Announcements

***Church after Church:***  Please join us for snacks and fellowship in Norman Barnett Hall following Worship.

***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.

***The Church Office*** will be closed December 24-26 for Christmas and December 31 and January 1 for New Year’s.

***Year End Contributions:*** please have all gifts to First United Methodist Church to the business office by **12:00 Noon** on Monday, **December 30th**.

***Christmas Eve service*** is at 5:00pm.

***Church Office Holiday Hours:*** Closed December 24-26,31 and January 1..

**December Giving**

**Received:** $ 25,693.00

**Needed:** $ 34,750.00

**YTD Giving**

**Received:** $ 317,984.86

**Needed:** $ 382,250.00

**Adult Sunday School Opportunities**

*Please know that you are invited to attend these classes that begin at 9:00 am*

**“Young Adult”-**Jodi Chambers, Contact(Blue Couch Room)

**“Young Adult (at Heart)”** – Michelle Rainey, Teacher (2nd room on right)

studies lectionary based curriculum

**“Discussion”** – Sarah Dyess ,Teacher (Alice Lee Room)

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***CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES***

Wednesdays 4:15 pm Youth Bible Study (NBH ) 5:15 Ladies Bible Study

First United Methodist Church

324 Pineville Road

Monroeville, Alabama 36460

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December 22, 2024

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**Church Staff**

Minister of Education: Rev. Pam Barnhardt

Carole Dean: Interim Musician

Church Business Administrator: Caroline Hardin

Nursery Attendants: Letitia Gibbs & Rosie Parker

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**Morning Worship**

December 22, 2024 ‡ 10:05

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**ENTRANCE**

Gathering Carole Dean  *Welcome and Opportunities* Pam Barnhardt

Invocation Pam Barnhardt

Lighting the Advent Candle Bill and Michelle Rainey

We lift the light of love, O God. Your candle is our night. You come to give and help us live the mighty love of Christ. You come to give and help us live the mighty love of Christ.

† Hymn 246 *Joy to the World* Congregation

† The Apostle’s Creed Congregation

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I Believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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**

Pastoral Prayer Pam Barnhardt

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal, 895

Offering Carole Dean

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

† Hymn 230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Congregation

*(Let the children come forward during after second hymn.)*

Children’s Sermon Pam Barnhardt

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

Scripture *Luke 1:39-45* Rev. Barnhardt

Sermon *Preparing for the Expected* Rev. Barnhardt

**SENDING FORTH**

Hymn 251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Congregation

† Benediction Pam Barnhardt

† Three-fold Amen Congregation

Going Forth Postlude Carole Dean

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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*

*by Cecelia Ingram/Pam Barnhardt.*