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OFFICE HOURS:
MON., - THUR. 9-2
FRIDAY: Closed

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021

9:00 am Traditional Service with streaming.

10:10 am Small Groups

11:11 am Thrive

Monday, Sept. 20, 2021

8:30 am SACK GROCERIES

7:00 pm ALPHA

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021

6:30 pm DISCOVERY

Wednesday Sept. 22, 2021

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY

6:30 pm Bible Study (Facebook)

Thursday Sept. 23, 2021

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty

6:00 pm Painting Class

Friday, Sept. 24, 2021

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021

8:00 am Bible Study

Sunday Message: Faithful Waiting

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

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110 Sunset Drive
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In Touch

September 13, 2021



HUEYTOWN FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



9/16/21, will be painting this "Bird's Nest" on black canvas. Just as pictured below. Price is still \$15.00 per person. Come and share in the fun! We meet at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. To reserve a spot please let me know by calling 401-3124. PLAN TO WEAR A FACEMASK



CHURCH SECURITY UPDATE: **currently delayed by lighting strike.**

As you are aware by now, the new door security system is up and running at Hueytown F.U.M.C. Again, thank you for your patience. How will things work? Beginning July 11, 2021, the security door system will go into full effect facility wide. What does that mean? That means that 24/7/365 our church will operate in "secure mode." From July 11, 2021 forward, ALL entry to the facility will be controlled by either "press button" entry request at the West entrance doors or by assigned FOB KEYCHAIN entry. The West entrance doors and the Child Care Center entrance doors are the doors that persons need to enter through Monday through Friday if visiting the church or childcare center. These doors have a "press button" call system to notify office staff when entry is requested to the facility.

EVERYONE entering the facility at Hueytown F.U.M.C. can be seen by video screen on the West side of the church, and this is where access will take place. What's now needed from the congregation to enter the facility? What if I'm part of a group meeting? What if I have meetings at night? The church congregation will have a "Entry Need" form that you can request door entry openings for ANY meeting you or a group has. ATTENTION EVERYONE...IF YOU HAVE A MEETING AT THE CHURCH...YOU HAVE TO COMPLETE A "ENTRY NEED" FORM. The new security door system gives us the capability to schedule your meeting so that the doors closest to your meeting will automatically be open at a requested time by you. The system will then be scheduled an automatic relock time once your group has had time to enter the facility in order to provide your meeting with the most security once in the facility. DOORS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO BE LODGED/PROPED OPEN. Members and Friends, if you have an ongoing, weekly, monthly, quarterly, meeting or ministry event in the church; if you schedule a tea, wedding shower, baby shower, etc. at the church YOU NEED TO COMPLETE A "ENTRY NEED" FORM. "Entry Need" forms need to be completed for all current ministries and routine meetings as soon as possible. All Special Events need to complete a "Entry Need" form no less than two weeks in advance of said events. Again, please take a deep breath and have patience...security is a need for all of us, and a deep breath and patience will take us all a long way. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important matter.

Attendance & Contributions

Sept. 5, 2021

Thrive	14
Online	197
Traditional	58
Online	406

Sept. 12, 2021

Thrive		
Online		
Traditional		
Online		
Received	9/12/21	\$ 12,077.00

Total as of 9/12/21 \$ 267,348.20

Special Prayer Request

Sarah Grace Oden
Craig Postovit
Dora Chaffin
Glen Hooks
Sherri Miles– Kay Karr's sister
Sue Douglas
Donna Rodgers
Leigh Edmonson
Tommy Hudson
Mission Team to Red Bird

Thank you

First Methodist Church,

Thank you all for the meat & fruit tray that was sent to our family during this hard time. Thank you for the prayers. ~ Pate Family

JOHNS JOURNAL

Hello Hueytown F.U.M.C.! I pray you are well this second week of September 2021. As you are aware, we did not have a Newsletter last week. It was both a short week, and I was away from the office as Lisa and I celebrated our 37 th wedding anniversary. Thank you to all of you for your loving and kind wishes for a joy-filled time of remembrance and celebration.

In the last Newsletter writing, I wrote about the quickness of time thus far in 2021, as well as, I wrote about the intentional work of a disciple to reflect on our spiritual journey. This is what I wrote: I don't know about you, but I am amazed at how time has quickly chased by us this year. I usually take time each quarter of the year to review/ponder how I am doing with regard to my beginning of the year goals. For me in 2021, it was to be a better husband, a better father, a better dad and father in law, a better pastor, a better pastor colleague, a more effective pastor in the pulpit, a better teaching pastor and student of the bible, a better leadership pastor, a better coworker, a better friend, someone who gets involved in my community...wow...I had a lot of things I needed to get better at when you see it on paper.

I wonder if you might have been challenged to reflect upon your spiritual work as a disciple of Jesus Christ? I am, as I mentioned in the sermon on Sunday, September 12 th , a part of a learning group or "COHORT" as a part of my leadership duties within the Central District of our Annual Conference. With regard to disciples reflecting upon our spiritual work in "becoming like Christ" as a continuous spiritual process, I was not shocked, but very challenged as I was presented with research work and a quote from that work through Natural Church Development by Christian Schwartz. Schwartz writes, "There is a 'negative correlation' between the number of years that a person is a Christian and a member of a church, and 35 qualities that contribute to church health... the longer people are Christians (and church members), the weaker their spirituality, commitment, and eagerness to grow." Oh my goodness, say it ain't so? The nearly 86 countries survey bears that response from church folk say, "it is so."

Let me remind you once again of what I shared with you two weeks ago: I haven't accomplished everything I've set out to do thus far, but the year isn't over. I can, and I am pursuing still making a dent/moving forward in my hopes that I set out to accomplish this year.

Let me offer a question that is meant to be simply a personal challenge to all of us: "Are you still growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ...no matter the length of time you've been a Christian?" If not, may I offer to help you in that journey... Friends of Jesus...I continue to look forward daily in 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!

Bro. John V.

Memorials & Honorariums

FOOD PANTRY– In Honor of Sue Douglass by Jayne & Bill Hornsby.

BUDGET– In Honor of Sarah Grace Oden, daughter of Lacie & Michael Oden By the Adult Sunday School Class.

FOOD PANTRY– In Honor of Sue Douglass By the Adult Sunday School Class.

BUDGET– In Honor of Glen Hooks By the Adult Sunday School Class

FOOD PANTRY– In Memory of Carl Ray Gober With love, Jerry.

BUDGET– In Honor of Sue Douglass By Scott & Lissa Edmonson.

BUDGET– In Memory of Jimmy Murphree, In Honor of Donna Rodgers, Jan Towers, Sue Douglass & Bubba Bryant By Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay

BUDGET– In Memory of my Daddy, J.J. Bishop, on his 91st birthday on Sept. 13th. In Honor of Allie Davis on her 11th birthday on Sept. 13th. By Woody & Connie Woodward.

Soc. Of St. Andrew– In Honor of Lindel, Mary Ann & Patti by Carolyn & Phil Vines.

BUDGET– In Honor of Tommy Hudson, Glen Hooks, Donna Rodgers. In Memory of Andy McWhirter and Patricia Pate by Alan & Marilyn Brown.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Do you have a pet? On Sunday, October 3, 2021, Hueytown F.U.M.C. will offer a "Blessing of the Animals" at 3:00 p.m. under the New Pavilion. I hope to see you there as we give thanks to God for our pets.