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Upcoming Events

Sunday Oct. 16, 2022

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:10 am Small Groups
11:11 am Thrive
5:00 pm Youth

Monday Oct. 17, 2022

5:30 pm Sisters Bible Study
6:30 pm SPRC meet

Tuesday Oct. 18, 2022

7:00 pm Discovery
Discernment Team makes
recommendation.

Wednesday Oct. 19, 2022

Thursday Oct. 20, 2022

9:00 am Nifty/Fifty
6:00 pm Painting Class

Friday Oct. 21, 2022

Saturday Oct. 22, 2022

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday Oct. 23, 2022

4:00 pm Admin. Board meet



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10, 2022 at 1 pm

Please be in prayer for this event. We help many children and families in our community each year. Each family receives food in addition to coats, socks, underwear and toys for each child. We will need help the day of the event, people to shop, kitchen helpers, greeters, etc. It costs \$50 to sponsor toys for a child. If you would like to sponsor a child (or two) please send your donation to the church office designated to the Children's Christmas Party. Your continued support of this mission brings smiles to children and some relief to parents and guardians. The largest blessing comes back to all who participate. Thank you.

Caryl Hadder



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS HELP NEEDED



The Hueytown Area Chamber of Commerce has asked Hueytown First United Methodist Church to host on **October 15, 2022**, a Breast Cancer Breakfast. The event is at **8:00 a.m.** in our Fellowship Hall. The Chamber needs help with "Table Scapes." What is that? Are there any ladies in our church that love to decorate table settings? The need is for an eight-place setting for those who would be attending the Breast Cancer Breakfast? Imagination and Creativity are encouraged as this event is to support Breast Cancer Survivors, those fighting Breast Cancer, and honoring those who have passed as a result of Breast Cancer. Please contact **Catherine Verciglio** as soon as possible if you are willing to help with a Table Scape! Limited number of tickets left. Needing men who can serve breakfast this Saturday.

OCTOBER 10, 2022

In Touch

HUEYTOWN FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS – WHAT'S NEXT?

As you receive this week's Newsletter, the Discernment Team will return to weekly meetings on Tuesday nights in fulfilling the Discernment Team Process as required by the Bishop of the North Alabama Conference, and the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church per Paragraph 2553, required by the Disaffiliation Process.

The abbreviated below is broadly what takes place from this point forward:

October 11 th , Last Presentation to the Congregation by the Discernment Team

October 18 th , Discernment Teams Decision of Recommendation.

October 23 rd , Discernment Team Makes Recommendation to Administrative Board

October 23 rd , Administrative Board Receives Recommendation and votes if Recommendation Requires Voting

October 24 th , Discernment Team/Administrative Board Chair Requests "Special Called Church Conference" for Church from District Superintendent

In light of the District Superintendents knowledge that Hueytown First United Methodist Church is in the Discernment Process (and his packed schedule), a date has been saved should a vote indicate a call for a "Special Charge Conference".

October 25 th , Start Publicizing that a "Special Charge Conference" is to be held October 30 th , Combined Worship Services, Discernment Team Presents Process and Remainder of Process Scheduled. November 1 st , Discernment Team Final Presentation, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Bro. John Verciglio



**THURSDAY NIGHT
PAINT CLASS**
October 13th, 6:00 pm
"Two Pumpkins"



Attendance & Contributions

Oct. 9, 2022

Traditional	68
Traditional Online	354
Thrive	16
Thrive Online	148
Budget 10/9	\$14,350.80
Total as of 10/9/22	\$ 288,572.01

Special Prayer Request

Dora Chaffin	Jan Towers
Chris Cater	Jack Moon
Leigh Edmonson	Leo Madderra
Karen Murphree Parsons	
Sarah Grace Oden	



A new baby boy, **Jon Batton Terry II** arrived on 10/5/22 at 7lbs 12 oz., 21" long. Proud parents are J.D. & Sarah Kate Terry. Happy granddad is Jeff Higgins. Excited grandmother is Carol Rodriguez. Thrilled uncle is Gil Higgins.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Jamie Smith and family at the passing of her mother Debbie Smith.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Peggy Horn and family at the passing of her brother Don Burchfield. Visitation is 10/11/22, 5-7pm. Funeral is 10/12/22 at 11:00 am. People's Chapel.



We are in need of candy donations.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT

October 10, 2022

Just Think About It...

