



FIRST NEWS



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A Word *From* Pastor John

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.” (NIV)

So my first experience with “Black Friday” went like this: My landlady in Boston drove some of us students to the mall to take advantage of the sales. There seemed to be a lot of excitement among the people there. We were all walking across the parking lot toward the store when she asked me to see if I could find a cart (buggy). I saw one woman “returning” two buggies to the store. I walked toward her and helpfully offered, “I’ll take one of those for you, Ma’am.” She scowled and stepped between me and the buggies yelling, “THESE ARE MINE! GET YOUR OWN!!!” I quickly backed away confused that such a reaction would be elicited from a gesture of kindness. Of course, when I got inside the mall and witnessed the chaos (and the scarcity of buggies), I understood her reaction a little better.

There are many things that are going to try to distract us this year from Thanksgiving and Advent. The world tells us that this season is about people and not about God. The world tells us that it is more important to accumulate stuff and get that prized parking place than it is to pray or to thank God for all the Grace shown us through the Advent Season and the Christmas Miracle. All this worldly distraction and chaos starts in November and continues into the New Year. This is a perfect time to reflect on the Apostle Paul’s words written above. There is a pure, there is a lovely, there is an excellent and there is a truth. Let none of the faithful be swayed by the mainstream secular or retail agendas. Instead let us be focused on the gratitude we feel towards God and goodness the Lord has provided. Let us never be distracted from all God means to us, and let us be reminded to **“think about such things”**, Amen.

In Memoriam
Dr. Peggy Capell
September 23, 2022

In Memoriam
Donna Brown
October 11, 2022

In Memoriam
John Estes Sr.
October 24, 2022

Children & Youth



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

Youth and Children:

Nov 6: 5-6 children, 5-6:30 youth

Nov 13: 5-6 children, 5-6:30 youth

Nov 27: 5-6 children, 5-6:30 youth



Youth Prayer Breakfasts:

Youth Prayer Breakfast meets at 6:45 Wednesday mornings November 2,9,16 & 30. We will gather in Norman Barnett Hall for breakfast, devotion, and prayer.



Preschool and elementary children have been invited to present the live Nativity during the Tree Lighting on the Square, November 17th at 6:00. Please let Pam know if your child can participate.

HONEYBAKED HAM.

Youth Honey Baked Ham Sale will start the week after Thanksgiving with delivery the weekend before Christmas.



Angel Tree helpers needed. Please let Pam Barnhardt know if you are available to help with sign-up, November 8th or sorting/gift give away December 12th -16th .

Wednesday Women's Group will preview their Advent Studies November 9th.

YOUTH SKI RETREAT



Youth are planning a ski retreat February 17th -20th \$ 50.00 deposits will be due December 1st .

Notes from Nancy

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 6th

During the worship service we will name those who have gone before us during the last twelve months.



“Singers and Ringers are preparing for the upcoming Advent Season!

CHANCEL CHOIR continues to rehearse on Mondays at 5:30

CHANCEL RINGERS continue rehearsals on Wednesdays at 4:30.

2023 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside Norman Barnett Hall Kitchen next to the current Calendar. Please go ahead and sign up to grace our Sanctuary with Altar Flowers during the coming year.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Our supplier needs an order total by the end of November, so the deadline for orders will be Monday, November 28th. Please go ahead and place your orders soon. Plants will be \$14.00 each. Order forms will be available in the Narthex and on the table by the elevator in the upstairs hall. You may also call the Church Office with order information. Remember that we cannot print acknowledgements without payment. If you write a check, please make it payable to FUMC.



Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you so much for all the love and support you have given our family during our loved one's long illness and passing. The cards, phone calls, visits, and trays of food have truly meant the world to us. The warm hugs, kind words, and prayers continue to shower us with comfort and peace every day. Thank you for supporting us during this most difficult time and for gently reminding us to trust in Our Father and His ultimate plan for us all!

Sincerely,

Karen, David, Kathy, and Karl



November Birthdays

- 2 Ronnie Chastain
- 4 Alan Morgan; Jim Kane
- 7 Drew Black
- 9 Gerald Melton
- 11 Grayson Nall
- 13 Frank Dobson
- 14 Kenny Croft; Sarah Watson James
- 18 Jack Lipscomb
- 21 Bennett Ryals
- 23 Ree Smith; Susannah Dorrance
- 25 Diane Simmons
- 26 Ann Scott Jones; Walker Jones
- 28 Kaitlin Moncus
- 29 Suzanne Davis; Mark Powell

Calendar Events

- 6th All Saint's Sunday
- 7th Charge Conference
- 8th Angel Tree sign-up
- 19th Morgan/Collins Wedding
- 23rd Church Office Closed
- 24th Thanksgiving Day



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 Sunday School
 10:05 am Morning Worship
 11:00 am Church After Church
 5:00 pm Children/UMYF
 5:00 pm Bible Study

Wednesday:

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

Monday:

1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group
 5:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

First United Methodist Church services are broadcast by radio every Sunday at 10:05 am by WMFC-FM Monroeville 99.3 Livestream each Sunday at 10:05 am Monroeville Fumc-Youth

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