

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NEW OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday, February 12, 2017

8:30 am Prayer Time
8:30 am Fellowship Time/Refreshments
9:00 am Campus Groups
9:00 am - 9:45 am Kid's Small Group
9:25 am Worship Huddle (Hosp. Rm)
10:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Kid's Worship
11:30 am Boy Scout Chili Lunch Fundraiser (FH)
3:00 pm Trevor Conkle in Concert (FH)
Sponsored by Fine Arts – Reception Following
4:00 pm Youth Choir (Chapel)
5:15 pm Youth (Library)

Monday, February 13, 2017

9:30 am Koinonia Circle (parlor)
5:45 pm Sisters Bible Study (Disciple Room)
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY – THURSDAY
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY:
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church
110 Sunset Drive
Hueytown, Alabama
(Return Service Requested)

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

4:00 pm Youth Band
6:00 pm Youth Activities
6:00 pm Children's Activities
6:00 pm Handbell Practice
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, February 16, 2017

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study (Disciple Room)
6:00 pm Girl Scouts

VALENTINE BANQUET
for Widows & Widowers
Saturday, February 11th
11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Non-Profit
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Hueytown, Alabama
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

At the recent District workshop attended by several of our church folks, Ron Mortorie confirmed what many of us already know. Attendance at Church worship services continues to decline. Worshipers who attend regularly now show up 1.8 times a month. Some people have dropped out completely while others show up for Christmas and Easter. Ron told us that worship will not be the main event in the life of most congregations of the future. His point was that if you connect, it will be through other types of ministries such as parenting classes or small groups. Our paradigm for being the Church and Disciples continues to shift toward being missionally attractive, creating an approach more like Jesus' go to them rather than them coming to us. Going to them means the programs and ministries we offer in house are created and designed to meet real needs and enter into the challenges and struggles of people who are hurting in incarnate ways. That is, just as the word became flesh and dwelt among us, we now will shift to dwelling among people who live messy lives.

What does all of this mean for the future of clergy? Many of us believe that the days of full time clergy will come to an end for the majority of us. We will be bivocational or you will have clergy who are connected to mega churches. Most or all Churches will shift their resources toward missional endeavors and away from professional clergy. Those of us who are now in our fifties are questioning if our current model of doing church will survive long enough for us to finish and retire or if we will need to be prepared to seek other ways to support ourselves. That is to say the changes on the horizon can be challenging and disconcerting to both laity and clergy. The answer for us is not to live in fear but to live out our faith while at the same time not hiding our heads in the sand. We seek to be salt and light regardless of what's next in how we structure being the Church. And we continue to return to our reason for being as found in mission statements that remind us that the structure or the container is to serve the purpose. That purpose is to "make disciples for the transformation of the world" or as Robert Lewis said, "to be a community of people who present living proof of a loving God to a watching world." Welcome to the brave journey of today's Church.

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

LAKESHORE REHAB HOSPITAL

Sue Douglass
Nonie Holmes (Kay Karr's mother)

Recovering at Home:

Alexis Rudolph (Megan's daughter, Feb. 2)
Joe Moses (cochlear implant Feb. 1)

Special Prayer Requests:

Robert England W. T. Bell
David Burrage Tammy Campbell
Raymond Beach Leon Joyner
Marie Thrasher Susan Rheuby
Ricky Parsons Richard Clark
Lynn Brown Pappas, surgery (Alan Brown's sister)
Harmony Hollis, colon (Ann Mccown's niece)
David Baggett, Self's Rm. 5217
Alice Wright (Meredith Vickers' sister)
Virginia Self (Marie McFall's sister)
Becky Strange (Bro. John's sister)
Tracey Robinson (Dave Hadder's sister)
Charlie Fay Wilson (Mary Frances Bell's sister)

Attendance & Contributions February 5, 2017

Sunday School	64
Morning Worship	215
Received this Sunday	\$ 14,284.00
Received for February	\$ 14,284.00
Total Received 2017	\$ 47,648.99

Pledge Total 2017
Budget for 2017

Greeters for February 2017 Worship Services

**Tom Foust & Judy Foust
Kathryn Cole & Jimmy Cole**

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

BUDGET

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By The Adult Fellowship Class

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Nancy, Linda and Sam Hayley

In Memory of Mary Hooks
In Honor of Sue and Doug Douglass,
Mary Frances and W.T. Bell, Joe Moses,
and Joyce Williamson on her Retirement
By Buster and Betty Jane Kornegay

In Honor of Sue Douglass
In Memory of Mary Hoks
By Jane Coleman

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Dave and Caryl Hadder

In Honor of Sue Douglass, Bobby Glass
and Buddy Parker
by Seekers Sunday School Class

FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of Mary Hooks
In Honor of Sue Douglass
By Carl Ray and Jerry Gober

In Honor of Sue Douglass
By Nancy and Linda Hayley

In Memory of Dennis McCormick, Kathleen
DePrator, Kathie Hilbert and Tommy Moore
In Honor of Beverly Seale, Sue Douglass,
Jane Sligh and David Baggett
By Mary Frances and W.T. Bell

GROUNDS

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Sue and Doug Douglass

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Jeri and Jimmy Harris

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Kristen Benefield

FLOWER FUND

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Mary Frances and W. T. Bell

WORSHIP

In Honor of Sue Douglass, W.T. Bell,
Beverly Seale and Joyce Williamson
In Memory of Mary Hooks, Tommy Moore
and Dennis McCormick
by Jim and Ann McCain

In Honor of Joyce Williamson
In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Woody and Connie Woodward

MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Lisa, Maria and Analisa Stratienko

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Jill Scheib

**Trevor Conkle in Concert
Sunday, February 12th
3:00 p.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall
Reception Following**

**Trevor is from Arab, Alabama
and is the pianist for the
Hoppers, a southern gospel
group from North Carolina.
Trevor is the nephew of
LaWayne Fleming.**

**WE NEED ADDRESSES!!
For Our College Students
and Our Church Members
In the Military
Please call the church office!**

BOY SCOUT TROOP 322 CHILI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, February 12th
immediately following Morning Worship
in the Fellowship Hall

**COME ON DOWN AND JOIN US!
AND SUPPORT SCOUTING!**

thrive Planning Sessions

If you missed the Ministry Celebration on January 29th, want to learn more about thrive or have ideas to share, please attend one of the following Planning Sessions with members of the Vision team in the chapel.



Meeting size is limited to 12 people per session.
Please contact the office to register.

More sessions will be scheduled as needed.

February 9th at 6:30

February 12th after the 10:00 service

February 13th at 6:30