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WED. 9-2
FRIDAY: Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Feb 14, 2021

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, Feb. 15, 2021

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021

Wednesday Feb 17, 2021

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Thursday Feb 18, 2021

6:00 pm Painting Class

Friday, Feb 19, 2021

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021

8:00 am Bible Study

Sermon: "To Ascend, One Must Descend"

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

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John's Journal

NEWSLETTER

February 8, 2021

Hello my Friends! I anticipate that our weekly newsletter finds you all well today... As I write this week, I am able to hear in the background the noise of our Youth Group making sub-sandwiches for all of you that supported the Super Bowl fundraiser by the Youth. Thank you for all you did for them this past weekend to support our Youth. As I write you today, I can also hear the joy of Cub Scouts participating in the Pine Box Derby. Peering in at the track, I could tell that there are some pretty fast cars this year.

I cannot tell you the joy it fills my heart with to hear the sounds and echoes of activity going on in the church. Now let me make sure you all know that both groups that are busy on this Sunday afternoon are abiding by Pandemic protocols...wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing. The groups are also well cared for by adults that are abiding by the same protocols while supervising young people. Nonetheless, what a great sound to hear that our facility has life in it beyond Worship.

The beautiful sounds of laughter, excitement, picking at one another and care by adults for young people on this Sunday afternoon of writing reminds me that we are called to community. Someone entering worship on Sunday, February 7, 2021, asked, "where is everyone?" In other words, where is our spiritual community? Unfortunately, that is too easy a question to answer...COVID 19! If you don't have it, you don't want to get it! If you haven't been exposed to it, you don't want to be exposed! If you have had it, you don't want to be a carrier in sharing it with someone who hasn't had it even though you are contagious! The reasons are many, and they are valid toward the safety of all when it comes to being short of in-person attendance for worship! The great news...so many continue to watch/participate in worship on a weekly basis. Thank you all for your continued presence...in-person or by livestreaming. We appreciate all of you, and we love you!

A couple of weeks ago, I posed the question, "What exactly is Lent?" The forty days of Lent are a season of days in a Christ Followers life that are filled with personal spiritual reflection, as well as corporate spiritual reflection as the church. Over forty days Christ Followers "intentionally; without reserve; genuinely; and authentically" open their whole lives to renewal, restoration, and rebirth to the calling of God in their lives, and so does the ministry life of the church. Again, I remind us that the Lenten Season is usually marked by "giving up" something, in order to "take up" something. The hope and prayer is that "the something" we take up moves us closer to God, deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and markedly different in how we "live out" God's call in our lives. In Lent, we divest ourselves of "self" and allow God to live wonderfully and powerfully through us for His honor and glory.

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Hueytown F.U.M.C. will host an Imposition of Ashes at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Attendees are asked to follow Pandemic Protocols by wearing a mask and sitting Socially Distanced. The Imposition of Ashes will entail the use of Q-Tips dipped lightly in baby oil, then dipped in ash and marked on the worshiper's forehead. A new Q-Tip will be used for each worship attendee.

Friends of Jesus...I look forward to what God continues to do through our great church in 2021 as we answer our calling from God, **A Charge to Keep I (we) Have...it will take all of us...this generation to serve!**

In Service to Christ, Bro. John V.

Attendance & Contributions

Feb. 7, 2021

Traditional	43
Online	273
Thrive	14
Online	247

Received 2/7/21 \$ 9,580.00

Total as of 2/7/21 \$ 41,373.87

Sarah Grace Oden
Susan Rheuby
Tommy Hudson
Craig Postovit
Jack Moon
Sandra Bracknell
Joan Verchot
Beverly Seale
Mary Frances Bell
Dora Chaffin

Special Prayer Request

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the Woodward and Davis families at the passing of Mike Devine.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the Glen Houston family (Paul Thrasher's brother in law) at his recent passing.

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Memorial & Honorariums

BUDGET– In Memory of Annette Waters by the Plain dirt Gardeners.

BUDGET– In Memory of Annette Waters& Wanda Pitts by John & Lynda Swiney.

BUDGET– In Memory of Annette Waters by the Eloise Waters Rosser Family.

FOOD PANTRY– In Memory of Net McCrorie by Steve & Gala Douglass.

FOOD PANTRY– In Memory of William Brawley by Gala & Steve Douglass.

FOOD PANTRY– In Memory of Alvin Roper by Steve & Gala Douglass.

FOOD PANTRY– In Honor of Daddy (Stuart McCrorie) for my memories of Israel. With Love, Gala

BUDGET– In Memory of Annette Waters by The Pitesa Family.

BUDGET– In Memory of Wanda Pitts by Thelma (Tee) Nalls.

WALKING TRACK– In Memory of Mac Hornsby & Bernie Finneran. In Honor of Mary Frances Bell by Bill & Jayne Honsby.

BUDGET– In Memory of Lynn Oden & Tony Yardley. In Honor of Mary Frances Bell by Jeannie & Butch Pair.

WALKING TRACK– In Memory of Annette Waters by Carolyn & Phil Vines

BUDGET– In memory of Wanda Pitts, Esther Towers & Annette Waters. In Honor of Mary Frances Bell & the Phillip Oden Family by Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay.



Thursday Night Painting Class will be painting this "Frilly Chicken". RSVP your spot by calling the church office.

The 2021 "Flower sign up poster" is located on the bulletin board just outside the church office for your convenience .

Super Bowl Subs were a big success!!!



Congratulations to Tyler and Diane Geise on the birth of a son. Liam arrived 1/25/21 weighing 7.5lbs and 19" long.

WHAT IS LENT? WHAT IS THE LENTEN SEASON?

In just a few short weeks we will be entering a most Holy time in the season of a Christian, the Lenten Season! Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, and continues through April 3, 2021, for forty days (excluding the Sunday's when counting). Easter 2021 is on April 4 th .

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NEW SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TIMES

Beginning Sunday, February 21, 2021, the Sunday morning schedule will be:

Traditional Worship
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Small Groups/Youth/Children Groups
10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m

Modern Worship
11:11 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

F.U.M.C. WALKING TRACK

Members and Friends, several of you from the church have committed talents, skills, abilities and services toward the project of our Walking Track Project. If you too would like to be a part of supporting the phased project completion with such items as benches, picnic tables, a built-in grill, play area for children, a possible volleyball area, lighting around the track, fans for the pavilion, pavilion amenities, and the like...memorial gifts and honorariums have already begun. All you have to do is make a gift designated to: WALKING TRACK.