



FIRST NEWS

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A Word *From* Pastor John

1 Cor 1:10-12 ESV “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.”

We seem to have gotten off track in the Christian Church. Somewhere along the way, a belief in the church surfaced that anyone who doesn’t share our views is an enemy. This goes hand-in-hand with our culture that is embracing the idea that “my views are more important than your views”. In addition to that, anyone who disagrees with us now is often seen as offensive and we tend to distance ourselves from them preferring to gather those around us those who are like minded. Indeed Christianity as a movement has been responsible throughout history for horrific acts of violence against people who have disagreed with the leadership of the church. This has cause splits and divisions within the church. The Apostle Paul was very specific about how important unity is in the “Body”. He talks about the greatest enemy being the divisiveness among the faithful and those who perpetuate that.

Brothers and sisters, this divisiveness is also our enemy where it turns us against each other outside the church. We have political differences, religious differences and cultural differences that are threatening to erect greater barriers between God’s children instead of bringing us together for dialogue. **It is OK to disagree but not OK to be disagreeable!** How wonderful it is to have open discussion between different points of view without attacking the other or their opinions. The “gentleness and respect” that is suggested in the above Scripture is the correct response for a Christian. Leave them thinking you are a pretty nice person even if they don’t agree with you. Then you will have represented Jesus in a loving way.

We welcome **Bonnie Chandler**, who joined our church on May 28th.

YTD Giving Received: \$164,451.99

YTD Giving Needed: \$238,128.00

CHILDREN & YOUTH



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

Sunday:

June 4 Youth 5:00-6:30/Children 5:00-6:00

June 11 No children or youth (Annual Conference)

June 18 No children or youth (Father's Day)

June 25 VBS Night One!



Wednesday:

June 7 Youth 3:30-5:00

June 21 Youth 3:30-5:00

Vacation Bible School 2023

June 25-28 5:00-7:00 in Wesley Hall

Vacation
Bible
School

Vacation Bible School Workday will be Monday June 19th from 10-4 in Wesley Hall all are welcome to participate in this time of preparation for VBS. Lunch will be provided.

Children are invited to become Heroes who experience the stories of our faith. We will learn about Shiphrah, Puah, Miriam, Moses, the Disciples, and Paul through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts and even snacks. They'll learn that Heroes are called to Follow Jesus, Help Others, Work Together, Listen to God, and Show Grace! And, best of all, they'll be invited to answer this call at VBS, at church, at home, and every area of their lives.

Please use this link to register children (Preschool – 5th grade) youth and adult volunteers: firstumcmonroeville.mycokesburyvbs.com

Notes from Nancy

CHANCEL CHOIR . . .

We will continue rehearsing in June on Mondays at 5:30. Those of you who might like to see just what goes on in Choir are welcome to come and join us to have some singing fun and fellowship! You will NOT be “held captive” and we will certainly make you feel welcome... and you might enjoy singing!!

Acolytes and Crucifers

Still looking for some able bodied children (grades 3-5) and Youth who are interested in volunteering for this most important service to our church during Worship. Please be in touch with Nancy.

Email: fastnotes2nancy@yahoo.com
Phone: (251)564-4512

Thank You

Dear FUMC,
Thank you so much for your continued support of our Extraordinary Olympics. The lunches were great as usual and we could not make this event possible without you.

Love, Teri Norris



June Worship Services

June	4	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion Chancel Choir
June	11	Chancel Choir
June	18	Father's Day Chancel Choir
June	25	Chancel Choir

CHANCEL BELLS are taking a break for the summer. Any who has played bells in the past are encouraged to come back and join us. If you are interested in learning to play bells we can find a place for you as well. Let Nancy know if you are interested.



June Birthdays

- 3 Margaret Groves; Mary Whetstone
5 Dan Wiggins
6 Adam Nicholas
8 Evey Craig
9 Marlee Kate Farish; Rev. John Woodrow
Fletcher Bradley
10 Angela Powell
13 Trenton Wiggins; Chaney Jones
Kolby McKenzie Sturdivant
15 James Boulter
16 Cayden Powell
17 Steve Kennedy; Mary Kreshak
18 Peter Brewton
19 Tripp Stallworth
21 Kathy Coxwell
24 Angela Carter
26 Jim Lipscomb; Erma Renae Moncus
29 Bradley Martens

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
6:00 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
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

