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.

***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.

***Administrative Board Meeting*** is August 14th at 6:30pm in Norman Barnett Hall.

***Ministry Opportunity:*** There is 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 through August 6th and may be left in Norman Barnett Hall.

**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, (2nd room on left) is studying the book of Romans.

**“Young Adult (at Heart)”** – taught by Michelle Rainey (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**

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

$ 26,177.00 $ 221,463.50

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

$ 39,688.00 $ 277,816.00

First United Methodist Church

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July 30, 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 30, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Invocation Rev. Barnhardt

† Hymn 715 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Congregation

† Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39 Leader and Congregation

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: **No!**

**In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,**

**nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,**

**nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen**

† The Gloria Patri Congregation

**PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE**

Prayer of Confession Congregation

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Woodrow

Offering Nancy Carleton

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

† Hymn 2152 TFWS *Change My Heart, O God* Congregation

*(Let the children come forward during the third “Change My Heart” section.)*

Children’s Moment Rev. Woodrow

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

Anthem *Come Just As You Are* Melody Bradley

Scripture  *Romans 8:26-39* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon “*Romans Like Us”* Rev. Woodrow

**THANKSGIVING and COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving Rev. Woodrow

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal, 895

Blessing of the Elements Pastor

Sharing the Elements Pastors

Prayer of Thanks Pastor

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 369 *Blessed Assurance* 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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* 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.*