Announcements

***Church after Church:*** Please join us after worship for *Church After* *Church* in Norman Barnett Hall.

***Youth and Children*** will NOT meet this evening due to the Labor Day Holiday.

***Pastor Johns’s Bible Study*** will NOT meet this evening due to the Labor Day Holiday.

***Red Cross Blood Drive:*** Tuesday, September 5th from 1 – 5 in Norman Barnett Hall.

***Nominating Committee*** meets on September 6th at 6:00pm in the Alice Lee Room. We are looking for people who will serve. Please contact Pastor John at 334-449-0620 or call the Church Office.

***Mayor’s Morning of Prayer*** will take place on Wednesday, September 6th at 8:00am in the Old Courthouse at the Monroe County Museum.

***Administrative Board Meeting*** is September 11th at 6:30pm in Norman Barnett Hall.

***Prayer Request Cards*** are located in the pews, in the Narthex and on the table by the Elevator.

***Photos for New Directory*** will continue next Sunday after Church. This is a great time to join the church so that you can be included in the Directory!

***Table Cloths Missing from Wesley Hall:*** If you have information please call the Church Office.

**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 **Began on July 30**

**August Giving Received: YTD Giving Received:**

$ 28,986.00 $ 254,163.50

**August Giving Needed: YTD Giving Needed:**

$ 39,688.00 $ 317,504.00

First United Methodist Church

324 Pineville Road

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September 3, 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**

September 3, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Invocation Rev. Barnhardt

† Hymn 451 *Be Thou My Vision* Congregation

† The Apostle’s Creed Congregation

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I Believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 2071 TFWS *Jesus, Name Above All Names* Congregation (**Sing three times**)

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

Children’s Moment Rev. Barnhardt

Anthem *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine* Chancel Choir

Scripture  *Exodus 3:1-15* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon “Seeking the Milk and Honey”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 344 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*  Congregation (Verses 1, 2, and 4)

† 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.*