



# FIRST NEWS

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## **A Word *From* Pastor John**

**John 15:11 (NLT) I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!**

Two cannibals were eating a clown. One turned to the other and said: ‘does this taste funny to you?’

There is a huge movement in our culture to seek happiness above all else. When we laugh, we feel better and, let’s be honest, there is so much sadness in this world that we like to feel happy. The problem is that there is also confusion within our culture as to the difference between happiness and joy. Happiness is not supposed to be a goal. It is a temporary expression of well-being brought on by some specific situation or circumstance. Too many people are trying to create this temporary “happiness” over and over again through many pursuits that can be destructive. I personally feel that it is dangerously deceptive for the media to promote the idea of happiness as “the truth” which is what I heard recently on one of the major news channels.

Joy, however, is a different condition than happiness. Joy is a general and prolonged feeling of peace and comfort brought on by living a life consistent with God’s will. Your joy and fulfillment (which everyone is seeking) is most easily attained by serving in faith.

Monroeville FUMC family and friends, I love you and want you all to feel real fulfillment and joy. Therefore, I am encouraging each of you to find a way to serve God. Many of you are in ministry already but I am also aware that others have not found their service yet. Take some time during the next few weeks and pray about your service. Perhaps it’s time for you to serve in a different way or start a new ministry in the church. Rodney Dangerfield said once, “My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.” With respect to Mr. Dangerfield, “happy” shouldn’t be the goal anyway. The goal is obedience to God and when we achieve that, then every day is filled with a joy that cannot be found anywhere else. Contact me and let me help you find your ministry if you’re not sure what you can do. God doesn’t want excuses; He wants your willingness. In the meantime, dwell on this:

Two aerals met on a roof. They fell in love and got married. The ceremony was just average - but the reception was brilliant!

*In Memoriam*  
*Ann Mosley Walker*  
*March 01, 2022*

*In Memoriam*  
*Shirley W Bowden*  
*May 02, 2022*

*In Memoriam*  
*Emily Gibbs Lewis*  
*April 29, 2022*

# CHILDREN & YOUTH



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



CHILDREN and YOUTH don't meet :  
June 5th, 12th and 19th (Happy Father's Day)

Youth meet 5:00-6:30 and Children meet 5:00-6:00 on June 26th



Give us this day our daily bread.  
(Matthew 6:11)

We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School July 10th-13th it meets from 5:00-7:00. We will gather each evening to sing, worship, learn, play, create and dine together as we explore how God gives us our "Daily Bread" with our Food Truck theme. Children preschool through fifth grade are invited to attend, and can be signed upon the web site with the following link.

Helpers are needed and can sign up on the web site as well. Nursery is available.

Here is the link to sign up child attendees, youth, and adult volunteers.

[firstumcmonroeville.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://firstumcmonroeville.mycokesburyvbs.com)

## SUMMER CAMP

There's still time to sign children (3rd-5th grade) and youth (6th-12th grade) up for Blue Lake Camp July 25th-29th. Please see Pam Barnhardt asap so your child/youth can have an amazing time experiencing nature and God's Love through this camping ministry of Alabama-West Florida Conference. The cost is \$245.00 per camper.

## Women's Studies

Women's Studies continue to meet at 10:00 and 5:15 on the following Wednesday's in June:  
June 1st, 22nd and 29th

The Wednesday's Youth Girl's group will meet at 4:00 on the following Wednesday's in June:  
June 1st, 22nd, and 29th.

# Notes from Nancy

CHANCEL CHOIR will continue rehearsing during the summer months on Mondays at 5:30.

CHIMES/BELLS will be taking a break during June and July. Any who have played bells in the past are encouraged to come back and join us. Let Nancy know if you are interested!!



## Service Choir Schedule

	9:00	11:00
June 5 (Pentecost)	Ensemble/Solo	Chancel Choir
June 12	Chancel Choir	Ensemble/Solo
June 19	Ensemble/Solo	Chancel Choir
June 26	Chancel Choir	Ensemble/Solo



**We will honor the men in our church**

**On Father's Day Sunday June 19th at both services.**

It's a great time to visit an Adult Sunday School Class! Currently these classes are meeting Sunday's at 10:00:

"New Life"	contact	Sage Smith
"Discussion"	contact	Mary Ann Brown
"Young at Heart"	contact	Michelle Rainey

# Thank You

FUMC,  
Thank you all so much for your continuous support of our Extraordinary Olympics! The food was wonderful as usual and all the volunteers enjoyed it. I could not do this event without you.  
Thanks, Terri Norris

Casual Dress for Summer begins June 12th. The congregation is encouraged to dress comfortably for services.

Newsletter submissions will be due by the 22nd of each month



- 3 Margaret Groves; Caleb Nall;  
Mary Whetstone; Abby Whittington**
- 5 Dan Wiggins**
- 9 Marlee Kate Farish; Rev. John Woodrow  
Fletcher Rutherford Bradley**
- 10 Angela Powell**
- 13 Trenton Wiggins; Chaney Jones  
Kolby McKenzie**
- 15 James Boulter**
- 16 Cayden Powell**
- 17 Steve Kennedy; Mary Kreshak**
- 18 Peter Brewton**
- 19 Tripp Stallworth**
- 21 Kathy Coxwell; Morgan Ard**
- 24 Angela Carter**
- 26 Jim Lipscomb; Erma Renae Moncus**
- 29 Bradley Martens**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 5 Pentecost**
- 12-15 Annual Conference (Montgomery)**
- 19 Father's Day**
- 30 Lifeline Screening (Wesley Hall)**

**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 Morning Worship  
 5:00 pm Children/UMYF

**Wednesday:**

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

**Monday:**

1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group  
 5:00 Men's Book Group  
 5:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

*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*

