

# 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, March 5, 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 Confirmation Class  
10:00 am Morning Worship  
10:15 am Kid's Worship  
11:30 am Emmaus Sponsored Luncheon (FH)  
4:00 pm Youth Choir (Chapel)  
5:15 pm Youth (Library)  
6:00 pm Precious Memories Sing-a-Long (FH)

## Monday, March 6, 2017

5:45 pm Sisters Bible Study (Disciple Room)  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

## Tuesday, March 7, 2017

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

## Wednesday, March 8, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
4:00 pm Youth Band  
5:30 pm WEAC MEAL!  
6:00 pm WEAC STUDY  
6:00 pm Youth Activities  
6:00 pm Children's Activities  
6:00 pm Handbell Practice  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursday, March 9, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)  
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study (Disciple Rm)

### EMMAUS SPONSORED LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> after Morning Worship  
**BRING A COVERED DISH AND JOIN US!**

### 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)

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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hueytown, Alabama

## Connecting Points

I once heard a middle-aged man in a church where my dad pastored brag that he had never read one book from cover to cover. I think he believed that fact made him appear even more successful in life than he was. It made me question why and how someone who could read made the decision to never do it. We know that Jesus was a reader because he quoted scriptures from time to time when he was teaching. Reading is one of the ways we learn and it allows us to have intellectual conversations with all kinds of people whom we will never meet. Reading also helps us not only to write better, but also to talk better. I believe reading helps us to become our best selves for God with others. So, I read. To be honest, sometimes I revisit a book in my library and it's as if I never opened the cover. My brain just didn't retain all the words and thoughts. But I do know that the act of entertaining and pondering the words expanded my mind and fed my soul. So, I read and wish that I had more time to listen to the thoughts of those I call friends because they have made an impact in shaping and forming who I am, and helping me live my one and only life here informed and inspired by their wisdom and knowledge.

Lent is a good season to read God's story of love found in our sacred scriptures. Why not decide now to read more from the Bible over the next six weeks as we seek to become our best selves for God with one another? As you read, may you discover the presence of the Holy Spirit reading you so you will become more aware of how God expands our ability and capacity to love Him with our heart, mind and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves.

Pastor Dean

## Remember In Prayer

### OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

#### UAB-WEST

Esther Towers, Rm 630

#### GRANDVIEW

Larry Murphree (Donna Moses' brother)

#### ST. VINCENT'S

Becky Horne, Rm. 365

#### Recovering at Home

Sue Douglass

Sarah Kate Higgins

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Robert England

W. T. Bell

David Burrage

Tammy Campbell

Raymond Beach

Leon Joyner

Marie Thrasher

Susan Rheuby

Ricky Parsons

Richard Clark (Ann's son)

Nonie Holmes (Kay Karr's mother)

David Baggett, Self's Rm. 5217

## Attendance & Contributions February 26, 2017

Sunday School	63
Morning Worship	153
Evening Groups	42
Received this Sunday	\$ 9,062.80
Received for February	\$ 38,437.43
<b>Total Received 2017</b>	<b>\$ 71,802.42</b>
Pledge Total 2017	
Budget for 2017	

## CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

### BUDGET

In Memory of Kathie Hilbert  
(Bro. John's sister)  
By Cheryl Finch

### GROUNDS

In Memory of Mary Hooks  
By A Friend

### FLOWER FUND

In Memory of Mary Hooks a dear member  
By Plain Dirt Gardeners

In Memory of Mary Hooks  
By Bud Sellers and Laurie Sellers

### HOOKS MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Mary Hightower Hooks  
By John F. Bryant

In Memory of Mary Lou Hightower Hooks  
By Stephen Rich  
By Susan Elliott Rich

### FOOD PANTRY

In Memory of Mary Hightower Hooks  
By David Lawrence  
By Reuben Lawrence

**W.E.A.C. MEAL**  
**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meal: 5:30**  
**W.E.A.C. 5 WEEK STUDY**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Call the office or sign the Connection  
Card Sunday morning for  
Reservations.

## NEW SERMON SERIES FOR LENT "Eavesdropping"

### W.E.A.C. 5 Week Study "5 Things We Cannot Change"

March 8 - Everything Changes & Ends.  
15 - Things do not always go  
according to plan.  
22 - Life is not always fair.  
29 - Pain is part of life.  
April 5 - People are not loving and  
loyal all the time.

We will pray the Serenity Prayer throughout  
Lent and look to God and Scripture to  
accept what we can't change; but can  
accept with the grace of God.

### SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy the refreshments and comradery  
around the room at our weekly Sunday  
Morning Fellowship hour from 8:15 –  
8:50 a.m. every Sunday morning. Please  
come to enjoy and join in with us. It will  
brighten your day and get the week off to  
a great start!

JANUARY HOSTS: Seekers SS Class

FEBRUARY HOSTS: Open Door SS Class

MARCH HOSTS: Adult Fellowship Class

APRIL HOSTS: Berthelle Waid SS Class

Also, thanks to our hosts for doing such a  
good job.

Jayne & Bill Hornsby

## Greeters for March 2017 Worship Services

Lucille Ogletree, Roy Vines,  
Gerry Widener & Jayne Hornsby



**Society of St. Andrew**  
**GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS**  
**FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY**  
EndHunger.org

Would it surprise you to learn that the  
Society of St. Andrew's work of gleaning  
continues year 'round? Even in the depths of  
winter, there are table crops growing all across  
this country.

In fact, your gifts helped the Society of  
St. Andrew arrange about six gleanings every  
single day during the month of January,  
sending 1,424 volunteers into fields and  
packing houses to pick or gather healthy fruits  
and vegetables for their neighbors in need!

Altogether, in the first month of 2017,  
with your help 5.8 million servings of nourishing  
food made their way to the tables of our hungry  
brothers and sisters.



Students from Randolph School in  
Huntsville, Alabama gleaning  
collards on a chilly day last month.