UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9am-1pm

Sunday, January 31, 2016

8:30 am Prayer Time (Prayer Room)
8:30 am Fellowship Time/Refreshments
9:00 am Campus Groups/SS
9:00 am Kid's Small Group until 9:50
9:25 am Worship Huddle (Hospitality/Parlor)
10:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Kid's Worship
6:00 pm Children's Student 252
6:00 pm Youth Community Group

Monday, February 1, 2016

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:00 pm Worship Meeting (parlor)
6:30 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

9:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

6:00 pm Children's Activities
6:00 pm Youth Collision Experience
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 4, 2016

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
1:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Band Practice (FH)

Friday, February 5, 2016

4:00 pm Set-up (FH) Pinewood Derby
6:00 pm First Friday Night Movie
(Kid's Worship Room)

Saturday, February 6, 2016

All Day (FH) Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

We had some fun after yesterday's sermon talking about being "Gritty like Grits." My question was are you gritty and many responded with some kind of clever come back. W.T. said, being gritty was the way he has been around for 84 years. Raymond commented about the story of the father telling his little boy that when he doesn't tell the truth, he is no longer in the room and how lying prevents real relating and relationships. For whatever reason, the message of that story has hung with me over the years and it makes sense that we are no longer present when we are not being honest. In fact, sometimes couples wait too long to tell the truth to one another and in doing so, lose their marriage.

I do think all of us have character issues as we owned yesterday and therefore areas of personal growth. When we not only acknowledge that but discover what some of our struggles are we can address them and even enlist the help of others to keep us accountable. It requires some self-awareness to own specific struggles, defects or even demons. We move from vague and broad (such as I'm a sinner), to descriptive and personal (such as I'm lazy and want others to do all the work).

God was preparing Jesus for the mission or job that was his during those 30 silent years. When we look at the mission statement Jesus selected from scripture, we know why it took so long to form the character he would need for the job ahead of him. I have a brother who followed one degree with another and people would joke that he was a "professional student." But he was being prepared for the work of his life. Some jobs require us to have "Grit" and to become "Gritty." Take a look at these areas once more and allow God to show you where you need the most work to be able to do the work God has for you. Growth Oriented (Evolving)/Reality Based (Real)/Inner Focused (Aware)/Turn Outward (Transcendent)/Trust Worthy (Believable)/You Click (Perform). Pick one area and work on you this week and in doing so become more whole and complete for God and others.

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

NO KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Recovering at Home:
Bettye Parker (at her daughters)
Chris Cater
Joree Vance

Special Prayer Requests:

Helen Syx	Tammy Campbell
Beth McCarty	Leon Joyner
Patsy Crump	Dot Lowery
Doris Ritchie	Jeanne Mason
Jo Edmonson	Marion Abernathy
Ruth Cale	David Baggett
Robert England	Irene Gandy

Attendance & Contributions
January 24, 2016

Sunday School	**80**
Morning Worship	**174**
Pledge Total 2016	**$337,440.00**
Budget for 2016	**$489,305.00**
Needed for January	**$ 40,775.00**
Received this Sunday	**$ 4,372.55**
Received for January	**$ 31,050.03**
Total Received 2016	**$ 31,050.03**
Building Fund 2016:	**55.00**

W.E.A.C. 2016 Begins
On Ash Wednesday
February 10th
5:30 p.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS
Memorials & Honorariums
for January 24th

BUDGET
In Memory of Judy Owens and Tim Geeslin
By Annette Waters

In Memory of Tim Geeslin
By Carolyn and Phil Vines

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
In Honor of Mandy, Lauren and Allie Davis
By Rose and A.J. Bishop

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
In Memory of Tim Geeslin
By Blake and Lauren Lovely

SONRISE
In Honor of Joree Vance
In Memory of Tim Geeslin and Perry Winslett
By Jack and Nancy Moon

Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch
SonRise needs to replace some of our equipment. So, we are holding a fundraiser, right after Morning Worship, February 7th, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have Soup, Chili, Desserts, & Tea; for a donation. Takeouts will be available, and we will be singing a few songs on the new Contemporary Worship stage. We hope to see you there, and appreciate everything our church family does to support our ministry.

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to cut-backs on the 2016 church budget we need volunteers to answer the office phone when Joyce or Vicki take vacation or sick days. If you are willing to help out please call the office by Friday, February 5th.

COMMUNION SERVERS

Each month 4 people are needed to serve communion. If you have a desire to help serve, please contact Kay or Danny Karr (497-0986).

Red Bird Mission

2016 Work Camp
September 11th – 17th

Team leader: Danny Richardson

Call the church office to volunteer.

THE CHILDREN & YOUTH VALENTINE TREE is set up in the Narthex with names and addresses of our students. Please, take one and encourage that student by sending them a Valentine card. We would also ask that you personally invite them to morning fellowship on February 14 to meet them face-to-face. This is a great way to get to know some of our students!

SAFE SANCTUARY REFRESHER TRAINING

The North Alabama Conference continues to lead the way in making children a priority by providing training and guidelines so that Safe Sanctuary policies will be established and implemented. Our church has been participating in this process for several years and continues, along with other United Methodist congregations, to update our policy and remain current with training and background checks. We plan to be in total compliance with the guidelines set by the conference and as stated in our Safe Sanctuary Policy.

