

FIRST NEWS

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It is interesting to me that for so many of us the beginning of August signifies the end of summer, even though our hottest days may still be ahead of us. When did this start? Most of us can remember a time when studies did not start until after Labor Day, so shouldn't we all have some more Summertime? Kiddos returning to books and classrooms in early August has made the end of Summer a July event, and although we may not be sure how we feel about it, it's just a fact.

I pray that you have had some restful and change of pace kind of days over the last two months, and that you are excited about returning to a more regular schedule. I also pray that we will see all of you at First UMC, because we have some great things coming our way, starting with blessing backpacks on August 4th during worship. This is such a great reminder that God's love and the prayers of our congregation go with our students every day. It's also a good Sunday to invite a friend.

We are also looking forward to a meal and activities together on August 18th after worship as we say goodbye to Summer together and look forward to the months to come.

Please be in touch if you have any questions or need me to pray with or for you.

I thank my God every time I remember you.

Always

Rev. Pam Barnhardt

In Memoriam
Ruth Whitley Owens
July 26, 2024

YTD Giving Received: \$178,506.54
YTD Giving Needed: \$317,504.00

Children & Youth



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

Sunday Night Schedule:

Aug 4 5:00-6:00 Children/5:00-6:30 Youth
Aug 11 5:00-6:00 Children/5:00-6:30 Youth
Aug 18 5:00-6:00 Children/5:00-6:30 Youth
Aug 25 5:00-6:00 Children/5:00-6:30 Youth

Youth Prayer Breakfast

returns on Wednesday August 14th at 6:45 am And we are looking at off-site options! Stay tuned for the location for the first meeting.

Youth continue to meet on Wednesdays at 4:15.

Wednesday Ladies Studies will resume Wednesday August 14th at 10:00 and 5:15, it's a great time to join a small group.

A Note From Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Dear Congregation,

We are pleased to provide an update following our recent meeting with District Superintendent Bates concerning the appointment of a new Senior Pastor for our church. The meeting was productive, and we had a thorough discussion about our church's needs and the qualities we seek in our next pastoral leader.

District Superintendent Bates has assured us that they are diligently working to identify a candidate who aligns with our congregation's vision and values. They are considering several highly qualified individuals and are committed to finding the best match for our church community. We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Pam for stepping into the role of Interim Pastor during this period of transition. Her dedication and leadership have been invaluable, and we are truly blessed to have her guiding us during this time.

We appreciate your patience and prayers during this transitional period. We will continue to keep you informed as we receive more information. Your support and faith are invaluable as we move forward in this process.

Blessings,

Ricky Powell
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)



Thank You

Thank you for the use of Wesley Hall for the Missoula Children's Theatre Camp June 24-28! Your facility is perfect in every way for this venture and there is nothing that comes close when you look at venue for this event. We had thirty children in the production and an audience of about 125. Thank you for making this facility available to the community! Please know how very much this is appreciated! On behalf of King's Kids Foundation and Missoula Children's Theatre. Thank you! Sincerely Sandy Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 Ad Council Meet @11:30 (NBH)
- 11 Bridal Shower for Helen Ann McInnish
- 18 Fellowship Meal following Worship



- 1 Charlotte Chambers
- 4 Michael Ard
- 5 Belinda Dorrance
- 7 Rachael Daniels
- 8 Bridgett Glidewell, Pappy Marriott
- 10 Boyd Robinson
- 11 Chapman Luker
- 12 Sherry Daniels
- 13 Peggy Flowers, Melinda Settle
- 14 Laura King, Anna Ray Hilburn
- 18 Mike Cobb
- 20 Layla Daniels
- 23 Bill Rainey
- 25 Jane Boulter
- 26 Chris King

FUMC CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Pam Barnhardt
Carole Dean
Caroline Hardin

Minister of Education
Interim Pianist
Business Administrator

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:

Prayer 6:45 am Youth Breakfast
9:00 am Wednesday Men
10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
4:15 pm Youth Bible Study
5:15 pm Ladies Bible Study

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

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