

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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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  
6:00 pm Sunday Night Sing-a-long

## Monday, December 10, 2018

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 10, 2018

John's Journal

Friends in Christ,

Blessing to you in the Name of Jesus the Christ Child! I want to share with you again the story from Sunday, December 9th, by Max Lucado: "The Virgin Birth is more, much more, than a Christmas story; it is a picture of how close Christ will come to you...Christ grew in Mary until He had to come out. Christ will grow in you until the same occurs...Every place you live will be a Bethlehem, and every day you live will be a Christmas." It is my prayer that each of you are experiencing The Gifts of HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE that come to us in the Presence of Jesus the Christ Child this Advent Season. I am prayerful likewise that each of us is giving ourselves to the experience of renewal, restoration, and re-birth of Jesus the Christ in our lives. I am thankful for the biblical accounts that tell us of God's love. The Holy Scriptures tell us of God's choosing to come to us, God among us! God, through His Son Jesus, knows the things of our life. Jesus experienced life as we experience it, and through Jesus we can trust that God knows our ups, our downs, our success, our missteps, doubt, assurances, our questions, our deep faith. I am so very hopeful that each of us can experience the Presence of God this Advent Season. I am hopeful that the Present of God's HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE in Christ will be yours with many blessings. I am also believing that God is creating, and has created, a living Bethlehem within us, so that wherever we go, to all we meet, in the thoughts we ponder, the words we offer and the deeds we take part in – it will be as though Christmas is at hand – the Newborn King making all things new! May the birth of Christ be a re-birth of His love in your life, and all the lives your life touches.

To Christ's Glory, Bro. John V

# Attendance & Contributions December 9, 2018

Sunday School	67
Morning Worship	126
Thrive Service	39
Sunday Night	23

Received this Sunday \$9,646.97  
Received for November \$55,240.92

### Special Prayer Requests:

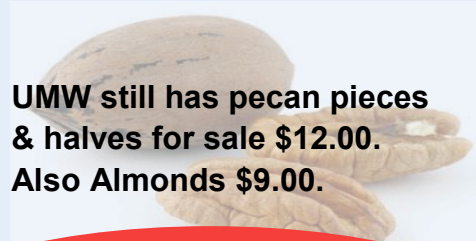
Johnny Barnes  
Sammy Harless  
Kunath quads  
  
Abby Allen  
  
Cameron Mitchell  
  
Becky Beam  
The Lilly & Knighten families  
Linda Griggs  
Jimmie Holmes  
Jacob Baker  
Susan Rheuby  
Mary Clyde Moore  
Glen Hooks  
AJ Bishop  
Bernie Finneran  
Ben Abercrombie  
Sandra Bracknell  
Corey Allen  
Matt Sparks  
Mac & Debbie Hornsby  
James Malone  
Michael Farrington Richards  
John Michael Cunningham  
Wayne Hayes

Remember In Prayer

### Newsletter News.....

We want to let everyone know that the Newsletter on December 17, 2018 will be the last Newsletter for 2018. Due to how the Christmas and New Year's Holiday fall the next mailing will take place on January 7, 2019. The December 17th Newsletter will cover church events scheduled from December 17 through January 6, 2019. Thank you for your understanding

Bro. John V.



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

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

- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Chancel Choir Christmas Performance, 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 17th Alpha 7:00 pm
- Dec. 19th Pack The Bags 6-7pm Pleasant Ridge Family Life Center
- Dec. 18th Discovery 7:00 p.m. Faith Joy 10:30
- Dec. 24th Thrive @ 6:00 p.m. & Traditional @ 11:00 p.m. Candle light services & Communion.

Around The Corner

## Contributions, Memorials & Honorariums

**BUDGET:** In Honor of Jayne & Bill Hornsby by Marie McFall.

In Honor of Jeff and Greg on their birthday by Doug and Sue Douglas.

In Honor of Joan Verchot by Jeri & Jimmy Harris

In Honor of and Merry Christmas to everyone at Hueytown Methodist by Raymond & Gerry Widener.

In Honor of our Sunday School Teachers Jane & Bill Hornsby by Berthell Waid Sunday School Class.

**Zion Free Lutheran Church :** In Memory of Marcella Haakenson and in Honor of Ellie Duncan & family from Kay & Danny Karr

**SONRISE :** In Honor of Woody & Connie Woodward by A.J. and Rose Bishop.

**FOOD PANTRY :** In Memory of Jerry Champion & in Honor of Becky Champion by Floyd Lunceford.

**21 Days of Prayer** ....Friends, on January 6, 2019, Hueytown FUMC will start the year 2019 with **21 Days of Prayer**. During this time we will be praying for God's Blessings over the ministries, laity, staff and membership of this great church. There will be more as to the particulars of these **21 Days of Prayer** to come in the next few weeks. Would you join me now in asking God's hand to move upon our great church as we respond to His calling to make disciples in the New Year? Mark your calendars for January 6 to January 30, 2019, as a special time of prayer! More to Come! **Bro. John V.**

### 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.

To Our Church,

Expressing love and appreciation with just words is never easy but I am attempting to do this with a full heart. One of the visiting pastors in the hospital said "only a loving church can grow". The term "loving church" reminded me so much of our church. I am a member of such a loving congregation. I say all of this to express my thanks for all the love you have shown me. So many cards (read them all at least twice), the wonderful food, visits, calls and prayers. Also, thanks to all of you who stepped up and kept all my "jobs" going so well. Joe and I appreciate you all!

Love Mary Clyde