

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, April 23, 2017

8:00 am Morning Refreshments
8:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Confirmation Class
9:45 am Kid's Worship
4:00 pm Youth Choir (Chapel)
5:15 pm Youth (Library)
6:00 pm HHS Chamber Choir Concert (FH)

Monday, April 24, 2017

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

10:30 am Winslett Team Meeting (Chapel)
9:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet
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, April 27, 2017

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

Saturday, April 29, 2017

6:00 pm BARRETT EZELL Benefit Concert
Featuring SonRise, Lost & Found & Others

**NEW THRIVE WORSHIP GATHERING BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 14TH
at 11:00 a.m. (The Second Sunday of each Month)**

**First United Methodist Church
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Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

One of the things I wanted to do yesterday and during the first “Believe it or Not” message is to look at what we believe but also why so many choose not to believe. There are so many facets to our beliefs and what we believe changes with the journey of our lives. If the word believe means “to give one’s heart to” we can look at our lives and see what we really believe. (Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith Kathleen Norris) Perhaps, when it comes to spiritual realities, we are sometimes half-hearted.

If you look at the disciples who were followers of Jesus, you will discover that they did not fully put the weight of their lives into Jesus. They all deserted him and had to be convinced of the resurrection by Jesus himself and the empty tomb. My grandmother would often say, “I believe my part of that” letting us know that when it came to some things in life she was not fully persuaded. All of us have been there or perhaps we are there right now in our relationship with Jesus. Believing can be a struggle and a challenge at times and we need safe places and people where we can be real; especially when we are half-hearted. Some of our faith struggles are excruciating and have been referred to as the dark night of the soul. But I love that someone said it’s a fragile faith that cannot or will not question. When we share our struggles to believe we find that we are in good company and they help connect us with people outside our churches. There are many who have never believed in God or the Jesus story and our struggles are a good place to connect with them. We can say I get it because there are times that I can hardly believe it myself. A great prayer for us is found in scripture and prays, “I believe, Lord help thou mine unbelief.” Amen.

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

OUR KNOWN HOSPITALIZED:

Recovering at Home:

Raymond Beach

Our Christian love and sympathy . . .

. . . is extended to Gerry and Raymond Widener on the death of their brother-in-law, Tommy Radney, April 13th.

. . . is extended to Amy Mink and family on the death of Amy's mother, Mary Beth Carr.

Special Prayer Requests:

W. T. Bell	Barrett Ezell
David Burrage	Tammy Campbell Marie
Thrasher	Susan Rheuby
Ricky Parsons	Becky Horne
Sue Douglass	Don Thornley
Irene Gandy	Richard Clark
Esther Towers	David Baggett
David Brewer, bypass 4/10 (Joree Vance's son)	
Larry Horne (Terry Horne's brother at Self's)	
Charles Lowery (Kathryn Cole's brother)	
Priscilla Newton, heart problems (Cindy B's sister)	
Larry Murphree (Donna Moses' & Karen Zito's brother)	

Attendance & Contributions

April 16, 2017

Sunrise Service	63
Sunday School	67
Morning Worship	313
Received this Sunday	\$ 7,440.15
Received for April	\$ 19,939.52
Total Received 2017	\$125,694.43
Pledge Total 2017	
Budget for 2017	\$ 499,297.60

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

BUDGET

In Honor of David Brewer (Joree Vance's son)
In Memory of Mary Beth Carr and Tommy Radney
By The Edmonson Family

SONRISE

In Memory of Mary Hooks
By Rose Bishop

2017

United Methodist Women Mother's Day Banquet



Thursday, May 11th

6:30 p.m.

Adults: \$10

Children (10 and under): \$5

Tickets are available in the church office or from your Circle leader

BARRETT EZELL BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday

April 29 @ 6:00 p.m.

In the
Sancturay

Featuring SonRise,
Lost & Found & Others

*A love offering will be received
to help with Barrett's
medical expenses*

Greeters for April 2017 Worship Services

Sandra Zito, John Chaffin,
Carol Higgins, Jerry Gober,
Marilyn Brown

THANK YOU

To all whom so graciously served during Holy Week, "Thank You". Your time & effort in preparing and serving meals each day was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Dot Moran



Join us on our
Red Bird Mission Trip
to
Beverly, Kentucky
the week of
September 10th – 15th

We would love to have you!
Call the office to sign up.

NEW MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 a.m.: Morning Refreshments

8:30 a.m.: Sunday School

9:30 a.m.: Traditional Worship
Gathering

&

Beginning

Sunday, May 14th

11:00 a.m.: Thrive Worship Gathering
will meet the Second Sunday
of Each Month.