

# FIRST NEWS

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As many of you know, this past year has brought its share of changes and challenges for our congregation. These changes have tested us—not just as a church—but as individuals walking in faith. In the midst of this time of uncertainty, one constant has been the unwavering presence and leadership of Rev. Pam Barnhardt.

After 30 years of faithful service as our Minister of Education, Pam was called to step into a new role—one that placed her right in the center of difficult transitions and, at times, turbulent waters. It was a role that came with pressure, criticism, and the weight of great responsibility. And yet, in true Pam fashion, she stepped forward with grace, humility, and an unshakable spirit.

Over the past year, as our Interim Pastor, Pam has not only embraced the challenges—that she call opportunities—but has turned them into stepping stones toward healing, growth, and renewed strength. Her resilience, wisdom, and steadfast leadership have reminded us of who we are as a church and who we are called to be in our community.

Because of this, after prayerful consideration, the Staff Parish Relations Committee met with Rev. Sheila Bates, our District Superintendent to request that Pam be appointed as our Lead Pastor. At the time, we didn't know if that request would be granted—Friday, I received a call from District Superintendent Bates with news.

With the support of DS Bates, Bishop Holston, and the cabinet -

**As of July 1st, Rev. Pam Barnhardt will no longer be our Interim Pastor—she will officially become the Lead Pastor of FUMC.**

Pam, we don't know whether to congratulate you or congratulate ourselves—but either way, we are truly blessed.

Thank you for your tireless service. Thank you for your unwavering love for us and this church.

God bless you, Rev Barnhardt, as you continue to lead us in this next chapter.



**The LORD your God is with you  
wherever you go. Joshua 1:9**

Are you enjoying our road trip with First UMC? This summer you have been invited to do just that as we are offering opportunities for worship, study, outreach, and learning:

This Summer First UMC we are presenting “VBS Road Trip” for children and youth – We have been studying the stories of people in the Bible who travelled and followed God, and are going on some road trips ourselves. We have learned that “The LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9), In having our worship themes coincide with the Summer theme we have been taking this journey together as a congregation. We hope you choose to be a part of one of our Adult Sunday School classes who partake in fellowship, prayer, study and discussion each week at 9:00 and take advantage of Sunday School for Children and Youth (who will have summer lessons coinciding with our worship themes).

**July 13th** 9:00 Sunday School, 10:05 Worship: “Mary & Elizabeth’s Family Reunion- Mary’s Joy” (Luke 1:39-56), service of Holy Communion  
*11:00 Church Wide Luncheon*

**July 14th -18th** Blue Lake Mission Camp for Youth

**July 20th** 9:00 Sunday School, 10:05 Worship: “Jesus Visits Zacchaeus: Zaccheus was a man” (Luke 19:1-10)

**July 27th** 9:00 Sunday School, 10:05 Worship: “On the Road with Paul” (Acts 18:1-11)  
*11:30 White Water Rafting Road Trip for youth*

**July 28th** Urban Air for Bouncing and dinner

## Thank You

A dozen volunteers from our church hosted Vacation Bible School Sessions for over 60 YMCA day campers. It is exciting to see our folks taking God’s message of love, joy, hospitality, and grace “on the road” in a meaningful way.

Also, thanks to volunteers who delivered ice cream to Summer Students at MES in June.

Thank you for your generous donations to the handbell fund– we will be sending them for refurbishment this month.



Join us July 13th for a Fellowship Lunch immediately following worship as we welcome Rev. Pam Barnhardt as our Pastor for the coming year. Bring your favorite salad, slaw, fruit or congealed , to share. Homemade ice cream will be provided.

### Calendar of Events

- 3 Office Closed
- 13 Fellowship Lunch (Wesley Hall)
- 14-18 Blue Lake Mission Camp for Youth
- 17 AL Foster Mentor Group (Norman Barnett Hall)
- 27 Youth Rafting Trip
- 28 Urban Air for Bouncing and Dinner



- 2 Jana Jaye
- 10 Zac Chambers
- 12 Miles Barnhardt
- 14 Pam Barnhardt; Kate Byrd
- 15 Marilyn Stacey
- 16 James Brown
- 17 Bonnie Chandler
- 18 Beth Barnes
- 19 Caleb Powell; Matthew Hilburn;  
Meri Palmar Hilburn
- 22 Christi Wiggins
- 23 Ron Day
- 24 Will Coxwell; Miller Kilpatrick
- 25 Mary Kathryn Morgan; Samantha Morgan Collins  
William Rainey
- 26 Karen Robinson; Derrick Black; Sara Bibeau
- 27 Conner Morgan
- 28 Norma James; Collins Brown; Taylor Barnes McCarter
- 30 Laura Grace King
- 31 Dent Stallworth

## Thank You

Thanks to the Wednesday Bible Study Women for providing a delicious lunch for Library Week volunteers!

YTD Giving Received: \$142,112.08 (June, 2025)

YTD Giving Needed: \$139,608.00 (June, 2025)

*\*As of print date 06/23/2025*

## FUMC CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Pam Barnhardt  
Carole Dean  
Caroline Hardin

Senior Pastor  
Interim Musician  
Church Business Manager

## Regular Church Service

### **Sunday:**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:05 am Morning Worship  
11:00 am Church After Church  
5:00 pm Children/UMYF

### **Wednesday:**

6:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am Wednesday Men  
4:15 pm Youth Bible Study  
5:15 pm Ladies Bible Study

### **Monday:**

1:00pm Ladies Sewing Group

*First United Methodist Church services are broadcast by radio  
every Sunday at 10:05 am by WMFC-FM Monroeville 99.3  
Livestream each Sunday at 10:05 am FUMCMonroeville*



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