

FIRST NEWS

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Repair, Restore, Refresh, Renew...

I've been pondering words that define what we are about, right now, in 2025 and these four resonate. November 2nd is All Saints Day, a day set aside to remember all of God's Saints and honor in particular those who were a part of our church who died in the past year. It is a day of reflecting on the contributions of those who lived, served and died before us, and a day to honor their commitment, love and sacrifice. One of the ways we can do that is to be forward thinking. As we consider that these persons have joined the Communion of Saints; we think of the legacy of faith they left with us, and the memories of their love for people, animals, working with their hands, church, family, cooking (and eating) and their God. These memories inspire us to further Christ's Kingdom on earth in all the ways that we can.

As many of you know we are in a season of cleaning and refurbishing due to a fire in Norman Barnett kitchen in October, we are so thankful that there was limited damage and for all who are contributing to the restoration of our facilities.

During this particular time I would offer some thoughts around these words that I believe can serve to inspire us:

Repair...We look forward to our elevator repair and celebrate the generous donations that are making it possible.

Restore...We are grateful for those who are working to restore our facilities to use after the damage done by the fire we had in October.

Refresh...Our November fellowship and outreach opportunities give us renewed energy.

Renew...All Saints Day and Advent offer us time to reflect on our personal and corporate dedication to Christ and our Faith legacy and future.

Grace and Peace,

Pam

YTD Giving Received: \$215,262.15 (October 2025)
YTD Giving Needed: \$232,680.00 (October 2025)
<i>*As Of Print Date (Oct.27,2025)</i>



Keep up to date on upcoming events on our website, Instagram and Facebook pages!



November 2nd, 9th, 16th Youth and Children meet on Sunday Evenings from 5:00-6:00



November 5th, 12th, 19th Youth meet for prayer breakfast AJ's at 6:45.

Be in prayer for these students as they start each Wednesday with fellowship, food and devotion.



Angel tree sign up is Thursday November 13th from 9:00-1:00, let Pam know if you can volunteer to be a part of this inspiring local outreach program.



Wednesday women's group, meets November 5th to complete our current study and on November 12th we will be introduced to our Advent study The Christmas Letters which we will begin on November 19th. It's a great time to join!



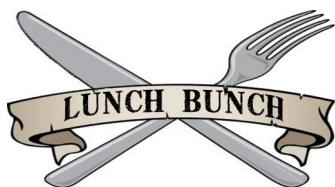
Our October cookout and trivia was a successful (competitive) and fun event, please join us for Thanksgiving Lunch Sunday November 16th at 11:00 in Wesley.



Another important November Holiday is our own Kenny Croft's Birthday, come celebrate with Birthday Cake on November 9th at 11:00.



Advent Devotional books are available at the church, starting November 21st - please get one and commit to the Advent journey of scripture reading and prayer.



All are invited to attend lunch at the Vanity Fair Golf and Tennis Club restaurant on Thursday November 6th for this month's Lunch Bunch.

Thank You

I am overwhelmed (in a good way) by the extremely generous basket of goodies you gave me for Pastor's appreciation. All of my favorites were included-Y'all are so kind.

Grace and Peace, Pam

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 All Saints Sunday**
- 6 Lunch Bunch at Noon (Vanity Fair Club)
- 9 Kenny Croft's Birthday Celebration
- 13 Angel Tree Sign Up 9:00am-1:00pm
- 16 Thanksgiving Lunch @11 :00am (Wesley Hall)
- 18 HIPPY (Wesley Hall)
- 20 AL Mentor Foster Group (NBH)
- 26-27 Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday**



- 1 Theresa Crim
- 2 Ronnie Chastain
- 4 Reid Hines
- 7 Drew Black
- 9 Gerald Melton
- 13 Frank Dobson
- 14 Kenny Croft; Sarah Watson James
- 18 Jack Lipscomb, Allison Montgomery
- 20 Lib Rainey
- 21 Bennett Ryals
- 23 Susannah Dorrance
- 26 Ann Scott Jones; Walker Jones
- 27 Katie Luker
- 28 Kaitlin Moncus
- 29 Suzanne Davis

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

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



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