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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**  
10:00 am Traditional Service will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

**Monday, March 30, 2020**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

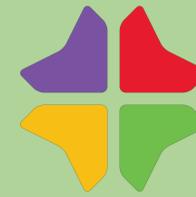
**Wednesday April 1, 2020**

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**  
6:00 pm Painting Class will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**

**First United Methodist Church**  
110 Sunset Drive  
Hueytown, AL  
(Return Service Requested)

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**HUEYTOWN FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## John's Journal

**March 23, 2020**

### Dear Friends in Jesus

Hello Friends in Jesus! I hope our newsletter finds all of you staying well during our World's; Nation's; State's; County's; and City's fight against the Pandemic Virus COVID-19? As I listened to the recent updates on Sunday night, March 22, 2020, the news seems to be less than encouraging at this time. Most all reports tell us that we are on the tip of the iceberg of what is the infection rate for COVID-19.

In realizing the skewness of time (it's only been a true week with total shut-down orders), this in no way is what we have been hoping and praying for with this dangerous virus. Our number one fight-back tool against the virus is "shelter in place." We are the only ones who can "flatten the curve" by staying put. I encourage all of us to do so with the exception of our essential needs...and then, be patient, say six feet away, wear gloves so as to not touch buggies and baskets, get in and get out as soon as possible. Friends...we can do this, we have to do this, we make the difference one by one! This is one side of the pandemic.

The flip side of this pandemic...what is the flip side Brother John? My first response is... take a deep breath (in your sheltering place) and exhale! Second, remember that our faith teaches us that God did not cause this pandemic (though He will use it for His glory and our good)! Third, embrace what none of us could have done on our own...the slow-down of the world's/life's pace. Lastly, discern what will we do with this gift (the slow-down)?

Christ Followers...don't forget that we are in the Lenten Season, a 40-day time of self-reflection and self-surveying of our lives spiritually in relation to our relationship with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. A time of resetting our lives spiritually, physically, emotionally, relationally to Christ and to others, reprioritizing our live commitments, living recommitted to what is important in our lives and families, and coming back to Christ.

Friends, what is so inconvenient in one aspect of our lives is a blessing unveiled in our midst spiritually. It depends on us to embrace it. God desires nothing more than for each of us to not be in harm's way of the COVID-19 virus, and God desires nothing more than for us to lean into and lean upon Him during this time. As your pastors, Bro. John Simmons and I are praying for each of you and your families...I ask that you pray for us. There is nothing more important to John and I than caring for you, loving you, seeing you, embracing you in Christ, and helping each of you find Christ, stay sustained in Christ love, trust Christ, and be transformed by Christ love.

Let me remind you again, thank you for being the Body of Christ. Thank you for all you do! Praise God that you are believers who are willing to stand in the gap when the world is in turmoil!

As we each seek to be Walking in the Light of His Love...let us do so trusting, believing, and living in such a way that says Jesus was who He said He was!

In Service to Christ,

Bro. John V.

Sunday's sermon scripture:

John 13:1-17

# Attendance & Contributions

March 23, 2020

Sunday School	00
Morning Worship (STREAMING)	607
Thrive	00
Sunday Night	00

Received 3/22/20	\$1,295.00
Total as of 3/22/20	\$ 85,494.34

- Sarah Grace Oden
- Margie Ingles
- Ruth Cale
- Susan Rheuby
- Glen Hooks
- Tommy Hudson
- Craig Postovit
- Ann McCown
- Gwen Bledsoe
- Carl Ray Gober
- Janie Thornley
- Michael Black

Special Prayer Request



**Thursday Night Painting Class will be streamed from our Facebook page at 6:00 PM on 3/26/20**

## REMINDER SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. If you have questions or need additional information, please check with Lisa in the office, or Ellie at 205-529-7954.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S TRIP TO "NEXT LEVEL"

