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MON., TUES., THUR. 9-4
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FRIDAY: Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Oct 11, 2020

10:00 am Traditional Service from the main Sanctuary will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

11:11 am Thrive Service from the Heritage Sanctuary will be streamed through our church Facebook page.

6:00 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Monday, Oct 12, 2020

9:30 am Koinonia

Tuesday, Oct 13, 2020

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

Wednesday Oct 14, 2020

9:00am Food Pantry

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday Oct 15, 2020

9:00am Food Pantry

6:30 pm Painting Class will be in the Fellowship Hall. Limited to 10 artist.

Friday, Oct 16, 2020

Saturday, Oct 17, 2020

Sermon: "Life's Golden Calves"

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

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John's Journal

October 5, 2020

Greetings Friends in Christ! Gary Thomas shared a story in Christianity Today that I share with you: "As Vice President, George Bush represented the U.S. at the funeral of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Bush was deeply moved by a silent protest carried out by Brezhnev's widow. She stood motionless by the coffin until seconds before it was closed. Then, just as the soldiers touched the lid, Brezhnev's wife performed an act of great courage and hope, a gesture that must surely rank as one of the most profound acts of civil disobedience ever committed: She reached down and made the sign of the cross on her husband's chest. There in the citadel of secular, atheistic power, the wife of the man who had run it all hoped that her husband was wrong. She hoped that there was another life, and that that life was best represented by Jesus who died on the cross, and that the same Jesus might yet have mercy on her husband."

What a powerful expression of Hope! In the midst of what would have had to be considered a dangerous expression of faith, hope was greater than any fear that atheistic powers could impose or deliver. We need to hear about such hope for our lives. I remind us all of the Psalmist's words from Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging...The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress...Be still, and know that I am God..."

With news of yet another potential hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico; raging fires in the west; racism across our nation; Covid 19 Pandemic numbers once again showing some increase in infection rates; politics in some of its ugliest forms...the world NEEDS the Hope that Christ Followers can offer in our prayers and our dispositions of belief in Almighty God!

Let us all join in faith by offering "The Sign of the Cross" upon our world, our nation, our state, our county and our city as Hopeful People of God. As God called the people in 2 Chronicles 7, let us be called today to... "humble ourselves and pray and seek the face of seeking a healing for the land."(amended).

I join you in this prayer...

In Service to Christ,

Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions

Oct. 4, 2020

Traditional	64
Online	165
Thrive	15
Online	123

Received	10/4/20	\$ 10,987.00
Total as of	10/4/20	\$ 307,216.95

Sarah Grace Oden
Susan Rheuby
Glen Hooks
Kim Hooks
Tommy Hudson
Craig Postovit
Jack Moon
Sandra Bracknell
Joan Verchot
Dr. Rick Owen
Sandra Oden

Special Prayer Request

Thank YOU for the beautiful basket arrangement. As we remember and honor our sweet mother, we think of her love for this church and her many friends. May you all be blessed...

Belinda Coston Hyche, Kathy Coston Smeraglia, Kenny Coston, Carol Coston McDonald and Families.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TITHE

Memorial & Honorariums

UMCOR– In Memory of Joe & Mary Clyde Moore, Kathryn Cole, Doug Douglass and In Honor of Jim & Ann McCain by Jerry Gober.

UMCOR– In Memory of Joe Moore and Evelyn Coston. In Honor of Dave Hadder, Ann McCown, Kim & Glenn Hooks and Sandra Oden by W.T. & Mary Frances Bell.

BUDGET– In Memory of Carolyn & Fred Higgins on the date of their anniversary, love, Jeff, Sarah Kate and Gill Higgins.

BUDGET– In Memory to Evelyn Coston by Lakeview Estates, Inc.

BUDGET– In Memory of Evelyn Coston by the John Swiney Family.

BUDGET– In Honor of Kate Richardson for all her hard work with the Children's Dept. In Honor of Beverly Seals, Love, Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDED FOR UMCOR

Friends, here is the latest request for needed help in response to Hurricane's Laura and Sally from UMCOR. The following are ways that we as individuals and as the church can respond in needed help: Here is our first information for needed supplies at our Disaster Response Warehouse in Decatur, Alabama. You or your church will be responsible for delivery to Decatur. We do not have the resources to pick them up. Thanks in advance for your help. Watch for future updates.

Supplies:

Supplies used in the Tornado Bucket or Cleaning Kit. Cleaning Kit Value: \$75.00 per kit
Cleaning Kit Materials: - One five-gallon round bucket with lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)-No screw lids. -May be used, but must be free from all residual product -Advertisement on the outside acceptable. -One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent. -One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner. -No spray cleaners. -One 16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap. -One 4-8 oz. pump/aerosol spray air freshener (aerosol must have safety cap). -One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable). -Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. -One scrub brush, with or without handle. -18 re-usable cleaning wipes. -No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. -Can be removed from packaging. -Five scouring pads. -No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. -Can be removed from packaging. -36-50 clothespins. -One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line). -24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon sizes). -Can be removed from packaging. -Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness). -No surgical masks. -Two pairs kitchen gloves. -Tarps: 12-17ft X 20-30ft. We desperately need tarps. We are sending all we have of these sizes to Louisiana.) -Garden Rakes. -Shovels. -2 Wheel--Wheel Barrows. We are staging a half to full semi-trailer load of supplies for shipment to Louisiana early next week. Monetary

Donations: For supplies and shipping costs. Please send a check to:
UM Disaster Relief Warehouse
PO Box 1133

Decatur, AL 35602 OR Donate on our website www.umdisasterwarehouse.com

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE DATE SET

The Annual District Charge Conference for Hueytown First United Methodist Church has been set for Monday, November 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m. The Charge Conference will take place Virtually by ZOOM.

Bar Soap needed in the Food Pantry

SonRise Outdoor Concert Sunday **Oct 18**, 6:00pm Charles Stone Park, Gurley AL Sponsored by Gurley



NOMINATIONS MEETINGS

The Nominations Team is beginning its work for Leadership in 2021. In light of the Pandemic that disrupted the anticipated ministries of 2020 at Hueytown F.U.M.C., I am asking as the Chairperson of the Nominations Team that Leadership positions remain the same heading into 2021, with exception of the required transitions per the Book of Discipline on SPRC, Trustees, Finance at Large, and Nominations. If you are the Chairperson of a Committee outside of the noted above teams, and need/request a change for yourself, please contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached at the church at (205)491-3421; or by email at jvercig@hueytownfirst.com. Thank You, Bro. John V.

Thursday Night Painting Class

October 8, 2020 we will be making & painting this pumpkin, cat, ghost set. Come join the fun. 6:30pm. \$15.00. Call the office to reserve your spot.

