

FIRST NEWS

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:”

In the later part of the 18th century, outside of Paris in rural France, a hot air balloon made its first public heavier-than-air flight. They superheated the air with a massive bonfire until the balloon was pulling on all ropes. Many people attended this event and excitement filled the crowd. They watched with anticipation as the heated air lifted the colorful balloon that was fighting to rise but constrained by its tethers. And then the moment came! It was a sight to behold! The ropes were released, the balloon went six thousand feet in the air and traveled a fair distance away before landing in a farmer’s field. However, the farmers in the landing area had no idea what this mysterious contraption was so they attacked it with pitchforks until they were sure whatever manner of beast had invaded their field was dead.

Sometimes we are nervous about change. That’s human nature. However, change is necessary for growth. Jesus, John the Baptist and several of the Apostles tell us in Scripture to “repent”. That word “repent” is translated from the Greek “metaneo” which means to change direction. Looking at this instruction and the Scripture above, it is time for us at Monroeville First to change our direction somewhat. Our Sunday mornings are going to look a little different than what we have been used to. It will look something like this:

9:00 am Sunday School

10:10 am Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 am “Church After Church”

“Church After Church” will be a time of Fellowship (about 15-20 minutes) in the Norman Barnett Hall where we can enjoy socializing as well as some coffee, soft drinks and snacks. This should be a time of getting to know each other a little better before we just head out to our homes or lunch, etc.

All this starts on **Sept. 18th**. In addition to the new format, a new **Bible Study** open to everyone will start at 6pm on that day (Norman Barnett Hall) and continuing every Sunday evening. I will be teaching this study and I promise it will be fun as well as uplifting. Your participation in all of this new format will be the key to the growth of our church. Pray with me that the Spirit will bless our efforts.

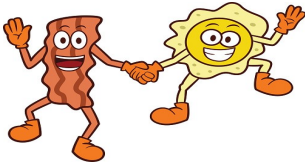
Amen.



CHILDREN & YOUTH



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



Youth Prayer Breakfast: Wednesdays at 6:45 in Norman Barnett, September 7, 14, 21, 28.

Youth Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 4:15, September 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Youth meet Sundays from 5:00-6:30 for dinner, program and fellowship September 11, 18 and 25, and are looking forward to a Potato Bar and Flag Football Party Sunday September 11th at 5:00.

Children (k5 through 5th graders) meet Sundays September 18 and 25 from 5:00-6:00.

Sunday School: Adults, youth and children meets each Sunday morning.

It's a great time to get back in a Sunday School class ... Please know that you are invited to attend these adult classes :

"Cornerstone" - taught by Sage Smith (Education Wing, 2nd room on left)

"Young Adult (at Heart)" taught by Michelle Rainey (Education Wing, 2nd room on right)

Discussion taught by Sarah Dyess (Alice Lee Room)

Also Preschool/Kindergarten taught by Peggy Flowers (across from nursery)

Elementary Children and youth classes taught by Pam Barnhardt and Ann Farish (meet in Wesley Wing)

*Nursery available during worship and Sunday School

Ladies Studies Meet in Norman Barnett:
September 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:00 and 5:15.
We will begin new studies on the Beatitudes on September 14th.
It's a great time to join a small group!

Thank You

Thank you to our Wedding Shower committee for hosting showers to honor and show hospitality to couples as they get married.

Thank You

Thanks to our Sunday School classes and small groups who have been feeding the Foster Care training group that has been meeting at our church on Monday evenings.

Notes from Nancy

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA Scheduled for December 11th !!

It is time to think about Christmas and with that in mind, the Choir will begin working on music for the season in the next few weeks. We would love to have you be a part of this celebration. To get on board, please be in touch with Nancy or one of the Choir Members.



Service Choir Schedule

9:00

11:00

September 4

Chancel Choir

Ensemble/Solo

September 11

Ensemble/Solo

Chancel Choir

Schedule Change

September 18

One Service

September 25

One Service



CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals will continue on Mondays at 5:30 pm. We will NOT meet on September 5th due to the Labor Day Holiday. As we head into the Fall, we hope that some of you who have thought about joining the Choir will put that "thought" into action!! We would love to have you join us as we lead in worship.

Chancel Ringers

We will begin Fall rehearsals at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 14th at 4:30. We will be welcoming some returning ringers, as well as some new ones. There are enough bells or chimes for any number of ringers who would like to ring, so get in touch with Nancy so that we can have a place ready for YOU!!

September

Birthdays

- 1 Peyton Powell
- 2 Charles Martens
- 4 Sebrina Moncus
- 5 Haniel Croft
- 6 R J Robertson, William Bennett
- 7 Berkley Chambers
- 8 Watson Kennedy
- 9 Sage Smith
- 10 Mimi Jones
- 11 Carole Parker
- 12 Mike Stoops
- 13 Sherry Chastain
- 17 Ben Johnson
- 19 Wally Dunn
- 22 David Brown
- 24 Marsha Lindblom
- 25 Ruth Owens
- 26 Kathy Marshall, Eddie James
- 27 Alan Barnhardt, Ed Lee
- 29 Lynne Noah
- 30 John Estes

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

*In Memoriam
Dot Mosley Klepac
July 26, 2022*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

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