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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday April 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 am SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00 am BREAKFAST
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS
11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP
5:00 pm YOUTH

Monday April 10, 2023

8:00 am SACK GROCERIES
9:30 am KOINONIA
6:30 pm FINANCE COMM MEET
7:00pm ALPHA

Tuesday April 11, 2023

BARONS BASEBALL GAME

Wednesday April 12, 2023

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY

Thursday April 13, 2023

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY
6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

Friday April 14, 2023

Saturday April 15, 2023

8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday April 16, 2023

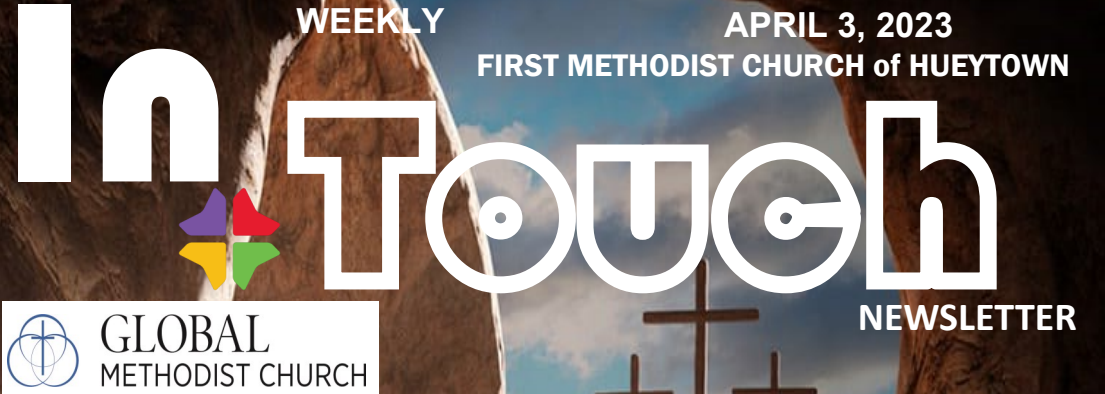
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS
11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP

SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION APRIL 9th

JOHN 20:1-18
"Writings on the Walls
of an Empty Tomb"

Thank you so much for the beautiful
flower arrangement and for all the
thoughts & prayers during this
difficult time. Also, thank you for the
fantastic meal you all provided for
our family.

~ The Chaffin & McKinney Families



SERVANT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

One of our greatest community outreach opportunities in our church is our Child Care Center. Talking with Stephanie Darabaris (Child Care Center Director), she and her staff could use a few volunteer servants during the week. Christian Curriculums are being taught to the children that come to our Child Care Center. There are two immediate needs for some: First, there is a need for some Office Help from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Copying help, and general curriculum help for the children while the children are napping. Secondly, the Child Care Center could use some morning door help from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Monday -Friday. We have a very full Child Care Center (over 100 children now), and mornings need some loving welcoming from us as God's people. Friends, this is your Child Care Program, and it needs the loving presence of support to the Director, the Teachers, the Parents, and the Children. Answering this call to serve just might bring someone into the presence of Jesus that they might not otherwise experience if we don't step up to serve...who is hearing God's call and is ready to answer, "Here I am Lord!" Please contact me at:

Bro. John Verciglio....
jvercig@hueytownfirst.com or
Stephanie Darabaris at
firstmethodistcdc@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023

- ✦ Holy Week Worship, April 3 – 7, 2023, 12-1:00
- ✦ Easter Egg Hunt, April 8, 2023– 11:00 am
- ✦ Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023,
- ✦ Birmingham Barons Ballgame, Tuesday, April 11, 2023
- ✦ D-Now Youth Weekend, April 21 – 23, 2023
- ✦ Walking Track Dedication and Lunch on the Grounds, Sunday, May 7, 2023
- ✦ Vacation Bible School, June 11 – 15, 2023
- ✦ We are America, A Discussion with Teddy Roosevelt & Samuel Clemens, June 24, 2023
- ✦ Back to School Sunday, August 6, 2023
- ✦ World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023
- ✦ Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 1, 2023
- ✦ Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, October 31, 2023
- ✦ Community Thanksgiving Service, November 19, 2023
- ✦ First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 3, 2023
- ✦ Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, December 24, 2023

Attendance & Contributions

April 2, 2023

Traditional	83
Traditional Online	266
Thrive	27
Thrive Online	45
Budget 4/2/23	\$11,474.00
Total as of 4/2/23	\$97,261.00

Special Prayer Request

Jo (Sam) Edmonson	Jack Moon
Sue Douglass	Nancy Goodwin
Chris Cater	Dot Lowery
Jan Towers	Terry Horne
Karen Murphree Parsons	

MOVING FORWARD 218 UPDATE

On Wednesday, **March 22, 2023**, the MOVING FORWARD 218 LEADERSHIP team met with Rev. Lana Johnson. The meeting was to gather the Leadership Team together for the next steps. First, let me share with you who the team is: Scott Edmonson, Tab Blair, Andy Nolen, Tammy Carpenter, Catherine Verciglio, Danny Karr, Kay Karr, Jeff Noe, Wanda England, Steve Douglass, Bill Xenos, Melissa Xenos, Diane Love, Gil Higgins, Tracey Berry, Caryl Hadder, Dave Hadder, Scottie Blair, and Ellie Duncan.

