Announcements

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

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

***Photos for New Directory*** are being taken today after Church. This is a great time to join the church so that you can be included in the Directory!

***Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsals*** for children 2 year old - 5th Grade begin this afternoon from 4:15 - 5:00 in the Choir Room.

***Chance Choir Christmas Cantata*** rehearsals kick off tomorrow evening with a preview of music at 5:30 in the Choir Room. Anyone interested in singing is welcome to join us.

***Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting*** is tomorrow evening at 5:30 in the Alice Lee Room.

***Flower Calendar*** has open dates for the rest of the year. Please take a look and sign up to place flowers in honor or memory of loved ones.

*Sympathy is extended to Alan Morgan and Family on the passing of his father.*

**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

**September Giving Received: YTD Giving Received:**

 $ 15,493.00 $ 269,711.50

**September Giving Needed: YTD Giving Needed:**

$ 39,688.00 $ 357,192.00

First United Methodist Church

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September 17, 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 17, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

Gathering Prelude Nancy Carleton  *Welcome and Opportunities* Rev. John Woodrow

Invocation Rev. Woodrow

† Hymn 131 *We Gather Together* 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

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 *10,000 Reasons* Congregation

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

Bless the Lord, o my soul; O, my soul worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning, it’s time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes. ***Chorus***

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. ***Chorus***

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come;

Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore! ***Chorus***

Children’s Moment Rev. Woodrow

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

Anthem *You Who Are Thirsty* Chancel Choir

Scripture  *Exodus 16:2-7* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon *“Grumblers Among Us”* Rev. Woodrow

**SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 130 *God Will Take Care of You* Congregation

† Benediction Rev. Woodrow

† Three-fold Amen Congregation

Going Forth Postlude Nancy Carleton \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

***Chorus***

 **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*

*by Jim and Suzanne Davis*

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

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*