

# 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 23, 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  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Retirement Reception  
For Vicki Drake  
5:15 pm Youth Small Group  
6:00 pm Sunday Night Sing-a-long

## Monday, September 24, 2018

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday, September 25, 2018

9:00 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

## Wednesday, September 26, 2018

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
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 27, 2018

9:00 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet  
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

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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Hueytown, Alabama

## John's Journal

September 18, 2018

Hello Friends in Christ! It's good to be writing you this week! It means I'm back in the office after a week that started not feeling well and turning into Bronchitis. Glad that's behind me!!!

When I went to the doctor this past week, learning that I had Bronchitis, there were several things that took place. However, I do have to say that it was a great lesson. First, when I walked into the doctor's office they handed me a lovely yellow facemask asking me to wear it while I was there. The point was to prevent me from coughing on others, as well as preventing me from intaking germs from others. Step two, was to get a time frame on when I started feeling bad, asking if I had been with anyone who was sick, chest x-ray, swab for strep throat, swab for the Flu, blood pressure, oxygen level, weight, look in my ears, look at my throat, and listen to my chest for congestion. It was a pretty good set of observations to take in order to discern what my problem or problems were.

I don't know about you, but I can get in a tunnel vision of seeing things from one perspective. In the church, it's why I try to surround myself with different staff and laity leadership so that there are several views to a matter, circumstance or situation. But when it comes to just me, I often need a check-up to keep perspective – like going to the doctor when I'm sick.

The weeks lesson while tending to both Lisa and I, was giving me time to do some personal check-up spiritually while I was recuperating. I was able to ask and get some needed perspective and answers over the last 10 weeks since our move to Hueytown F.U.M.C.: - how has my prayer life been, how has my scriptural study life been, am I reading helpful books, how has my personal devotional life been, am I staying in touch with my coach, how has my service life been, and how has my giving life been?

The week got me to thinking as well as praying for our church with regard to these questions. How are we as a congregation doing with regard to the above questions? The questions naturally transcend to the personal lives of each of us as church members – how are we doing personally with regard to the above questions? And, how is that affecting our work in the church to God's Honor, Glory and Fame?

I'm a talker and communicator as you have hopefully learned by now. I would be so honored and privileged to hear how things are going in your life if you should ever want to talk. I can learn from you and how you're growing spiritually. But I especially would be honored to be of help should you think I can be. Give me a call, send me a text, or come by the office. Remember, we sojourn the road of faith together, not as lone rangers!

To Christ's Glory,

Bro. John V.

## Remember In Prayer

### HOSPITALIZED

#### The Oaks:

Mary Clyde Moore

#### UAB-WEST

Laura Ashcraft, Rm. 404

#### Recovering at Home:

Jimmy Cole

Jack Moon – good report

#### Special Prayer Requests:

Ruth Bryant

Susan Rheuby

Patricia Pate

Monique Sanders

Floyd Lunceford

Leigh Edmonson

Beverly Seale

John Baker

Corey Allen

Sandra & Bobby Bracknell

John Baker

Ben Abercrombie

## Attendance & Contributions September 16, 2018

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Thrive Service</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Sunday Night</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Received this Sunday</b>	<b>\$5,639.49</b>
<b>Received las Sunday</b>	<b>\$7,370.01</b>
<b>Recieved for September</b>	<b>\$13,009.50</b>
<b>Total Received 2018</b>	<b>\$285,574.44</b>



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.

### WORKERS NEEDED

**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.

### 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

### NEW SMALL GROUP Get Crafty!

Starting Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
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,  
[cherylswray@gmail.com](mailto:cherylswray@gmail.com)

Or look on facebook for more info.

### THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Hueytown First UMC,

My heart is full of gratitude and humility as I think of how thoughtful and loving you all have been to Jack and me during my recovery from surgery. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls, and visits. Thanks especially for Bro. John V. for your calls and visits. Your prayers meant so much to us. Thanks also to Bro John S. for all your calls to keep check on our progress. I thank God every day that he led us to such special, loving people.

We love you very much,

Bro. Jack and Peggy

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

### TRUNK OR TREAT PLANNING MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 P.M.  
IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

### *Clothes Closet Change Out*

*Monday, September 24*

*9:00 a.m.*

*(from summer to winter)*  
*Volunteers are needed for*  
*Clothes Closet on a permanent*  
*basis.*

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

OCTOBER:  
SEEKERS CLASS

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **Memorials & Honorariums**

#### **PARLOR/PATIO FUND**

In Memory of Dr. Jerry Champion  
By Bill and Donna Rodgers

In Memory of Jerry Champion  
By Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes

#### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

In Honor of Don Hubbard  
By Jack and Peggy Hendricks

#### **WINDOW RESTORATION**

In Memory of Jerry Champion  
In Honor of Becky Champion and Family  
By Danny and Kay Karr

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

In Honor of Laura Ashcraft,  
Sandra and Bobby Bracknell, Jack Moon,  
Tom Cale, Mary Clyde Moore  
Joan Verchot and Jimmy Cole  
By Kay and Danny Karr

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

In Memory of Mava McCrorie, Jane Post,  
Betty Rheuby, Buddy Parker and David Baggett  
By Danny and Kay Karr

#### **CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**

In Honor of Lauren Davis and Allie Davis  
On their Birthdays  
By A.J. and Rose Bishop