

FIRST NEWS

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A note from Pastor John

James 4:8 (NLT) "Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world."

I love God's system. It is easily understood by even me. It goes like this, "Seek Me and you will find Me" (When you seek me with your whole heart). Or as in the Scripture above states, "Draw near to God and God will draw near to you". It is so simple. Broken down to everyday speech, God will be as much involved in your life as you want. It is a choice each of us gets to make. My friend, Amos, said once, "I don't believe because I've never experienced God". Well now that I've gone a little further on my Christian journey, I'm wondering if God ever gets to experience Amos.

Some folks say, "I don't see any evidence of God anywhere". Seriously? I would refer those folks to the old familiar Hymn, "In the rustling grass I hear Him pass He speaks to me *everywhere*" (italics added for emphasis). The truth is that God is in us and among us! All we have to do is make more of a commitment to the Lord to fully understand what kind of commitment Jesus first made to us. Folks, the Season of Lent is upon us as we prepare for Easter. There is no better time to examine our hearts and see where we have been holding back from drawing nearer to God. Jesus said by his action, "I'll take the first step". That step took him up to a place called Golgotha where he gave his life for you and for me.

This Easter I'm going to do a serious search of my heart to see where else in my life I can draw nearer to my God. It may be a life-changing trip. Won't you come with me?

Easter Sunday

4.17.22

9:00 | 11:00

Join Us As We Worship Our Risen Savior



**CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENNIAL APRIL 22-24
DON'T MISS A SINGLE THING AS WE GATHER
TO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS**

For over 200 years, our church has nurtured and raised up people of faith. This month, as we come together to worship and give thanks to GOD for our enduring journey, may we celebrate our roots and continue the blessed legacy of First United Methodist Church.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD Almighty!
(Psalm 84:1)

FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS

5:00-7:00 PM RECEPTION IN WESLEY HALL

7:00 PM WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

GOSPEL MUSIC PROVIDED BY CROSSROADS

COMPLIMENTARY SNACKS PROVIDED BY CHERRY STREET BBQ

SATURDAY EVENTS ~ *BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!*

11:00-3:00 COOKOUT ON THE GROUNDS

SCAVENGER HUNTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

VISITING WITH OLD FRIENDS

LIVE MUSIC BY CROSSROADS

FREE HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS!

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ~ 11:00 IN THE SANCTUARY

GUEST MINISTER: REV. JEAN TIPPITT

FORMER BAY PINES SUPERINTENDENT

***ALL ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP, PLAY, EAT AND CELEBRATE WITH
US AS WE GIVE THANKS FOR TWO CENTURIES OF GOD'S LOVE!***



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

Youth/Children Schedule for April:

April 3rd: 1:00-4:00 Confirmation (No Sunday Evening Meeting)
April 10th: Children 5:00-6:00/Youth 5:00-6:30
April 17th: Easter (No Meetings)
April 24th: Bicentennial Weekend (No Sunday evening meetings)

Youth Girl's Small Group

Wednesday's 4:15 pm-5:15 pm

Youth Prayer Breakfasts

April 6th, 11th, 18th and 25th

At 6:45 am in Norman Barnett Hall

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 16th. Babies and preschoolers at 10:00am.

Kindergarten through third grade at 11:00 am. Children should bring baskets.

If you can provide snacks please let Pam know.



Women's Bible Studies

Wednesdays
at 10:00 am and 5:15 pm
Women's Wednesday studies
will conclude Lenten studies in April
and begin new studies in May.

Notes from Nancy

On a personal note . . .

I want to say thank you to the choirs and the congregation for the many cards, calls, food and expressions of love and sympathy that Warren and I received after Mark's passing. We appreciated the many loving comments that you shared about him. Thank you ALL!!

Nancy and Warren



Moving through Holy Week:

The Chancel Choir leads in Worship:

On Palm Sunday, on April 10th at
both services

On Maundy Thursday, April 14th

On Easter Sunday, April 17th at both

Service Choir Schedule:

	9:00	11:00
April 3 Lent V	Chancel Bells	Chancel Bells
April 10 Palm Sunday	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
April 17 Easter	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
April 24	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir



**Easter lilies will be available for
order until, April 7th**

Cost: \$14.00

**Pick up an order form or call
the church office to order.**



Birthdays This Month

- 1 Eli Fleming
- 2 Jim Davis
- 4 Chris Hines; Dawn Brewton
- 5 Robbie Kennedy
- 6 Shirley Bowden
- 9 Rosemary Johnston
- 11 Avery Barnes
- 12 John Barnett
- 13 Bill Moncus
- 14 Ethan James; Fielding Montgomery
- 18 Willie Ed Farish
- 22 Judy Croft
- 24 Janice Kane
- 25 Cile Coaker
- 26 Jeanette Adams; Mary Ann Brown

Pre-Pandemic Activities to resume in May

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 McKenzie/Sturdivant Wedding
- 3 1:00-4:00 Confirmation
- 10 **Palm Sunday**
- 14 **Maundy Thursday Service 6:00pm**
- 16 Easter Egg Hunt
- 17 **Easter Sunday**
- 22-24 **Bicentennial Celebration**

In Memoriam
Vivian Louise Daughtry Bennett
March 13, 2022

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James "Mac" McCarter Baker
March 25, 2022

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	Nursery Director

Regular Church Service

Sunday:

9:00 am Morning Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
4:30 pm Chancel Choir
5:00 pm UMYF/Children

Wednesday:

6:45 am Youth Breakfast
9:00 am Wednesday Men
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
4:15 Youth Girls Bible Study
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:15 pm Ladies Bible Study
6:00 ZOOM Bible Study

Monday:

1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group
5:00 pm Men's Book Group

**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**

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