Announcements

***Church after Church:*** Please join us 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 Narthex and on the table by the Elevator

***Children and Youth*** will **NOT** meet tonight.

***Pastor John’s Bible Study***  will resume this evening at 5:00pm in the Alice Lee Room.

***Youth Ski Trip :*** Youth from our church and Church Street UMC (Selma) will be returning from the Ski Retreat tomorrow. Please be in prayer for them.

***Ladies Bible Studys*** meeting at 10am and 5:15pmwill begin new studies this week . This is a great time to join.

***Church Office Closed tomorrow*** *(February 19th)* due to President’s Day

***General Conference Delegate Orientation Livestrean:***  Want a briefing on some of the proposed legislation in the upcoming General Conference? Register at this link: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference>. The briefing will be on February 29th and March 1st in the mornings only.

Dear FUMC family,

 Words cannot express the deep gratitude felt by our entire family during this time of loss. We are so very thankful for the many acts of kindness shown not only after our mother’s death, but also during the last years of her life. What a blessing to be surrounded and loved by people who show the love of Christ through acts of kindness all the time. She cherished the many visits, calls and acts of love showered on her. She knew, cithout a doubt, she was loved by her church family. Thank you for loving us, for supporting us and for continuing to lift us in prayer as we adjust to life without our precious Mother. May God bless you all. Much love,

The Whetstone Family

**FebruaryGiving**

 **Received:** $ 15,858.00

 **Needed:** $ 39,688.00

**YTD Giving**

 **Received:** $ 42,426.35

 **Needed:** $ 79,376.00

***CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES***

We are called to be in the Word. Please consider attending one of the following . . .

Sundays 5:00 pm Pastor Johns Bible Study (Alice Lee Room)

Wednesdays 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (NBH )

 4:15 pm Youth Bible Study (NBH )

5:15 pm Ladies Bible Study (NBH )

First United Methodist Church

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February 18, 2024

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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

**ENTRANCE**

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

Invocation Rev. Woodrow

† Hymn 363 *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* Congregation

† Affirmation From I Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20 Leader and Congregation

 Leader: This is the good news which we have received,

 in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

 **People: Christ died for our sins, was buried,was raised on the third day,**

**and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

 **We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,**

 **the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead,**

 **in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.**

 **Christ is the head of the body, the church,**

**and by the blood of the cross**

**reconciles all things 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

**Morning Worship**

February 18, 2024 ‡ 10:05

**First Sunday in Lent**

**PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE**

Celebrations and Concerns Rev. Woodrow

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal, 895

Offering Nancy Carleton

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

† Hymn *I Love You Lord* Congregation

(Sing two times)

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

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice*

*to worship you , O my soul rejoice.*

*Take joy, my King, in what you year,*

*may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

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

Children’s Sermon Rev. Woodrow

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

Anthem *Jesus Calls Us* Chancel Choir

Scripture  *Mark 1:9-15* Rev. Woodrow

Sermon *“Surviving the Test”* Rev. Woodrow

 **SENDING FORTH**

† Hymn 269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* 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 Arrangement today is given to the greater glory of God*

*and in memory of Stevens Andress Kennedy, Jr.’s birthday*

*by Steve, Robbie,Watson and Skylar Kennedy.*

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

*and*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*