The conference requires that Safe Sanctuary Refresher Training be held annually, and that all those who have undergone the application process/background checks **must** attend refresher training annually. A representative from the Conference will present this training in the Fellowship Hall **Wednesday, February 17**, following the WEAC meal (6-7 p.m.). A video will be made of the presentation for those who are unable to attend.

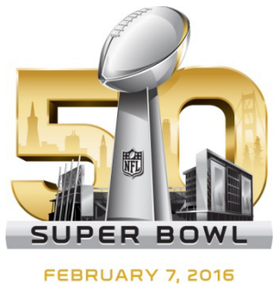
We believe that Jesus' example of making room for children in his ministry is a model for us at Hueytown First United Methodist Church. Any and all church members are welcome and encouraged to attend the training to become aware of this area of vulnerability concerning our children and youth. You do not have to have completed the Safe Sanctuary application/background check process to attend. Safe Sanctuary is for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellie Duncan, Safe Sanctuary Administrator, at 529-7954.

Dean Bowers, Lead Pastor

YOUTH NOTES:

Super Bowl Party: February 7th @ 6:30 following Community Groups. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after Community Groups and enjoy the game with food, fun, and fellowship. We need food, so bring finger foods and tailgating foods. The church will provide the drinks and sweets.



7/Eleven Hangout: Friday, February 19th from 7 PM to 11 PM. We as a ministry will take an hour and take on a small service project in our church to help our members. After the project, we will watch a movie and play games. We will have food, games, and a whole lot of fun!

The Youth and youth parents are ready for attractive and comfortable seating for the Heritage Hall. The cost of these padded, interlocking chairs are $33 per chair. Back in December, we had one member donate $1000 towards 30 chairs and we are seeking to purchase 30 more. If you would like to donate a chair in memory or honor of someone, you can do so by giving $33 to the Heritage Chair Memorial Fund. When we have reached our goal, we will make one big purchase and have them shipped to the church. If you would like a memorial label added to the chair, you can do so by leaving a letter of instructions with your donation so they can be printed off when the chairs come in. Thank you for your support!!!

January-March 2016
Kids Ministry Calendar

January
10 - Super Sunday 6-7pm
17 - Studio 252 6-7pm
24 - Studio 252 6-7pm
31 - Studio 252 6-7pm

February
5 - First Friday Movie in the Kid's Worship Room 6pm
7 - Super Sunday 6-7pm
10 - Ash Wednesday, WEAC Begins
14 - Studio 252 6-7pm
17 - WEAC and Kid's Worship 6-7pm
Safe Sanctuary Training 6:00 – 7:00 questions call Ellie Duncan (529-7954)
21 - Studio 252 6-7pm
24 - WEAC and Kid's Worship 6-7pm
28 - Studio 252 6-7pm

March
2 - WEAC and Kid's Worship 6-7pm
6 - Super Sunday 6-7pm
9 - WEAC and Kid's Worship 6-7pm
13 - Studio 252 6-7pm
16 - WEAC and Kid's Worship 6-7pm
20 - Community Easter Egg Hunt (Time TBA)
23 - WEAC and Kid's Worship 6-7pm
24 - Maundy Thursday Service
27 - Easter Sunday, no evening worship

Dates and Times are subject to change - be sure to keep up with the Ministry by attending weekly.

Small Groups and Kid's Worship are every Sunday Morning from 9-9:50am and 10:15-11am, respectively.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 PM Sisters Bible Study 6:30 PM Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)	**2** 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	**3** 6:00 PM Children 6:00 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Youth Collision Experience 7:00 PM Choir	**4** 9:00 AM Nifty/Fifty (FH) 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Band Practice (FH)	**5** 6:00 PM First Friday Night Movie (Kid's Worship Room)	**6** PINEWOOD DERBY (FH)
7 Pastor John Simmons preaching SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY LUNCH (Fundraiser for SonRise)	**8** 9:30 AM Koinonia Circle 5:30 PM Sisters Bible Study 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	**9** 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	**10** 9:00 AM Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 5:30 PM W.E.A.C. BEGINS! 6:00 PM Handbells 6:00 PM -7:00 PM Kid's Worship 6:00 PM Youth Collision Experience 7:00 PM Choir **ASH WEDNESDAY**	**11** 9:00 AM Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 AM Nifty/Fifty (FH) 7:00 PM Band Practice (FH)	**12**	**13** 11:00 AM VALENTINE LUNCH
14	**15** 5:30 PM Sisters Bible Study 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Alpha Circle	**16** 10:30 AM Faith/Joy Circle 6:00 PM Fine Arts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Discovery Circle	**17** 5:30 PM W.E.A.C. 6:00 PM Handbells 6:00 PM -7:00 PM Kid's Worship 6:00 PM -7:00 PM Safe Sanctuary Refresher Training 6:00 PM Youth Collision Experience 7:00 PM Choir	**18** 9:00 AM Nifty/Fifty (FH) 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Band Practice (FH)	**19**	**20**
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