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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday May 7, 2023

6:30 am FIRST LIGHT
9:00 am SMALL GROUPS
10:00 am HOLY COMMUNION,
COMBINED WORSHIP OUTSIDE
AT OUR "NEW" PAVILION.
12:00 pm POTLUCK LUNCH
"EMMUS LUNCH"
5:00 pm YOUTH

Thursday May 11, 2023

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

Friday May 12, 2023

Saturday May 13, 2023
8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday May 8, 2023

8:00 am SACK GROCERIES

Tuesday May 9, 2023

Wednesday May 10, 2023

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY

Sunday May 14, 2023

9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS
11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP
5:00 pm YOUTH



HONOR A VETERAN WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG
Call the church office or stop by... \$5.00.
Each flag will have a laminated tag honoring your veteran.



**REDBIRD IS COMING UP
IN SEPTEMBER. IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US
CONTACT THE OFFICE
AT 205-491-3421**

**SERMON & SCRIPTURE
INFORMATION APRIL 30th**
(Main Sanctuary 10:00 am)
1 Peter 2:2-10
"Like Living Stones"



**THURSDAY
NIGHT PAINT
CLASS THIS
WEEK. 5/4/23**

Thursday night
paint class....YOU
ARE INVITED. 5/4/23 and will be
creating a "Cotton Still Life".
Laurie will walk you through one
step at a time....6:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall. \$18.00 per
person. I must have your reserva-
tion by Thursday at noon if you
are coming. 205-401-3124. Or call
the church office 205-491-3421.
Come join in the fun!

A PATRIOTIC NIGHT, SUNDAY, JUNE 25th, 6:00 P.M.

First Methodist Church presents, "We
Are America: A Discussion with Teddy
Roosevelt and Samuel Clemens" We are
excited to welcome Mr. Darrell Revell as
Samuel Clemens and Mr. Johnny Curry
as Teddy Roosevelt to First Methodist
Church for a night of Theater Dialog. The
nights gathering will be in Theater
format in discussion of America. Tickets
for the night are Adults \$20, Youth (13
and below) \$10. This is a public event.
Make plans to attend this great night of
history, and invite your friends to join
you in an entertaining night.

WEEKLY

MAY 1, 2023

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN

In Touch



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

MOVING FORWARD 218 UPDATE

The MOVING FORWARD 218 TEAM has meetings
in May scheduled for: May 3, May 9, May 16,
May 23, and May 30. On Tuesday, April 25 th ,
the MOVING FORWARD TEAM met and walked
through each of the building blocks represented
on the MOVING FORWARD POSTERS. Our team
discussion centered on a couple of things: 1)
what our Witness Statement is as a Congrega-
tion, and 2) what are our immediate issues to
address. Our conversation over the 2-hour
meeting suggests from input from the Posters
through the 6-week study that we need immedi-
ate focus on Outreach to Young Adults/Young
Families, and Support/Training/ Revitalization of
both Children's and Youth Ministries. The
Children and Youth Ministries have been
severely affected by the Pandemic, because
families have been affected by the Pandemic.
We must help / bring along our Children and
Youth Ministries to serve the new dynamics of
families and youth in 2023...with key emphasis
on relationships with parents, children and
youth. A caveat discussion was that this is NOT
JUST the Children's or Youth Directors sole
responsibility, but does start with each staff
person. BUT, we as the congregation MUST have
a heart and willingness to intentionally be
involved in evangelizing / inviting the folks we
know aren't in church to join us – inside and
outside of the church. Lip service won't get it
done! The assignment for the next meeting has
been to work on the already started Witness
Statement to produce any new inclusions. We
will meet on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Look for an update on information here next
week.

FACILITY SECURITY AND FACILITY USAGE

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, the
Administrative Board was reminded about the
need for, and the importance of our Church's
Facility Security. Not one of us could fathom
events like what took place at Covenant
Presbyterian School in Nashville, TN. Keep
our Brother's and Sister's in Prayer! We as a
church MUST be prudent...I am guilty of, and
we are guilty of propping doors open for
meetings and gatherings. WE CANNOT DO
THIS!

