

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:30 am Morning Refreshments
9:00 am Sunday School
9:25 am Worship Huddle
9:45 am Kid's Worship
10:00 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Thrive Worship
5:00 pm LaWayne Fleming Retirement Party
Covered Dish Meal
6:30 pm SonRise Concert

Monday, December 18, 2017

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Alpha Circle

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Tuesday, December 19, 2017

9:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
10:30 am Faith Joy Circle (parlor)
6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH)
7:00 pm Discovery Circle

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

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

Thursday, December 21, 2017

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
1:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Yoga Class
5:30 pm Girl Scouts



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hueytown, Alabama

Connecting Points

The beautiful snow that fell on Friday took me by surprise. I woke up and looked out the window and was amazed at what was on the ground but was even more surprised by the large snowflakes that were falling. It was obvious that if this continued my day and that of countless others was going in a different direction than planned. Snow continued to fall and I was glad I had enough food stored up to make it for a day. You see, Friday is my day to do all my chores, including grocery shopping.

Advent is the season of preparing and getting ready, so we won't be taken by surprise. A commercial once proclaimed that the best surprise is no surprise. They were inviting us not to leave things to chance but instead to trust them with our accommodations. We all know that unexpected things can happen to us from one week to the next. If we know that, we can both accept it and do what we can to prepare ourselves emotionally and otherwise for wonderment and devastation. Perhaps you think we can't prepare but we can spiritually. We can spend time with God each day in ways that prepare us for the "no matter what's" of life. Today and every day, we know that "no matter what" God is with us and for us. We know that "no matter what" God will never leave us or forsake us. We know that "no matter what" we can trust God to be faithful.

I've learned not to put my trust in a lot of things and some people. Sometimes, I don't trust the weather people when they say expect snow since they have said that before and nothing happened. When they get it right I learn to question myself and not put as much confidence in what I think. Advent reminds me to take that misplaced trust and confidence and place it in God who not only makes promises but also keeps them. The beauty of a snow covered creation reminds me of the brightness of God's faithfulness and how in God's light we see light. Thanks be to God who transforms our lives and makes us white as snow reflecting the beauty of our creator.

Happy (Snow) White Advent,

Pastor Dean

Remember In Prayer

HOSPITALIZED

PRINCETON

Chris Coleman, heart valve replacement

Upcoming Surgeries:

Paige Jones (Tampa Florida)

Dot Moran, knee replacement in January

Nancy Goodwin, knee surgery in January

Recovering at Home:

Beverly Seale (at her son's in Georgia)

Terry Horne (following knee surgery)

Special Prayer Requests:

Richard Clark	Betty Jane Kornegay
Floyd Lunceford	Rick Parsons
Charlie Young	Shirley Barron
Marilyn Cannon	Rev. Randy Smith
Ann McCown	Barrett Ezell
Jan Towers	Susan Rheuby
Mark Zito	Robert England
Ben Abercrombie, The Benson's grandson	

Attendance & Contributions December 10, 2017

Sunday School	72
Morning Worship	166
Thrive Service	36
Evening Services	120
Received this Sunday	\$ 8,099.78
Received this month	\$ 22,006.37
Total Received 2017	\$ 355,636.00
Budget for 2017	\$ 499,297.60
Total needed Monthly	41,608.00

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

In Memory of Jack and Missey
By Beverly Seale

In Memory of Erin Walton Moses
By Joe and Donna Moses

FOOD PANTRY

In Honor of Jeff and Greg on their Birthdays
By Sue Sue and Papa

BUDGET

In Honor of Wayne Mink
By The Seekers Class

In Honor of Beverly Seale
By The Seekers Class

In Honor of All Food Pantry
and Clothes Closet Volunteers
By Marilyn and Alan Brown

PARLOR KITCHEN

In Honor of Ann McCain
By Alpha Fellowship

In Memory of Tammy Campbell and Tracy Vickers
By Betty Jeffrey

In Honor of Ann and Jim McCain,
Mary Clyde and Joe Moore, Dot Lowery,
Ruth and Bubba Bryant, Nell and Hugh Hudson,
Patsy and Bill Crump, Kay and Danny Karr, Jim Cole,
Gayle and Karl Hager
In Memory of Angus Lowery, Hazle McMurry and
Charles Lowery
By Kathryn Cole

AMELIA ANN WOODWARD was born to Jimbo and Lauren Woodward on December 4, 2017 weighing 6lb., 11 oz., and was 20 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Woody and Connie Woodward; great-grandparents are A.J. and Rose Bishop. Congratulations!

Birthday Calendar Updates Needed by 12/18



Please call the office (491-3421) with any additions to the birthday calendar.
Marriages, births, etc.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Friends & Family

DECEMBER 17TH 6:30 P.M.

SonRise

Christmas Eve @ 11:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Candlelight Service

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy the refreshments and comradery around the room at our weekly Sunday Morning Fellowship hour from 8:30–9:00 a.m.

DECEMBER HOSTS:
Adult Fellowship Class

Retirement Party

For

LaWayne Fleming

Sunday, December 17th

5:00 p.m.

**Covered Dish Meal
(Ham & Tea, Rolls and Cake
Furnished)**

Money Tree Available

SonRise Concert

Following at 6:30 p.m.

From the Food Pantry:
**WE NEED HELP FOR THE
HOLIDAYS**



Extra food is needed for
Christmas.
Please consider giving a gift
to the Food Pantry to help
with these extra expenses.
Thank you!