Announcements

***Church after Church:*** Please join us after worship for *Church After* *Church* in Norman Barnett Hall. This is a great time to check in with friends and neighbors and have a chance to love on each other.

***Children’s Worship:*** 3, 4, & 5 year olds are invited to leave after the Children’s Sermon for a special Worship time.

***Bridal Shower*** for Ashley Harris, bride elect of Billly McInnish, will be on July 23rd from 1:30 – 3:00 pm in Wesley Hall.

***Refreshments for Church after Church:*** There is always an opportunity for folks to provide snacks for Church After Church either by signing up on the list in Norman Barnet Hall, by getting in touch with Beth Barnes or by making a donation (please be sure to earmark for Church After Church).

***Clothes Drive for Vredenburgh:*** The Thrift Shop at Vredenburgh needs clothing! They will take all donations but have a need for smaller men’s sizes. Clothes will be collected from July 23rd –August 6th and may be left in Norman Barnett Hall.

***Prayer Request Cards*** may be found in the pews as well as in the Narthex and on the table by the Elevator. To have someone placed on the prayer list, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Cards may be used to let the staff know about upcoming procedures. You may also call or send an email the church office.

IN MEMORIAM

***James Benjimen Johnston***

*July 6, 2023*

**July Giving Received: YTD Giving Received:**

$ 15,727.00 $ 211,013.50

**July Giving Needed: YTD Giving Needed:**

$ 39,688.00 $ 277,816.00

First United Methodist Church

324 Pineville Road

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July 16, 2023

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**Church Staff**

Senior Pastor: Rev. John Woodrow

Minister of Education: Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Nancy Carleton

Church Business Administrator: Caroline Hardin

Nursery Director: Christi Dunn

Nursery Attendants: Letitia Gibbs & Rosie Parker

**Morning Worship**

July 16, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Gathering Prelude Nancy Carleton  *Welcome and Opportunities* Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Invocation Rev. Barnhardt

† Hymn 158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Congregation

† Affirmation From I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16 Leader and Congregation

Leader: There is one God

and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

People: **This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:**

**That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,**

**and was manifested in the flesh,**

**vindicated in the Spirit,**

**seen by angels,**

**proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world,**

**taken up in glory.**

**Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel, Amen**

† The Gloria Patri Congregation

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE**

Celebrations and Concerns Rev. John Woodrow

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal, 895

Offering Nancy Carleton

† Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal, 95

† Hymn 405 *Seek Ye First* Congregation

*(Let the children come forward during the second verse.)*

Children’s Moment Rev. Barnhardt

*(After Children’s Moment 3-5 year olds are invited to go to Children’s Worship)*

Special Music

Scripture  *Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-24* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon *“Seed Bearers”* Rev. Woodrow

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 707  *Hymn of Promise* Congregation

† Benediction Rev. Woodrow

† Three-fold Amen Congregation

Going Forth *Postlude* Nancy Carleton

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†*Standing as able Please silence or turn off your cell phones*

**Attendance registration August 13, 2017**

Check one: 9:00\_\_\_\_\_11:00\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Member(s)
* First time visitor
* Visitor
* Wish to join church
* Desire pastoral visit

Will you share your birthday below for our newsletter birthday list?

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*The Altar Flowers today are given to the greater glory of God*

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*