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OFFICE HOURS:
MON., TUES., THUR. 9-4
WED. 9-2
FRIDAY: Closed

Sunday, December 9, 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
5:15 pm Youth Small Group

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:00 pm Sunday Night Sing-a-long
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

6:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:00 am Nifty over fifty
6:00 pm Painting class

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hueytown, Alabama

December 3, 2018

John's Journal

Greetings Friends in Christ! It was exhilarating to see the Sanctuary decorations for Advent on Sunday, December 2nd. The beautiful Chrismon Trees were adorned with the story of God's love for us as His people in each ornament, the streaming greenery cuddled the room with warmth, the centerpiece Advent Wreath stood expectant of coming to life, the sparkling lights woven in both the trees and the greenery revealed life reborn, and the banners are hanging with celebration fit for a King. Thank you to the Worship Team for such a welcoming invitation to Advent.

God, in this Advent Season, is calling us to focus our spiritual lives toward "what can be," not on what hasn't been. God is always pointing us to what He has in store for us, no longer carrying with us the sins of the past. Remember the woman the men caught in adultery...Jesus told her to go (forward) and sin no more. God, knowing the needs of our lives, came among us – Emmanuel – that we might live in the HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE of His promises.

I believe in this Advent Season God is offering us through the Spiritual Practices of our lives (Worship, Prayer, Study, Service, Giving, Fellowship) a rebirth of the Christ Child within our hearts and lives. Our response in Advent is to give our lives to His HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE in "What Can Be," leaving the past behind.

I am filled with the expectation that God will / that God is doing a new thing in this Advent Season. The Presents/Gifts we receive in this season are the Revelatory Presence of God through Jesus bringing us HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE. The Presence of God through Christ is for us personally, and for His church, a gift born once again in our lives. It is why we tell and retell the story of God's love. I am prayerful that your lives will know and experience God's care for you, your family and lost we seek to love in the name of the Christ Child Jesus!

To Christ's Glory,
Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions December 2, 2018

Sunday School	75
Morning Worship	173
Thrive Service	30
Sunday Night	134

Received this Sunday \$14,739.68
Received for November \$45,593.95

Contributions, Memorials & Honorariums

BUDGET: In Honor of our S.S. class teachers, Peggy Hendricks, Don Hubbard by B.J. & Buster Kornegay.

In Honor of Mary Clyde Moore, Glen Hooks, Sandra & Bobby Bracknell, Betty Jeffrey, Golden Girls, Allen Douglass, Terri Northcutt and in Memory of Marcella Haakenson, Daniel Walker, Jimmy Ashcraft & Ruth Bryant by Marilyn & Alan Brown.

In Memory of Ruth Bryant by Pamela King.

Zion Free Lutheran Church: In Memory of Marcella Haakenson by Chancel Choir & Handbells.

RED BIRD: In Memory of Marcella Haakenson and in Honor of Ellie Duncan &

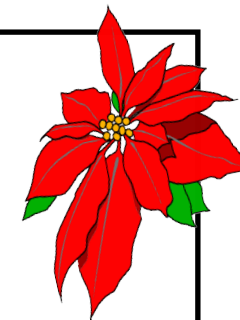
Joan Verchot by Scott & Lisa Edmonson & Boys.

Children's Christmas Party: In Memory of Marcella Haakenson by Jim & Ann McCain.

Poinsettias

\$10.00

**Deadline for
ordering is Dec.11.**



In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Presented by: _____

Special Prayer Requests:

Linda Griggs
Jimmie Holmes
Jacob Baker
Susan Rheuby
Mary Clyde Moore
Glen Hooks
AJ Bishop
Bernie Finneran
Ben Abercrombie
Sandra Bracknell
Corey Allen
Matt Sparks
Mac & Debbie Hornsby
James Malone
Michael Farrington Richards
John Michael Cunningham
Wayne Hayes

Remember In Prayer

**IF YOU HAVE AN UPDATE
FOR THE 2019 BIRTHDAY
CALENDAR, PLEASE
CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE.**



**UMW still has pecan pieces
& halves for sale \$12.00.
Also Almonds & choc.
covered pecans \$9.00.**

STUDY TOGETHER

Have you ever read through the bible in a year? I'd like to do that with each of you.

If you'll take the challenge, let's read God's word together! You will find in our welcome areas a PINK printout of a One-Year reading plan for us to follow. Anyone who would like to join in, pick up a reading schedule and let's STUDY TOGETHER! It will be fun to hear the talk around the church about what we are reading. Sharing our insights and learning with each other. I look forward to sharing the journey with you!

Blessings, Bro. John V.

Dec.7th	Seekers Sunday school class Christmas party, fellowship hall.
Dec. 8th	Christmas Parade, Hot choc outreach 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 8th	Children's Christmas Party 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 10th	Koinonia 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 16 th	Chancel Choir Christmas Performance, 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 18th	Discovery 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24th	Thrive @ 6:00 p.m. & Traditional @ 11:00 p.m. Candle light services & Communion.

Around The Corner

**Please bring donations of
Kleenex, small bottles of
hand lotion and sugar-free
candy for youth to deliver to
nursing homes.**

**Fellowship Host for
December:
Adult Fellowship**