



FIRST NEWS

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A Word From Pastor John

Romans 12:18 (NIV) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Have you ever met someone who seems to be always ready for an argument? That describes my sisters and brothers many years ago. That's not a criticism but we were all brought up to stand our ground and win whatever point was being discussed. One poor soul that married into our family many years ago learned this the hard way. My eldest sister was so proud to bring him home and introduce him to everyone and he seemed happy to be part of the family until the arguments started. In frustration one night he said, "Your whole family walks around like a raw nerve waiting for somebody to touch it." The more I thought about this, the more I realized he was right.

Well we have all gotten older now and we have mellowed a lot. Now we can even poke fun at each other without war breaking out. The Apostle Paul tells us that it is God's will that we do our best to get along with each other. My Mom used to have a similar expression. She would say, "You have to go along to get along." There are a lot of divisive issues out there and some folks are very ready on a moment's notice to take a stand with passion and zeal without caring who their words hurt or how their behavior might affect the Body of Christ. Some of those divisive issues are facing our denomination while some others are facing our country as we head into an election this Fall. Let us be reminded that we are not to behave as the world behaves without self-control or consideration for others. Rather let us remember to "season our words with salt as it were" in our dealings with all people (Col4:6) and perhaps even be the peacemakers. In a world where there is so much tension and conflict, We should all join in a prayer; "Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me."



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Children & Youth



Watch for upcoming July events on our website, Instagram and Facebook pages!

Sunday evening schedule:

July 3rd: no meeting, Happy Fourth of July

July 10th Vacation Bible School 5-7 (youth are needed to help at VBS, let Pam know what nights you are available)

July 17th Youth 5-6:30, Children 5-6

July 24th Youth 5-6:30, Children 5-6

July 31 Youth 5-6:30, Children 5-6



Give us this day our daily bread.

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 up on 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

If you (youth or adults) can help decorate/set up for VBS on **Saturday July 9th or Sunday July 10th** please let Pam Barnhardt or Collins Brown know!



Camping can be an integral part of faith development: Our United Methodist Blue Lake Camp near Andalusia provides a wonderful opportunity for this. Youth and children (and several chaperones) from our church will be at Blue Lake July 25-29, please be in prayer for this exciting time.

Youth, please mark your calendars for another community service project **Saturday July 9th**, details will be shared soon.



Thank You

Dear FUMC Family,

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for the very generous college money and gifts. The scholarship will definitely help as I will be attending Auburn in the Fall. I will miss seeing my church family on Sundays but will look forward to seeing y'all when I come home.

Love, Reid

Notes from Nancy

CHOIR will continue meeting on Mondays in July on the 11th, 18th, and 25th. ANY who would like to come and “dip your vocal chords” in the “waters of singing” are welcome to join us in lifting our voices to God!

This is the “perfect opportunity” to become part of the Choir Family.

CHIMES/BELLS will be taking a break during July.

We will add bells back to rehearsals in the Fall. Please be in touch with Nancy if you would like to Become a part of this choir!!



Service Choir Schedule	9:00	11:00
July 3	Ensemble/Solo	Chancel Choir
July 10	Chancel Choir	Ensemble/Solo
July 17	Ensemble/Solo	Chancel Choir
July 24	Chancel Choir	Ensemble/Solo
July 31	Ensemble/Solo	Chancel Choir

Thank You

Dear Church Family, The family of Emily Lewis would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the love and sympathy expressed by the congregation of First United Methodist of Monroeville on her passing. Your prayers and concerns during her last days were a great comfort to us and her. Ours is a special congregation which really shows its colors in difficult times.

Thank you.

John and Becky, Nancy, Joe and Cathy

The Monday Sewing Ladies need new volunteers to help smock, construct, and pack Baby gowns. They meet Mondays at 1:00 in Norman Barnett Contact Marsha Lindbloom.

In Memoriam
Patsy Ruth Stephens McCall
June 18, 2022

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 *Jana Jay*
- 5 *Kenny Noah*
- 10 *Zac Chambers*
- 12 *Miles Barnhardt*
- 14 *Pam Barnhardt; Tristin Dunn; Kate Byrd*
- 15 *Marilyn Stacey*
- 16 *Amelia Ward; James Brown*
- 18 *Beth Barnes*
- 19 *Caleb Powell; Matthew Hilburn*
- 20 *Sklyer Whittington*
- 22 *Christi Wiggins*
- 24 *Will Coxwell; Miller Kilpatrick*
- 25 *Mary Kathryn Morgan; Samantha Morgan; William Rainey*
- 26 *Karen Robinson; Derrick Black*
- 27 *Conner Morgan; Ed Lee*
- 28 *Norma James; Collins Brown; Taylor Barnes*
- 30 *Laura Grace King*
- 31 *Warren Carleton ; Dent Stallworth*

CALENDAR OF EVENT

- 4 Office closed for Independence Day
- 10-13 VBS—5:00-7:00—Wesley Hall
- 25-29 Summer Camp (Blue Lake)

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



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