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FRIDAY: Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

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 Young Adult Meet

6:00 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Monday, Nov 30, 2020

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020

Wednesday Dec. 2, 2020

9:00 am Food Pantry

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday Dec. 3, 2020
9:00 am Food Pantry
6:30 pm Painting Class will be in the Fellowship Hall. Limited to 10 artist.

Friday, Dec. 4, 2020

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020

Sermon: "There will be no more Gloom."

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1,6-7

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HUEYTOWN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

John's Journal **November 23, 2020**

Greetings Friends in Christ! Welcome to Thanksgiving Week! My life has always been-filled with a gathering of family at Thanksgiving! I admit it…our family gatherings (Lisa's and mine) are being affected by COVID 19, and I am saddened and not pleased at all by the effects of the Pandemic. Yet, I have a larger responsibility and care for those in my circle of life to remain safe and healthy from possible infection. I, like most of you, will be (and am) "Thankful" on Thanksgiving Day (and every day), just in a smaller circle… and there will be more food for me this year (Ha-Ha! Just Kidding). It is my prayer that each of you will be blessed, happy and safe as you celebrate Thanksgiving…as a small gathering or with a full family get together! Happy Thanksgiving My Friends!

As we navigate Thanksgiving, it's hard to believe that a new Christian Year is upon us. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29, 2020. The theme for our Traditional Worship Services will be, Solving the Gift of Advent. The theme for our Modern Worship Services will be, We Eagerly Await a Savior. I look forward to celebrating the two different themes with you as the anticipation of Jesus' birth builds, and then, Good News…Christ is Born!

It is my deepest and sincerest hope and prayer that we give ourselves to the season of Christ's Birth, Advent, like never before. Throughout most of our lives we have heard it preached, heard it taught, and have been in conversation around it ourselves…the world is a fragile place. The year 2020 has taught us 'just how fragile' the world really is. But as Christ Followers, we don't build the foundation of our lives on the fragility of the world…we are told in scripture that what's here today can be gone tomorrow. We build our lives on what lasts… an eternal relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Whether you will be worshiping during the Advent Season in Traditional Worship, Modern Worship or both, it is my prayer that you discover anew the gift of Advent as you eagerly await the Savior. I look forward to His HOPE, His LOVE, His JOY and His PEACE!

Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions

Nov. 22, 2020

Traditional		59
Online		236
Thrive		15
Online		18
Sunday School		20
Received	11/22/20	$ 4878.00
Total as of	11/22/20	$ 349,511.09

Special Prayer Request

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

1. Plastic Bags
2. Bar Soap

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TITHE

Memorial & Honorariums

RED BIRD– In Memory of Ruth Cale by Cheryl Finch.

FLOWER FUND– In Memory of Bart Goodwin from Cheryl Finch.

BUDGET– In Honor of sue, Stephanie, Lynn & Jeff. By Dot Moran.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS FUND– In Honor of Lacie Oden and in Memory of Mac Hornsby by Mary Frances and W.T. Bell.

BUDGET– In Memory of Ruth Cale by Jack & Bonnie Dabbs, Sophie, Kaye & Rick, Jack Jr., Connie & Family.

FOOD PANTRY– In Memory of Ruth Cale by Leo and Carol Madderra.

Reading Through the Bible 2021

The last couple of years has been fantastic reading through God's Holy Word together. In 2021, we are adding a different component to our study through the bible. Throughout 2021's Reading Through the Bible, we want to have a "recapping" of our weekly reading. What does that mean? On Wednesday nights through 2021, a Livestream recap of the previous week's readings will take place at 6:30 p.m., on the "Hueytown First UMC" Livestream Facebook page.

How it will work: For instance, we start reading on Friday, January 1, 2021. We will read January 1-January 6, 2021, and on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 we will recap Genesis chapters 1-21. On Thursday, January 7, 2020 read January 7-13, 2021, and on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, we will recap Genesis chapters 22-40. As you receive the reading schedule for 2021, you will understand the schedule more clearly.

I look forward to this new opportunity for 2021.

Blessings, Bro. John V.

Christmas is coming!!!

Update on the Community Christmas Party. We are beginning to receive family lists from the schools. We have volunteers shopping. We will continue to receive names and if you are interested in shopping please let me know. Thank you for the cash donations that continue to come in. Also thank you for the socks and underwear that have been donated. If you would still like to donate socks and underwear the following sizes are needed. **Also please no briefs for boys…boxers only**. Our community is made better by each donation. Thank you for your outpouring of love.

Size Needs

Girls…Underwear-Size 5,8,14,16 and up (women's would be appreciated) Socks-All sizes

Boys…Underwear-Size 4,5,6,8, 14, 18,20 and up (men's sizes would be appreciated) Socks-All sizes

Thanks you to all for continuing to support this wonderful ministry!

Poinsettias

$11.00 each

No._____

Total_____

In Honor of

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In Memory

of_____

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Presented

by_____

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Deadline for orders: Dec. 11th, 2020

Don't Forget…

Our upcoming ministry theme for 2021 as Members and Friends to Hueytown F.U.M.C. is, "A Charge to Keep I Have. Our goal is to return our response cards by Sunday, December 6, 2020. Please be in prayer during this time for our completing our calling for 2020, and for a wide-eyed 2021 ministry theme, "A Charge to Keep I Have." I know that we all are looking forward to offering our response as to how we will respond to God's calling for ministry through our great church in 2021.

Poinsettias $11.00 each

No. ___ Total: ____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Presented by: _____

Deadline for orders: December 11th

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

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

HARVEST SUNDAY UPDATE

We will not have our regular Harvest Sunday this year.

We will not bring fresh fruit and vegetables to the sanctuary.

Instead we are collecting CANS of green beans, corn, and jelly for the food pantry.

Please start dropping them off now in the Food Pantry, Discipleship room or office.

2020 DECEMBER

HUEYTOWN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11:11am - THRIVE SERVICE (in-person & live streamed) 2pm - GIRL SCOUTS	30 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS	01	02 9am - FOOD PANTRY 6pm - HANDBELLS 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR	03 9am - FOOD PANTRY 6:30pm - PAINTING CLASS (limited in-person & live streamed)	04 OFFICE CLOSED	05 8am - Men's Bible Study - outdoors (Under the pecan trees)
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13 6:30am - Inigters @ First Light 9am - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11:11am - THRIVE SERVICE (in-person & live streamed)	14 9:30am - KOINONIA 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS	15 10:30am - FAITH JOY 6:30pm - DISCOVERY	16 6pm - HANDBELLS 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR	17 6:30pm - PAINTING CLASS (limited in-person & live streamed)	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 8am - Men's Bible Study - outdoors (Under the pecan trees)
20 9am - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11:11am - THRIVE SERVICE (in-person & live streamed) 4pm - CUB SCOUT CHRISTMAS	21 7pm - ALPHA	22	23 OFFICE HALF-DAY	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 9am - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11:11am - THRIVE SERVICE (in-person & live streamed)	28	29	30 6pm - HANDBELLS 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR	31 OFFICE HALF-DAY	01 OFFICE CLOSED	02 8am - Men's Bible Study - outdoors (Under the pecan trees)