

UPCOMING EVENTS

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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:30 am Morning Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Kid's Worship
10:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Thrive Worship
4:00 pm Christmas Shoe Box Work Day
5:15 pm Youth Small Group
6:00 pm Sunday Night Sing-a-long

Monday, September 17, 2018

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

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Faith Joy Circle
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Discovery Circle

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6:00 pm Misused Verses of the Bible
Small Group – John V.
6:00 pm Youth Activities
6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 20, 2018

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty (FH)
10:30 am Study of Acts of the Apostles
Small Group – John V.
1:00 pm Golden Girls Bible Study
6:00 pm Painting Class

CHURCH NURSERY: Please contact Laci Oden if you can help in the nursery one hour a month for either the 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. service. You can share the time with a friend and it will only be 1 hour for 6 months for each of you. Substitutes are also needed.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hueytown, Alabama

John's Journal

September 11, 2018

Hello Friends in Christ! I hope each of you are well as you receive our Newsletter. As I write you, it is the sobering anniversary of September 11, 2001's horrific attacks on America. Most people I hear or have conversations with about this event, can pretty easily tell me where they were when these events took place. I have a direct tie to Hueytown UMC on this day...Lisa and I had just visited our own Barbara Ezell at the North Alabama Conference's former Credit Union. We talked about what was happening and how unbelievable it was that our world was under such attack.

Friends, while it is sobering to remember the evil events of this day – the lives affected, the security of feeling untouchable by harm that transformed us that day, and on and on...evil has been taking place like this daily in our lives. Without much notice, evil invades our every day, our thoughts, our words and our actions. Unfortunately, we bring down the wrath of evil on countless situations, circumstances and matters by way of the heart. It is my hope and my prayer that we as Christ following folk want to be different. We DO NOT have to miss opportunities to follow the Spirit of God instead of the selfish spirit of adulation.

Two brothers owned pieces of property next to each other. One was married with a family and the other was single. They both toiled the soil they owned, tended the livestock they owned, harvested the crops they grew. One night the brother who was married was feeling especially sorry for his brother who was by himself. He decided he could at least share grain from his silo with his brother. One night the single brother was feeling especially sorry for his married brother who worked so hard for his family, that the single brother began sharing grain from his silo with his brother's family. Both brothers commented on how they found their silos always stocked with grain. On night, as both brothers where sharing grain with each other, they ran into each other in the middle of the field carrying a bag of grain...they hugged each other in grateful love.

Whom has God called us to share the "grain of love" with? Who among us could use a little "grain" in their silos? Who among us has "extra grain" that we might share with another brother (or sister) in need? Call it what you will...it's LOVE! We all need it, we all desire it, we all deserve to experience it, and in the deepest part of all of us – wants to share it with others. It just takes a converting moment for each of us to become a little less self-serving, and a lot more Christ serving. What will we do....

To Christ's Glory,

Bro. John V.

Remember In Prayer

HOSPITALIZED

The Oaks:

Mary Clyde Moore

Recovering at home:

Laura Ashcraft

Special Prayer Requests:

Ruth Bryant

Peggy Hendricks

Susan Rheuby

Patricia Pate

Monique Sanders

Floyd Lunceford

Leigh Edmonson

Beverly Seale

Corey Allen

Sandra & Bobby Bracknell

Attendance & Contributions September 9, 2018

Sunday School	73
Morning Worship	154
Thrive Service	28
Sunday Night Hymn Sing	29
Received this Sunday	
Received for September	
Total Received 2018	\$272,564.91

DID YOU KNOW That the church employs someone to do all the yard work --- cutting grass, weeding, edging, trimming, fertilizing, etc.?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Christmas Shoe Box Work Day

Sunday, September 16th
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

UMW Circles will gather to fill our Christmas Shoe Boxes for Third World Children 2018.

Please bring donations of items to put in boxes. Suggestions include: hot wheel cars, small dolls, small balls, McDonalds toys, comb/brush, soap, washcloth, 1 pr. Flip flops, socks, toothbrush, pencils (4), 5 crayons, barretts, bows, ponytail holders, shorts & T-shirts.
NO Candy, bubble gum or suckers!
Full instruction sheets are in the office.
QUESTIONS? Contact Cheryl Wray or Carol Ruth DeVore

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES FALL 2018

Mondays, 5:30 p.m. – Sisters Bible Study (Contact Caryl Hadder)
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study Group (Contact John Simmons or Joe Moore)
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. – Misused Verses of the Bible (Contact Rev. John V.)
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – Study of Acts of the Apostles. Contact Rev. John Verciglio
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. – Golden Girls Bible Study – Contact Marilyn Brown

CONTRIBUTIONS Memorials & Honorariums

BUDGET

In Memory of Buddy Parker and Jane Post
By Carolyn and Phil Vines

In Memory of Jane Post
By Meredith and Jim Byram

In Memory of David Baggett
By Friends at Columbia Elementary School

In Honor of the Red Bird Team
By Jack and Nancy Moon

FOOD PANTRY

In Honor of Becky Champion
In Memory of Jerry Champion
By J.D. Nichols

In Honor of Kevin and Kristen Douglass
and Brinley
by Mom and Dad

YOUTH

In Honor of A.J. Bishop, Lauren and Allie
On their Birthdays
By GranGran and Gigi

In Honor of Jane Sligh on her 98th Birthday
By John and Lynda and Family

FLOWER FUND

In Memory of Betty
By Don Hubbard

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

In Honor of The Christmas Party Workers
By Berthelle S.S. Class

NEW SMALL GROUP Get Crafty!

Starting Saturday, September 15th
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Fellowship with friends as you work on any sort of crafting project. We'll meet on Saturday throughout the fall.

Contact Cheryl Wray,
cherylswwray@gmail.com

Or look on facebook for more info.



Vicki Drake is retiring after serving as the church secretary and receptionist for nearly 26 years.

There will be a reception in her honor in the church parlor Sunday, September 23, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Please come and celebrate with Vicki as she enters into a new phase in her life.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

**TRUNK OR TREAT
PLANNING MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
6:00 P.M.
IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM**