Announcements

***Charge Conference*** is today at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend, especially Church Leaders.

***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!

***Pastor John’s Bible Study*** will not meet this evening due to Charge Conference

***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 someone.

***Candy for Trick-or-Treat on the Square*** is currently being collected. Donations may be left in the box in Norman Barnett Hall

**Circle of Life Series**

Please note that the next class will be on Sunday, October 15th, 11:30 – 12:30 in Norman Barnett Hall following Church After Church. Each session stands alone so it is fine to participate if you did not attend last week. Jodi Chambers will be the speaker. We will discuss taxation of assets and long-term care planning. A cheat sheet will be provided to help calculate best time to claim Social Security Benefits to maximize your benefits.

**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)”** – Michelle Rainey, Teacher (2nd room on right) studies dated lectionary based curriculum

**“Discussion”** – Sarah Dyess ,Teacher (Alice Lee Room) is studying Luke, looking at Outcasts and Outlaws

**October Giving Received:**

 $ 17,475.00

**October Giving Needed:**

$ 39,688.00

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**YTD Giving Received:**

 $ 294,160.50

 **YTD Giving Needed:**

 $ 396,880.00

First United Methodist Church

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October 15, 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**

October 15, 2023 ‡ 10:05

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

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

Invocation Rev. Barnhardt

† 145 *Morning Has Broken* 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

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 2128 (TFWS) *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Congregation

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

Children’s Moment Rev. Barnhardt

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

Anthem  *Walk Worthy* Chancel Choir

Scripture  *Philippians 4:1-9* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon *“Gimme Three Steps”* Rev. Woodrow

 **SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 2223 *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* 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 in memory of my Mother, Alberta Jones*

*by Mary Whetstone*

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

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*