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FRIDAY: Closed

# Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020**

**10:00 am** Traditional Service with streaming,

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

**6:00 pm** Bible Study (Facebook)

**Monday, Dec. 21, 2020**

**Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020**

**Wednesday Dec. 23, 2020**

**6:30 pm** Bible Study (Facebook)

**7:00 pm** Choir Practice

**Thursday Dec. 24, 2020**

**5:00 pm** Traditional Worship hosting Come & Go communion

**6:00 pm** Thrive Christmas Eve Service with communion.

**NO MIDNIGHT SERVICE**

**Friday, Dec. 25, 2020**

**Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020**

**Sermon: "Has Believed What the Lord Said"**

**Scripture: Luke 1:35-45**

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110 Sunset Drive  
Hueytown, AL  
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John's Journal

NEWSLETTER

December 14, 2020

Hello Friends of Jesus! I am hopeful that each of you are well? I want to inform you that the Trustees and Executive Leadership (SPRC Chairperson; Finance Chairperson; Trustee Chairperson; Financial Treasurer; Administrative Board Chair; Lay Leader; Worship Chairperson; Traditional Worship Leaders; Modern Worship Leaders; Youth; Children) met on Sunday, December 13, 2020, with regard to the ever-increasing COVID-19 numbers in our county and state.

The meeting was to address whether Hueytown F.U.M.C. should make any adjustments to our current "in person" offering of worship in both the Traditional and Modern Worship Services. After good discussion from all participants, the Trustees and Executive Leadership concluded that "at this time" we will continue to offer "in person" worship with the following parameters: 1) The Sanctuary will be marked off once again to identify proper social distancing space; 2) It is paramount that all attenders to "in person" worship wear a mask to worship; 3) it is extremely important to practice social distancing when both entering and leaving worship related to hugging, shaking hands, elbowing, fist bumping, etc. The Trustees and Executive Leadership are hopeful that you understand that these minimal parameters are what allows us continue to host "in person" worship as well as encourage good health practices for ourselves and each other.

In case you haven't heard, the news is great about the outreach ministry for the F.U.M.C. Hueytown Children's Community Christmas Event. On Saturday, December 12, 2020, there were 41 families served; there were 123 children whose lives were touched...each child received a coat, gloves, hat, socks, underwear, toys, a Christmas craft, and all children over the age of 4 received a sleeping bag (93 were given out). All families received 3 large bags of groceries, frozen meats, cheese and butter. What began over 25 years ago as a project for the youth group, has become a church wide mission. As Caryl Hadder wrote with regard to this ministry, "we could say thank you and list names, however, instead let us give all Glory to God for providing us hearts, hands, feet and means to provide for others." Way to go Members and Friends of Hueytown F.U.M.C.!

As a reminder about Christmas Eve and opportunities for Holy Communion, there will be a COME & GO Holy Communion from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Traditional Worship Space, and there will be a Holy Communion Service from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Thrive Worship Space.

Lastly, please remember to return your 2021 "A Charge to Keep I Have" pledge card as soon as possible. We want to give our Finance Team along with our staff the greatest chance to make disciples of Jesus Christ in 2021.

**In Service to Christ,**

**Bro. John V.**

## Attendance & Contributions

Dec. 13, 2020

Traditional	68
Online	443
Thrive	14
Online	75
Sunday School	
Received 12/13/20	\$ 8,714.97
Total as of 12/13/20	\$ 374,407.36

Sarah Grace Oden  
 Susan Rheuby  
 Glen Hooks  
 Kim Hooks  
 Tommy Hudson  
 Craig Postovit  
 Jack Moon  
 Sandra Bracknell  
 Joan Verchot  
 Sandra Oden  
 Ann McCain  
 Annette Waters  
 Nancy Goodwin  
 Elizabeth Nichols

*Special Prayer Request*

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

1. Plastic Bags
2. Bar Soap

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## Memorial & Honorariums

FLOWER FUND— In Memory of Esther Towers by Cheryl Finch

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY— In Memory of Kathryn Lowery Cole by Paige and Jeff Jones

FOOD PANTRY—In Honor of Sue Douglass and in Memory of Doug Douglass by Jeff & Lyn Teague

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREWS— In Memory of Ruth Cale by Carolyn & Phil Vines

FINE ARTS— In Memory of Ruth Cale and Esther Towers by Jack & Nancy Moon

LIVE STREAM— In Honor of Annette Waters, Ann McCain and Marie McFall on her birthday by Jack & Nancy Moon.

BUDGET— In Memory of Esther Towers. Love, Alan & Marilyn Brown



### From The Children's Community Event....

Total families served 41. Total children 123. Each child received a coat, gloves, hat, socks underwear, toys, a Christmas craft and each child over age 4 received a sleeping bag (93 given out). Each family received 3 large bags of groceries, frozen meats, cheese and butter. What began over 25 years ago as a project for the youth has become a church wide mission. It takes everyone! We could say thank you and list names however instead let us give all Glory to God for providing us the hearts, hands, feet and means to provide for others. Continue to pray for these families as their needs are many. Merry Christmas!!!

### NEW OFFERING ENVELOPS

Please call the office and let us know where you would like to pick up your new offering envelopes. We can place them in the Church Office, Disciple Room or right outside the Sanctuary.

Remember to check your mail boxes here at church for Christmas Cards.

## 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.

### LAST NEWSLETTER.....

This is the last newsletter for this year. Our next newsletter will be mailed Jan. 5, 2021.

### 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.