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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 8, 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.

4:00 pm Admin Board Meet

6:00 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Monday, Nov 9, 2020

9:30 am Koinonia

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020

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

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U.S. Postage Pd.
Hueytown, Alabama
Permit No. 205

Wednesday Nov. 11, 2020

9:00 am Food Pantry

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday Nov 12, 2020

9:00 am Food Pantry

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

Friday, Nov. 13, 2020

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020

Sermon: "Arrival of the Bridegroom"

Scripture: Matt 25:1-13



HUEYTOWN FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



John's Journal

November 2, 2020

Greetings Friends in Christ! On Sunday, November 1, 2020, our great church recognized All Saints Sunday. The worship services remembered and celebrated seventeen saints that completed their earthly spiritual journey in the last year, and who now serve in the heavenly realm. We give thanks to God for the ministry of these servants as they led others to Jesus Christ!

As I write this week, I remind us all that 2020 has been everything but normal (what's normal anyway, right?). You as a congregation of Christ Followers have 'pivoted' well as our Bishop says, 'flowed' along amazingly, changed course in mid-stream, and patiently adjusted to 'new norms' the best we all can. Thank you so very much!

November is usually the time in our calendar year when we as a congregation participate in our Financial and Spiritual Life Responses of Stewardship Commitment. In other words, November is when we normally offer our anticipated estimate of giving for the next year and our offer of how we will serve the local church with our hands and feet commitment. Needless to say, the year's events of COVID-19 has confounded anything relative to staying on a month to month budget. So many of the routine ministry events just never happened, and several hopes of new things couldn't materialize either. And yet, when the church was posed with the ministry question of staying connected to people without being together due to COVID-19...you made Livestream Ministry possible. Again, thank you so very much!

All this to say, it is time for us to look into next year (2021) and prepare for the hope of new ministry in new ways. The struggle is that it will differ than we've ever known ministry forecasting to ever be. It will clearly entail a continued multimedia driven type ministry, and at the same time enhancing things like our church website that makes it easier for folks to connect to each other and to the church. What doesn't change is the need for our tithes and offerings to support what ministry will look like in 2021.

I am proposing to each of us as Christ Followers, as well as Members and Friends to Hueytown First United Methodist Church, that we embrace the great hymn "**A Charge to Keep I Have**" as our 2021 Church Ministry theme. The second stanza of this great hymn by Charles Wesley reads, "To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!" What's the Master's Will? Make Disciples of Jesus Christ...no matter the issues of the present age. Jesus says in Luke 19:10, "To seek out and save the lost."

In the upcoming next few days, a 2021 Estimate of Giving Pledge Card will be created, and distribution will begin for our response toward a 2021 Financial and Spiritual Life Stewardship Commitment. Our goal is to return our response cards by Sunday, November 29, 2020, the first Sunday of Advent.

Please be in prayer during this time for our 2021 ministry theme, "**A Charge to Keep I Have**", as well as how you and I will respond to God's calling for ministry through our great church in 2021.

In Service to Christ, Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions

Nov. 1, 2020

Traditional	113
Online	242
Thrive	12
Online	186
Sunday School	36
Received 11/1/20	\$ 10,224.20
Total as of 11/1/20	\$ 330,322.12

Sarah Grace Oden
 Susan Rheuby
 Glen Hooks
 Kim Hooks
 Tommy Hudson
 Craig Postovit
 Jack Moon
 Sandra Bracknell
 Joan Verchot
 Sandra Oden
 Mary Catherine Northcutt
 Ann McCain

Special Prayer Request

**Bar Soap
 needed in
 the Food
 Pantry**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TITHE

Memorial & Honorariums

- COMM. CHRISTMAS PARTY- In Memory of Joe Moses, Love, Ryan, Keena & Killian Moses.
- COMM. CHRISTMAS PARTY- In Memory of Sara Lee Nichols from David & Barbara Nichols.
- COMM. CHRISTMAS PARTY- In Honor of our church family from Mike & Jane Blackwell
- BUDGET- In Honor of Sandra Baggett, Ann McCain, Jack Moon, Jim Lott, Love, Scott & Lisa Edmonson.
- COMM. CHRISTMAS PARTY- In Honor of Alan Brown's birthday from Harold & Delle Caine.



PECAN SALE

Halves & pieces, \$12.00 per pound. Delivery prior to Thanksgiving. Place order with any member of UMW or come by the church office.

Christmas is coming!!!

We are busy planning the Children's Community Party. It will look a little different this year. We will have a drive through event on December 12. At this time we are asking for new underwear and sock donations. We have several size needs. There will be a box for donations in the Disciple Room or items may be left in the church office.

Size Needs

- Boys boxers/boxer briefs- size 4,5,6,8,10, & up.
 - Boys socks- all sizes
 - Girls underwear-sizes 2,3,5,14,& up.
 - Girls socks- need only girls large.
- As in the past \$50.00 will sponsor gifts/toys for a child. Monetary donations are always welcome. I will be asking for volunteer shoppers within the next few weeks. Thanks you to all for continuing to support this wonderful ministry!

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday morning 9:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall Starting November 1st. Using the Adult Bible Study Materials.
 Sponsored by Seeker SS Class
 John Simmons, Leader

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES

We need your updates for the new year's birthday calendar. Please get these in by mid December. Sooner is better than later.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Charlotte Quinn Woodward has arrived at 7 lbs, 13 oz. on 10/28/20. Her parents are Jimbo & Lauren Woodward. Grandparents Woody & Connie Woodward. Great Grandparent is Rose Bishop. Aunt Mandy Davis.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

There will be an Administrative Board meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We are meeting in the Sanctuary because it affords us more Social Distancing space. Please wear your mask to this meeting. We will have two pieces of business on this day:

- 1) the required setting of the Senior Pastor salary per the Book of Discipline to be reported at Charge Conference; and 2) the approval of the Nominations Committees work for Church Leadership 2021. The meeting is not anticipated to last any longer than 45 minutes. Members and At-Large Membership should be present as possible. I anticipate that we will Livestream the meeting on this day.

Thursday Night Painting Class

November 5, 2020 just in time for Fall... Come join the fun. 6:30pm. \$15.00. Call the office to reserve your spot.

