FIRST NEWS

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3 *Office Closed*
- 8 & 9 *Daniels & Gaston Wedding*
- 16th *Shower for bride elect of Bryar Settle*
- 17 *Martin Luther King, Jr . Day—office closed*

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

April 22-24, 2022

Save the Date!

Friday evening Worship in the Sanctuary - 6:00

Reception following in Wesley Hall

Saturday all-day outdoor cookout

Activities for children and youth and a live band

Sunday morning Worship Service - 11:00

Bishop Graves will be guest Preacher for the Bicentennial.

The newest church cookbook will be completed and available in time for the Bicentennial. In addition to new recipes, there will be treasures from our past including those from wives of former pastors. Please be a part of this memorable occasion by sharing your own treasured recipes. A drop box is located by the elevator for your convenience, or you may Submit recipes by email to [fumc324@gmail.com](mailto:fumc324@gmail.com).

# Children & Youth



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

Children and youth will meet Sunday evenings January 9th, 16th, and 30th. Children meet from 5:00-6:00 and youth from 5:00-6:30.

Youth prayer breakfast meets at 6:45am in Wesley Hall on January 12th, 19th and 26th.

Girls small group meets Wednesday's January 12th, 19th and 26th from 4:15-5:15 in the youth room.

***CHRISTIAN HUMAN SEXUALITY  
"CREATED BY GOD"  
IS BEING OFFERED AS AN  
AFTERNOON RETREAT EXPERIENCE  
FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS  
ON SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD  
FROM 1:30-5:30.  
PARENTS ARE ASKED TO JOIN US  
FOR CLOSING AND DINNER AT 5:30.***

Our annual White Christmas offering is a gift to Embrace Alabama's Kids (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home) Our total for 2021 is \$6970.75 Thank you for your generosity

A group of ladies from our church and community met each Monday afternoon to make gowns for all babies born at Monroe County Hospital. This year they gave 203 gowns away. This group is a blessing to our town

Wednesday women's studies will resume January 12th at 10:00 and 5:15 in Wesley Hall and will start new books! Please consider joining a group. Contact Pam Barnhardt for info.

# Notes from Nancy

## Service Choir Schedule

		9:00	11:00
January	2	NO Choir	NO Choir
January	9	Chancel Choir	Solo
January	16	Solo	Chancel Choir
January	23	Chancel Choir	Solo
January	30	Solo	Chancel Choir

The new year brings an opportunity to begin new things or begin doing things that we have done in the past.

Perhaps you have thought about singing in the Chancel Choir. Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Sunday, January 9th, at 3:30 in the Choir Room. There could not be a better time to begin singing again!!!!

MANY THANKS to everyone who made the Advent and Christmas Season so meaningful . . .

To the singers and ringers I appreciate the sacrifice of your time, and your willingness to be a part of the Choirs in our church. Your dedication to the music of First United Methodist Church means so much to so many people both in our church and in our community.

To all who have helped to share the love of Christ and the joy of Christmas let us remember our work is not done. Now we must continue to share the song of God's Grace!

The FUMC staff would like to

thank you!

sincerely thank you for your  
expressions of kindness  
during the Christmas Season

## CHOIRS RESUME

**CHANCEL CHOIR** resumes  
on January 9th at 3:30 pm  
in the Choir Room

**CHANCEL BELLS** resume  
on January 12th at 4:30 pm  
in the Handbell Room

# January Birthdays

- 1 Al Brewton
- 2 Phillip Ward
- 3 Billy Rainey
- 5 Cindy Kennedy; Chris Smith
- 7 Dawn Hare; Nick Johnson
- 9 Ray Owens; Betty Bratcher
- 14 Corey Barnes
- 15 Diane Watson; Sammye Long
- 16 Victoria Powell
- 17 Don Moore; Ann Elizabeth King
- 18 Tommy Tate; Gail Foukal
- 19 Ali Daniels
- 22 Ann Walker
- 23 Rosemary Robertson; Trey Carter
- 26 Stacey Countryman

*\*Please let us know if we left anyone out\**

## In Memoriam

*Michael A. Jones  
November 23, 2021*

## FUMC CHURCH STAFF

Rev. John Woodrow	Senior Pastor
Rev. Pam Barnhardt	Minister of Education
Nancy Carleton	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Caroline Hardin	Church Business Manager
Christi Dunn	Nurse Director

## Regular Church Service

### Sunday:

9:00 am Morning Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
3:30 pm Chancel Choir  
5:00 pm Children/Youth

### Wednesday:

6:45 am Youth Breakfast  
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
5:15 Ladies Bible Study

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

***Livestream each Sunday at 11:00 am Monroeville Fumc-Youth***



## 2022 Administrative Council & Committees

Church Council Chairperson: Jodi Chambers  
Church Council Vice Chair: Bill Rainey  
Lay Leader: Collins Brown  
Lay Delegate: Micheal Ard  
Lay Delegate: Laura King  
Trustee Chair: Jim Davis  
Finance Chair: Al Brewton  
Treasurer: Laura King  
SPRC Chair: Jim Lipscomb  
Recorder: Mike Cobb  
Missions: Karen Robinson  
Worship: Karen Robinson  
Kitchen: Beth Barnes  
Care Ministries: Christi Dunn  
Disaster response: Corey Barnes  
At Large Male: Charlie Martens  
At large female: Penelope Hines

### Finance

Chair: Al Brewton  
Treasurer: Laura King  
Asst. Treasurer: Kermit Brown  
Lay Leader: Collins Brown  
Lay Delegate: Laura King  
Lay Delegate: Micheal Ard  
Church Council Chair: Jodi Chambers  
Staff/Parrish Chair: Jim Lipscomb  
Trustee Chair: Jim Davis  
Business manager: Caroline Hardin  
At Large: 2022 Ron Wiggins  
2023 Bradley Martens  
2024 Lindsey Coxwell

### Board of Trustees:

Chair: Jim Davis

Class of 2022: Beth Barnes, Zac Chambers, Stacey Mckenzie  
Class of 2023: Ken Noah, Billy Rainey, Sage Smith  
Class of 2024: Jim Davis, Chris Ard, Chase Bradley  
Ex-Officio: Wednesday Man: Hunter Lindblom

### Staff- Parish Relations

Chair: Jim Lipscomb

Class of 2022: Michelle Rainey, Melody Bradley, Jim Lipscomb  
Class of 2023: Suzanne Davis, Emily Williams, Charlie Martens  
Class of 2024: Lindsey Coxwell, Ricky Powell, Scott Daniels  
Lay delegates: Micheal Ard, Laura King

### Nominations:

Chair: Pastor

Class of 2022: Sherry Daniels, Jim Davis, Kay Dobson  
Class of 2023: Sammye Long, Will Coxwell, Scott Daniels  
Class of 2024: Ann Farish, Boyd Robinson, Peggy Flowers

### Programming:

Chair: Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Children: Collins Brown  
Youth: Scott Daniels  
Adult: Penelope Hines  
Fellowship: Christi Dunn  
Older Adults: Mary Ann Brown  
Children's Home: Misty Powell