Hello Friends and Members! What a beautiful morning it is as I write you this week. The birds are chirping in the tree outside my office; fluttering around in play; singing to the morning that is refreshing and new. How about us? Are we singing about the new things God is doing in our lives? I was reminded of the great hymn, **Morning Has Broken**, as I listened and watched: **"Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!"** May each of your days be...**Fresh from the Word!**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- October 11 th Discernment Team Presentation
- October 13 th Start 24 hour Fasting after Supper
- October 14 th End 24 hour Fasting before Supper, Holy Communion 6:30 p.m. Sanct.
- October 15 th Breast Cancer Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall (Tickets Required)
- October 17 th SPRC meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- October 23 rd Administrative Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- October 30 th Trunk or Treat, North Parking Lot, 5-7:00 p.m.
- November 1 st , Discernment Team Final Presentation, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- November 6 th All Saints Sunday
- November 20 th Annual Local Church Charge Conference, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- November 24 th Thanksgiving Day
- November 27 th First Sunday of Advent

I read a quote over the weekend I think pertinent to the situation facing the denomination called United Methodist, and for her local churches, and its members. It's worth our time to read, ponder, and pray over as we discern how the impasse of the denomination affects us: ***As they confessed their hostility and bitterness to God and yielded to His control, the Holy Spirit created a spirit of unity among them. Love filled their hearts and dissolved their hatred. When love prevails among believers, especially in times of strong disagreement, it presents to the world an indisputable mark of a true follower of Jesus Christ.***

Blessings!

Bro. John Verciglio

PRAYER & FASTING WITH THE DISCERNMENT TEAM AS A CONGREGATION

What is the ask? "Be Holy as I am Holy!" This is the command from scripture to each of us. Beginning on Thursday, October 13, 2022 after the evening meal, enter a time of Fasting up to the evening meal on Friday, October 14, 2022. With each succeeding Thursday/Friday for the next 5 following weeks, fast after your Thursday evening meal until before your Friday evening meal. The schedule is: October 20/21, October 27/28, November 3/4, November 10/11, and November 17/18 th . **PLEASE LOOK FOR THE FASTING HANDOUT IN THE NARTHEX.** The hope and prayer...use this time as prayer as our congregation is Discerning its calling forward related to the Theological, Doctrinal, and Polity impasse facing the United Methodist Church. On Friday evening, October 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., a Holy Communion Service will take place to end our first week's time of Fasting. The service will be a meditative prayer-filled, no music service, ending with The Lord's Supper. I hope that each of you will join in this very special time of weekly Fasting, and in the Service of Holy Communion on October 14, 2022.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

CHILDREN'S DEPT.— In Honor of Lacie Oden. By Adult Sunday School Class.

BUDGET— In Memory of Major General Butch Pair. In Honor of Jeannie Darden Pair. By Diane Harrison Fleming.

BUDGET— In Honor of W.T. Bell. By Mark & Karen Lashley.

FOOD Pantry— In Honor of Becky Horne for all her hard work in the food pantry. By Jeri & Jimmy Harris.

FOOD PANTRY— In Memory of W.T. Bell. In Honor of Mary Frances Bell. By Jeannie Parr.

BUDGET— In Honor of John Simmons. By Jeannie Pair, Sacha & Buddy Skinner and Troy Grauel.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS— In Honor of Sandra & Phillip Oden, Kristin Benefield, Michael & Lacie Oden and Kyle & Britney Oden. By Jeannie Pair.

FOOD PANTRY— In loving Memory of Butch Pair. In Honor of Jeannie, Sacha, Buddy & Troy. By Kristin Benefield.

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HAND BELLS— In Honor of Mary Frances Bell on her 90th Birthday. By Jack & Nancy Moon.

BUDGET— In Honor of Leo Madderra, Jerry Gober, Ann McCown and Sarah Grace Oden. In Memory of Debbie Smith (Jamie's Mom). By Jack and Nancy Moon.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS— In Honor of Mary Frances Bell. By Nancy & Linda Hayley.

BUDGET— In Honor of Jerry Gober. By Adult Sunday School Class.

BUDGET— In Honor of Ann McCown. By Adult Sunday School.

SonRise In Concert
October 16, 2022, 5:00
pm at Pleasant Hill
Baptist Church, 444
Shortown Branch Rd.
Bessemer, AL

