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FRIDAY: Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Feb 21, 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. 22, 2021

8:00 am Sack Food

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021

Wednesday Feb 24, 2021

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

9:00 am Food Pantry

Thursday Feb 25, 2021

6:00 pm Painting Class

9:00 am Food Pantry

Friday, Feb 26, 2021

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021

8:00 am Bible Study

Sermon: "Who's Telling the truth... satan or God?"

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

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John's Journal

NEWSLETTER

February 15, 2021

Hello my Friends! I anticipate that our weekly newsletter finds you all well today... As we begin the season of Lent it would be ignorant for me as a pastor to say that the last twelve, going on thirteen, months hasn't affected the everyday lives of people in this world. I am reminded that the four most sought after answers during this time have been related to GOOGLE searches on: 1) plagues of the bible; 2) what scripture says about governmental authority; 3) personal spiritual growth; and 4) what the bible says about the end-times.

As we being the season of Lent at Hueytown F.U.M.C., my prayer for this forty-day season is one of HOPE amidst the plethora of NEED. I HOPE for a renewal of physical health for our world. I HOPE for a restoration of faith in Jesus Christ for both people of faith, and especially for those who've fallen away from God, never known God, or feel forgotten by God and the church. I HOPE for real truthful answers to be discovered that God GAVE US His Son as a sign of His unconditional love. I HOPE that people of faith will recover a passion for simply sharing God's love as a means of leading others to Christ.

Some might say, "That's a lot in six weeks don't you think Bro. John?" It is if it's what I am going to do, or if it's what you're going to do...but it's not impossible if it's what God is doing, and we are a part of His work! I'll ask you, "what are you really hoping will happen during the Lenten Season for your life? What are you hoping for in the church's life? What are you willing to do so that growth happens in your life? What are you willing to do for growth in the life of the church? OR...does it even matter to you?"

During the Lenten Season I HOPE that we will be both realistic and hopeful about our spiritual journey as Christ Followers. I HOPE the last year has us desiring and wanting for the practice of faith that not only changes our world, but the world God so desires to bring to salvation. Here's the outline of sermons for the next forty-days:

...FAITH TO BELIEVE...

February 17, 2021 Ash Wednesday. Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 Somebody's Always Watching

February 21, 2021. 1 st Sun of Lent Matthew 4:1-11 Who's telling the truth...satan or God?

February 28, 2021. 2 nd Sun of Lent. John 3:1-17 What do you mean, "Born Again?"

March 7, 2021 3 rd Sun of Lent. John 4:5-42. One Woman's Story

March 14, 2021. 4 th Sun of Lent. John 9:1-41 One Man's Story

March 21, 2021. 5 th Sun of Lent. John 11:1-45 The Real Stench to Avoid

March 28, 2021. Palm Sunday. Matthew 21:1-11. Hey, is this a set-up?

April 4, 2021. Easter Sunday. John 1:1-18 The Tomb's Witness of the Risen Christ

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. 14, 2021

Traditional	71
Online	223
Thrive	25
Online	165

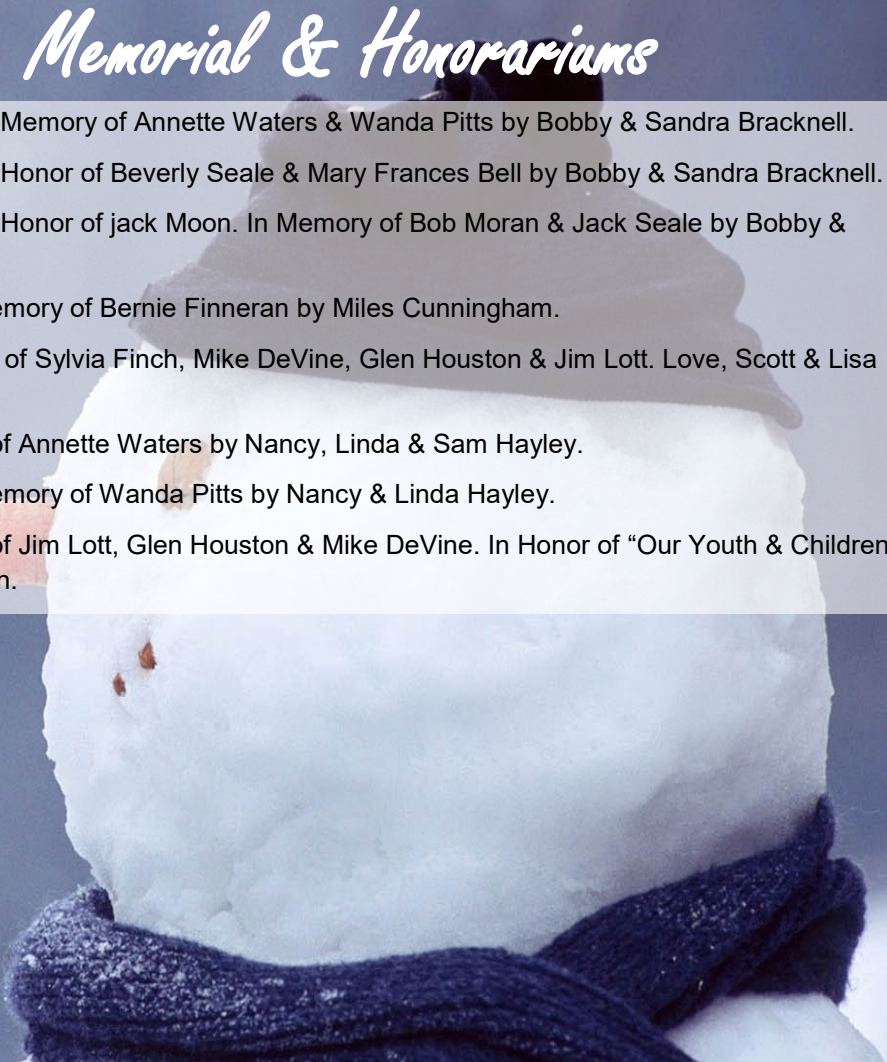
Received 2/14/21 \$ 4,584.97
 Total as of 2/14/21 \$ 45,958.84

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

Memorial & Honorariums

- WALKING TRACK**– In Memory of Annette Waters & Wanda Pitts by Bobby & Sandra Bracknell.
- WALKING TRACK**– In Honor of Beverly Seale & Mary Frances Bell by Bobby & Sandra Bracknell.
- WALKING TRANC**– In Honor of Jack Moon. In Memory of Bob Moran & Jack Seale by Bobby & Sandra Bracknell.
- FOOD PANTRY**– In Memory of Bernie Finneran by Miles Cunningham.
- RED BIRD**– In Memory of Sylvia Finch, Mike DeVine, Glen Houston & Jim Lott. Love, Scott & Lisa Edmonson & Boys.
- BUDGET**– In Memory of Annette Waters by Nancy, Linda & Sam Hayley.
- FOOD PANTRY**– In Memory of Wanda Pitts by Nancy & Linda Hayley.
- BUDGET**– In Memory of Jim Lott, Glen Houston & Mike DeVine. In Honor of “Our Youth & Children” by Marilyn & Alan Brown.



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 4th.

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.

The Lenten Season is usually marked by “giving up” something, in order to “take up” something so that our lives move 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.

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.



Thursday Night Painting Class will be painting this “colorful dragon fly”. 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.

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for the beautiful peace lily that you sent for my mother, Wanda Pitts’ funeral. It meant so much to the family. Thank you again.

Cindy Hoadley

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