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.

***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.

***Bridal Shower*** for Ashley Harris, bride elect of Billly McInnish, is this afternooonfrom 1:30– 3:00 pm in Wesley Hall.

***Blue Lake Camp*** begins tomorrow. Please be in prayer for the eleven people from our church who will be traveling to Blue Lake tomorrow. They will be returning on the 28th.

***Ministry Opportunity:*** There is a need for folks to provide snacks for Church After Church. You may sign up on the list in Norman Barnet Hall, get in touch with Beth Barnes or make 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 beginning today through August 6th. Please leave clothes in Norman Barnett Hall.

***The United Methodist Committee on Relief* (UMCOR)**has granted 2 million dollars to help victims of tornadoes in our Conference. This is **our** Church apportionments in action.

***Blessing of the Bacpacks*** will take place during the Worship Service on August 6th.

***Back to School Bash*** is on August 6th following Worship and begins with a **Lunch for Blue Lake Fundraiser.** Hot Dogs and Sausage Dogs with chips, coleslaw, dessert and a drink will be $7 a plate. Call the church office to reserve your plates. After lunch, there will be **outside games and water slides** for the children.

*We rejoice with the Hilburn Family upon the birth of*

***Meri Palmar***

*on July 19, 2023.*

**July Giving Received: TD Giving Received:**

$ 23,372.00 $ 218,613.50

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

$ 39,688.00 $ 277,816.00

First United Methodist Church

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July 23, 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 23, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Invocation Rev. Barnhardt

† Hymn 89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Congregation

† A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada Congregation

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen

† The Gloria Patri Congregation

**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 328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord* Congregation (sing 2 times)

*(Let the children come forward during the repeat.)*

Children’s Moment Rev. Barnhardt

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

Special Music  *You are My All In All* Kathy & Nancy

Scripture  *Genesis 28: 10-19a* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon *“Being Loved for Who We Are”* Rev. Woodrow

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 98 *To God Be the Glory* 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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Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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**Adult Sunday School Opportunities**

*Please know that you are invited to attend these classes that begin at 9:00 am*

**“Cornerstone”** – taught by Sage Smith (Education Wing, 2nd room on left) is studying the book of Romans.

**“Young Adult (at Heart)”** – taught by Michelle Rainey (Education Wing, 2nd room on right) studies dated lectionary based curriculum

**“Discussion”** – taught by Sarah Dyess (Alice Lee Room) is studying Luke, looking at Outcasts and Outlaws **Begins on July 30**

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

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*