

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Friday: 9am-1pm

Sunday, March 27, 2016

7:45 am Sunrise service: Bro. John

8:15 am Coffee (Bring a joke)

8:30 am Casserole Breakfast

8:30 am Fellowship Time/Refreshments

9:00 am Youth Sunrise Service

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00am Traditional Service

11:00 am Refreshments (FH)

11:30 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, March 28, 2016

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (FH)

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

9:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm Emmaus Follow- Up
Covered Dish Meal (FH)

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

6:00 pm Youth Collision Experience

6:00 pm Handbell Practice

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, March 31, 2016

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)

1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

The universal Church, while being a place and people of good news, has received a lot of bad news over the past few decades. The bad news reported by organizations such as Pew Research and people like George Barna tell us that the Church is not only not attracting new people but we are also repelling or losing people that were part of our fold. There is a myriad of reasons for this trend and some of the blame or responsibility belongs to the beliefs and practices of church goers and their hierarchies, while some of it can be the result of very different culture(s) that we now grapple with, especially in America. The truth is, the Church is growing in some places in God's world outside of our country and the European context.

The American culture either ignores spiritual institutions or compartmentalizes them, so that the end result is one of impotence and lost influence. For example, it is extremely challenging to attract children and youth on a consistent basis because of sports and other activities they participate in and that often consume their time and energy. We also watch adults deal with the stress of earning a living and parenting, as well as golden year groups traveling or finding entertainment and leisure outlets on Sunday mornings. The bottom line is that decline in our ability to attract and assimilate new believers, combined with membership inactivity has created enormous challenges of resources and resourcefulness for most churches.

That reality in the larger Church causes pastors to take note when people (at their church) are involved and engaged in being faithful with their presence, prayers, gifts, service and witness. So, thank-you First United Methodist Church Hueytown, for continuing to be Christ followers who not only provide resources for ministry but are also being resourceful in these challenging times. You matter, and what you've done and are now doing for God here, there and everywhere matters too!

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

LAKESHORE REHAB: Roger Moody

BROOKWOOD: Caitlin Thrasher, Rm. 272

UNIVERSITY: Jim Ingles, Rm 8305

Upcoming Surgery: Nancy Goodwin (knee)

Special Prayer Requests:

Phil Vines Joree Vance

Leon Joyner Bettye Parker

Beth McCarty Patsy Crump

Richard Clark Floy Spencer

IN MEMORIAM

Marion W. Abernathy

March 17, 1934 – March 15, 2016

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Doug and Keith and families on the loss of their mother, and to Shirley and Barbara and families on the loss of their precious sister.

Attendance & Contributions March 20, 2016

Sunday School	92
Morning Worship	199
Pledge Total 2016	\$ 344,840.00
Budget for 2016	\$ 489,305.00
Needed for March	\$ 40,775.00
Received this Sunday	\$ 6,975.48
Received for March	\$ 32,045.50
Total Received 2016	\$ 109,946.52
Total Needed thru March 20 th :	112,916.54

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

COMMUNION FUND

In Memory of Whit Hayley
By Nancy, Linda and Sam Hayley

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Lenward and Marion Abernathy
By Margaret Abernathy

In Memory of Lenward and Marion Abernathy
By Mary Abernathy

BUDGET

In Loving Memory of Marion Abernathy
By The Seekers Class

In Memory of Joyce Lunceford
By Alpha Circle

In Memory of Marion Abernathy
By Faith/Joy Circle

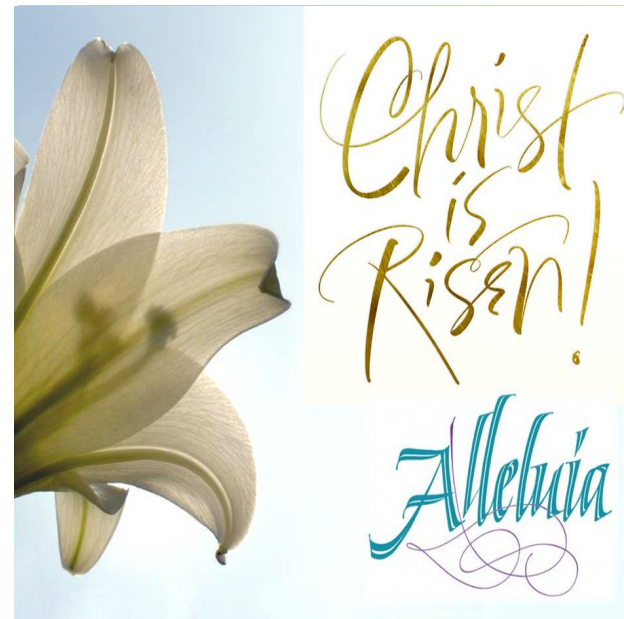
In Memory of Marion Abernathy
By Jeri and Jimmy Harris

In Memory of Jeanne Mason,
Lillian Wildman and Marion Abernathy
In Honor of Roger Moody, Angus Lowery,
Dora Chaffin, Beth McCarty
and Caitlin Thrasher
By Kay and Danny Karr

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

In Memory of Tim Geeslin
By Nick and Cheryl Vance

Spring Break
March 28th - April 1st



Easter Sunday Schedule

- 7:45 am: Sunrise Service with Hymns
& Message by Bro. John (patio)
- 8:15 am: Coffee (Bring a Joke)
- 8:30 am: Casserole Breakfast
(bring your favorite dish)
- 9:00 am: Youth Sunrise Service
(Amphitheater)
- 10:00 am: Traditional Worship Gathering
- 11:00 am: Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 am: Contemporary Worship

**WALK TO
EMMAUS**
THE UPPER ROOM*

Emmaus Follow-Up

Tuesday, March 29th
6:30 p.m.
Covered Dish Meal
(Fellowship Hall)

No CROSS
No CROWN

Thanks for all the kind remarks about the music service Sunday, However, the director would be nothing without the voices in the choir. They work hard and are committed to the ministry of music.

To God be the Glory!

LaWayne

ADDRESSES NEEDED

The United Methodist Women would like the addresses of our COLLEGE STUDENTS & OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN THE MILITARY.

Please call the church office (491-3421) or e-mail hfumc@bellsouth.net