On Sunday March 22nd the youth and children will have pizza after the church service then leave for "NEXT LEVEL". Please let Catherine Verciglio or Kaita Richardson know if you will be going so we order enough pizza. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!!!!  
Catherine's email is: Catherineverciglio@gmail.com

Fellowship Host for March:  
Berthelle Waid

Fellowship Host for  
April: CHOIR



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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TITHE**

Our 10:00am Sunday worship is being streamed from a link on our Facebook page.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Have you been visiting with us here at Hueytown F.U.M.C. for a time now? Have you considered making Hueytown F.U.M.C. your church home? A new class is beginning for our visitors that want to know more about F.U.M.C. and becoming a member. The class is called HELLO. Why HELLO? HELLO is "a greeting - a welcome." We are using HELLO as not only a way to greet and welcome you, but as an acronym to teach:

- H - How we seek to follow God at F.U.M.C.
- E - Everybody has a place at F.U.M.C.
- L - Living after Christ's Example
- L - Loving like Christ Loved
- O - Loving & Living in MY CIRCLE of Life

The first HELLO class will be on Sunday, March 29, 2020. It will be held in our parlor at 12:15 p.m. and last about an hour. A light lunch will be served on this day. If you interested in the class, please contact Laurie McCombs in the church office at (205) 491-3421. Please let us



**WEA.C.**

The Spring WEA.C. ...

... will run ... Sunday, April 1, 2020.

**CANCELED**

- PRETZEL SALAD
- CHEESY GARLIC BISCUITS
- SUNDAES

IF YOU HAVE AN INTREST IN WORKING WITH THE MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET PLEASE CALL CAROL DEVORE @ 491-2968.

## MEMORIAL & HONORARIUMS

**BUDGET-** In Memory of James Parson & Floy Spencer and in Honor of Jean Jordan and Billy & Kriste Lytle by Scott & Lisa Edmonson and boys.

## PENNY & A PRAYER

The children are sponsoring for the month of March a "PENNY & A PRAYER" campaign. The children have money cans you can use to put a penny in each day along with saying a prayer for those affected by the tornados in Tennessee. At the end of March please turn in your donation to the church office.

## NEW SMALL GROUP STARTING

A new small group is starting called **Making Love Last a Lifetime**. The class is geared to married couples, engaged couples, and couples dating that believe they are moving toward marriage. The class is a 6-7 week class and will be led by Pastor John V. and Mrs. Lisa. If you would be interested in such a class, please contact Pastor John Verciglio at: jvercig@hueytownfirst.com. A time and day will be set once it is known of the interest in the class.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 8:30 AM MORNING FELLOWSHIP. 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP. STREAMING. 11:11 AM THRIVE SERVICE 4:00 PM "NO" CUB SCOUT DEN MEET 4:00 PM SAFE SANGUARY TRAINING 6:00 PM HYMN SINGING 6:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>1 5:30 PM W.E.A.C. 6:00 PM HANDBELLS. 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR.</p>	<p>2 8:00 AM FOOD DELIVERY 9:00 AM NIFTY OVER FIFTY 1:00 PM GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM PAINTING CLASS</p>	<p>3 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY.</p>
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<p>12 EASTER SUNDAY- HE IS RISEN! 5:45 AM FIRST LIGHT 6:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE 8:30 AM MORNING FELLOWSHIP. 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP. STREAMING. 11:11 AM THRIVE SERVICE 4:00 PM CUB SCOUT DEN MEET 6:00 PM HYMN SINGING 6:00 PM WOMEN'S GROUP</p>	<p>13 9:30 AM KOINONIA</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM FAITH/JOY 6:30 PM DISCOVERY</p>	<p>15 5:30 PM W.E.A.C. 6:00 PM HANDBELLS. 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM NIFTY OVER FIFTY 1:00 PM GOLDEN GIRLS BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM PAINTING CLASS</p>	<p>17 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>18 8:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY.</p>
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 OUR NORMAL SCHEDULE ON