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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 10, 2020

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

10:00 am Traditional Service will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

6:00 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Monday, May 11, 2020

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Wednesday May 13, 2020

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Thursday May 14, 2020

6:30 pm Painting Class will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

Friday, May 15, 2020

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Sunday's sermon scripture:

2 Timothy 1:1-7

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John's Journal

Dear Friends in Jesus,

May 4, 2020

Greetings my friends! I lift you in prayer today as I write our weekly Newsletter. I want to once again thank all of you who not only participated in a "surprise" birthday parade, but who also sent well wishes by email, texts, Facebook and cards for my birthday on May 2nd. I tell people all the time what a wonderful family of believers I have the honor and privilege to serve...you simply are the best! Thank you for making a guy feel special, loved and cared for!

As we enter the month of May 2020, we have special worship celebrations planned for each Sunday of the month. On May 10th we celebrate Mother's Day; on May 17th we celebrate Graduation Sunday (High School and College Grads); on May 24th we celebrate Memorial Day weekend (never forget our service men and women who paid the ultimate price); and on May 31st we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday Day of the Church as noted in Acts, Chapter 2.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a couple of glitches with our On-Line Traditional Worship Service. Again, we apologize for the problems, as we know all of you look forward to the service. Please know we too look forward to offering the worship service On-Line. We continue to reach people for Christ through "online worship and study" that haven't been in church, who couldn't/can't make it to worship, and for all practical purposes...have been cut off from church.

As I write today, we continue to hone-in on needed cameras, computers, audio and visual equipment that we do not have to offer On-Line Worship/Study ministry with quality it deserves. Honestly, we didn't have money budgeted for the current need/situation, and we are trying to be prudent monetarily. But...to do it correctly...NOW is the time to get in the business of On-Line Worship for it is the foreseeable future of worship for our Traditional and Modern Worship Services. If you would like to help with these needs, a fund has been set up called "**Livestream Worship Equipment.**" All help would be greatly appreciated so that we can alleviate the glitches as soon as possible. Simply make an offering and designate it to "**Livestream Worship Equipment.**"

Friends, I believe we as Christ Followers are to be a people of preparation. I offer some valuable words once again from last weeks Newsletter writing that are important of us to hear again. Church for the foreseeable future will not be the same. It is a sobering reality of COVID 19's effects. It's still a scary statement to make, and a scary statement to hear. I would be being less than honest with all of us if I didn't communicate this reality. I know that all we want is to return to how things were. Unfortunately, the COVID 19 Virus is not a virus that "goes away," and that means that we have to do things differently to keep moving forward. I know this will mean grieving over "how we use to do things." It will cause us to say, "that's not how we have always done that...". And you will be right! Friends, it's the hand we have been dealt but you are resilient, creative and God honoring Christ Followers. I know that you desire a ministry to win people to Christ to be the most important message of our church, not a message to, "do things the way I/we want!" I am grateful for your desire to do such! Thank you!

My friends...stay connected: your church office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 12:00 noon; Bible Study is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. (Studying Acts of the Apostles) on the Hueytown First UMC Facebook Live Page. Worship is each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, and 11:11 a.m. Modern (Contemporary) Worship on the respective Facebook Live Pages.

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! Our 2020 ministry theme at Hueytown F.U.M.C., **Gifted and Called!** Be creative to use your gifts to stay connected and know that God is calling you to be the one to share His love with the stranger to God's Love and Mercy. Be trusting, Be believing, and Be living in such a way that says Jesus was who He said He was!

In Service to Christ, Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions

May 3, 2020

Morning Worship 404
Thrive 601

Received 5/4/20 \$32,775.00
Total as of 5/4/20 \$ 162,649.81

OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

May 17th will be our "Senior Sunday".



Joey Conti
Drew Dalton
Lauren McKenzie
Jordan Mize
Chloe Shafer
Bailey Walker

MEMORIAL & HONORARIUMS

BUDGET- In Memory of Bruce Thompson, In Honor of Richard & Denise Thompson and Phyllis Thompson by Buster and B.J. Kornegay.

BUDGET- In Memory of Bruce Thompson and Bruce Bonner. In Honor of Bill & Patsy Crump, Doug & Sue Douglass, Buster & B.J. Kornegay, Kenneth Parsons and Bobby & Hazel Glass by Alan & Marilyn Brown.

FOOD PANTRY- In Memory of Bruce Thompson by J.D. Nichols.

RED BIRD- In Memory of Bruce Thompson & Bruce Bonner. Love Scott, Lisa & Boys.

PENNY & A PRAYER

The children are sponsoring for the month of April 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 who need food with donations going to the "Sheltering in Love" a COVID-19 UMCOR relief fund. At the end of May please turn in your donation to the church office.

Mother's Day is May 10th

Sarah Grace Oden
Margie Ingles
Susan Rheuby
Glen Hooks
Tommy Hudson
Craig Postovit
Janie Thornley
Michael Black
Jake Barrett
Alesia Shafer
Phil Shafer
The Shafer Family

Special Prayer Request



Congratulations to Robert & Christy Richardson on the birth of a daughter, Molly Drew Richardson born 4/30/20 weighting in at 7lbs 15 oz., 20 1/2 inches long. Molly joins big sister Evie Richardson. Proud grandparents are Danny & Kate Richardson.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TITHE

REDBIRD IS SEPT. 13-19. OUR COUNT IS TURNED IN, IN JUNE.

Our 10:00am Sunday worship is being streamed from a link on our Facebook page.
THRIVE service is being streamed at 11:11am.

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 lead 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.

VBS has been set for June 15-18. This is a "wait and see" situation regarding how churches will be allowed to open to large groups.

REMINDER SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held in the Fellowship Hall on 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.



Thursday Night Painting Class
live from our Facebook page
at **6:30 PM** on 5/7/20

Please do not leave items for the Clothes Closet until further notice. Volunteers are following the "STAY AT HOME" guidelines. Thank you-

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** not only a way to greet and welcome you, but as an acronym to teach: **H.E.L.L.O.**

How we seek to follow God at F.U.M.C.
Everybody has a place at F.U.M.C.
Living after Christ's Example
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 know by Thursday, March 26, 2020. **Blessings, Bro. John V.**