Secondly, the team has been asked to review the small group posters that you the congregation gave input to in your Small Group Studies. The posters, if you remember, feed information into what is now 13 steps of discernment. They are: 1-Ministry Insights/Points to Consider; 2-Poster Summary; 3-Immediate Needs; 4-Witness; 5-Foundations; 6- Successes/Failures/ Regrets; 7-Strengths/Resources; 8-Kingdom Needs; 9 -Calling; 10- Challenges; 11-Vision/Ministry Plan; 12- Communicate and 13-Reconciliation.

The next meeting of the MOVING FORWARD TEAM is **April 26, 2023**, and we will gather to discern Poster Summary as a whole, immediate needs and our witness as a church. We will share updates to keep you informed that work is taking place. Thank you for your work for God's church.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT



April 3, 2023

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! The Lenten Season will come to an end this week as we will have journeyed 40 days together as of Saturday, April 8, 2023. As I write you this week, we have entered the Passion Week of Jesus' life with our Palm Sunday service, and now we journey the days of Holy Week recounting/ remembering/reliving Jesus' ministry, betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and praise God, His Resurrection.

I don't know about you, but it's an emotional week for me. While I can be, and have been, heard saying out loud, "It's a great week," what I mean is that at the end of the week, we get to celebrate Easter and the Resurrection. I catch myself thank goodness, quickly offering that the week is a difficult week as human reality and the sin of the world gets heavier and heavier upon the back of Jesus, the closer Friday gets. And yet, He chose to give His life for my sins...

I pray that you take every opportunity to soak in the story of Jesus' love for us once again. The matters, the circumstances, the decisions, the questions, the life we live is different today than it was yesterday. Our lives one year ago are different than they are today. Our lives one year from now will be different than today. What remains constant...Jesus and His love! Jesus will meet each of us as each day presents itself. He has been with us, He is with us, and He will be with us...that is the promise of His love. The evil of men couldn't stop Him, and the grave couldn't hold Him...Up From the Grave He Arose!

In this Easter Season, I pray nothing more than that you have a powerfully spiritual experience in celebrating Easter. I pray that you are assured of Jesus' love for you, in that while our world and our humanity is so bent toward our own selfishness, desires, wants, worries, concerns, wishes, hopes and dreams...that we will know and receive an assurance of God's love in the Resurrection story that is greater than any human problem and more rewarding than any human accolade achievable.

Lastly, I want to also offer us a caution this Easter week, that when we arrive at Sunday, April 9, 2023, and the Celebration of Easter...remember, Easter isn't over, Easter is Just Beginning!

Here are the services remaining for the Lenten Season of Worship, Sacred Gatherings, and invite another to join you as we gather as the Body of Christ!

April 6, 2023 – Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m., Main Sanctuary

April 7, 2023 – Tenebrae Service, 6:30 p.m., Main Sanctuary

April 8, 2023 – Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 a.m., Green Space between Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday Celebration
6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service at Amphitheater
– Youth Group

7:00 a.m., Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m., Traditional Worship

10:10 a.m., Small Groups/Sunday School

11:11 a.m., Thrive Worship

Happy Easter, Bro. John Verciglio

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET– In Memory of Fred Higgins. By Jeff Higgins.

BUDGET– In Memory of Dora Chaffin. In Honor of Dot Lowery, Tracey Berry, Steve Douglass. By Alan & Marilyn Brown.

BUDGET– In Honor of Sue Douglass, Ricky Grimes, Terry Horne, Dot Lowery and Tracey Berry. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

Easter Candy Needed

Drop off bins located at the West Entrance & the Narthex.



EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 8, 2023 11:00 am

CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Church Leaders, please remember to calendar the upcoming meetings for: Administrative Board, Finance Team, Trustee's Team and Staff Parish Relations Committee, the quarterly meeting dates for April 2023, have been set. They are as follows:

April 3, 2023.....SPRC, 6:30 p.m.

April 10, 2023.....Finance, 6:30 p.m.

April 18, 2023.....Trustees, 6:30 p.m.

April 30, 2023.....Administrative Board, 4:00 p.m.

Please be on the lookout for you respective meeting card in the mail very soon.



The evening of **Tuesday, April 11, 2023** we are going as a church group to see the Birmingham Barons play the Rocket City Trash Pandas At Regions Field. Call the church office **NOW** to make your reservation. 205-491-3421 Anticipating start 7:05 pm.



NO THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS THIS WEEK. 4/6/23