The Trustees are asking every meeting
group that uses the facility to once again fill
out a Facility Usage Form for your meetings/
meeting group...You may have already done
so...we need you to do it again so that we can
ensure that security measures are in place for
door locking and door unlocking. As you turn
your forms in, please remember that there is a
premeeting open time, and "once started"
relocking time. Do not prop doors open before
or after these times.

Once your forms are received, we will
ask Donald Wright to review your meeting
protocol to make sure our Security Door
System is set for your scheduled use of the
Facility.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Keep your MOVING FORWARD TEAM in
prayer: Scott Edmonson, Tab Blair, Andy No-
len, Tammy Carpenter, Catherine Verciglio,
Danny Karr, Kay Karr, Jeff Noe, Wanda Eng-
land, Gala Douglass, Bill Xenos, Melissa Xenos,
Diane Love, Gil Higgins, Tracey Berry, Caryl
Hadder, Dave Hadder, Scottie Blair, and Ellie
Duncan.

Attendance & Contributions

April 30, 2023

Combined Worship	113
Online	264
Budget 4/30/23	\$6,666.50
Total as of 4/30/23	\$246,811.60

Special Prayer Request

Jack Moon	Jan Towers
Nancy Goodwin	Terry Horne
Chris Cater	Jo Edmonson
Matt Cosper	Shirley Jones
Ann McCown	Kay Vines Huey
Karen Murphree Parsons	

Mother's Day Roses

Cost: \$5.00

9:00 am Worship # Red _____ # White _____

11:10 am Thrive # Red _____ # White _____

Total: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Presented by: _____

Deadline : Monday, May 8th

JUST THINK ABOUT IT



May 1, 2023

Hello Member's and Friends of First Methodist Church! It was a great day of worship on Sunday, April 30th! We welcomed our City of Hueytown Mayor and City Council as a part of our "Thanks & Blessings," series. Also, we celebrated our 5th Sunday Worship Celebration. The next 5th Sundays are on: July 30th, October 29th, and December 31st. Thanks to all for making it a wonderful time together.

On Sunday, May 7, 2023, we will be gathering for worship and lunch on the grounds of F.M.C. We will gather at our "NEW" Pavilion for worship at 10:00 a.m., Small Groups are inside at 9:00 a.m. On this day we will give thanks to God for our New Pavilion and New Walking Track. We will celebrate Holy Communion by Intinction as a part of our service.

After worship, we will celebrate with a potluck meal on the grounds. Our Church Emmaus Community is sharing their monthly lunch gathering with us (THANK YOU!), as we fill in with our food contributions for a wonderful meal.

We have a couple of needs for this day: Can anyone offer up a few "easy-up-tents" to surround the pavilion? Can a few folks offer their hands to help Donald Wright/Joel/Patti/Michael/Micah with electronic set-up? Can a few folks offer ice chests? Contact Bro. John V. at jvercig@hueytownfirst.com if you can help out. Lastly for May 7th, if we encounter a rainy day...we will move inside to the Sanctuary for worship. AND, as you arrive on Sunday, May 7th, we will have the pass-through canopy at Daycare Entrance blocked for meal set-up purposes. Please use the Sunset Drive entrance OR the East Jones Court Entrance...the gate will be open Sunday, May 7th. **Dress appropriate for the weather; be relaxed; bring your outdoor chair; share a spirit of worship and thanks; and be hungry for a great meal together.** Oh...invite a friend to join you...especially someone who might not have a church home.

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, the Administrative Board met for its Quarterly Meeting. There were many wonderful reports of ministry that is taking place. Ministry is changing folks lives; Children fill our Childcare Center to the number of 114 children and over 65 staff; VBS is on the Horizon for June 11-15th; DNOW was a success with Youth Praising God; the Food Pantry is touching around 300 people/150 families a month; the Clothes Closet has turned over its seasonal clothes and benefited The Foundry in Bessemer; Scout Sunday was fantastic; celebrating Community Servants is exciting, and the MOVING FORWARD TEAM is at work with the responses of our congregational study to lead us into our tomorrow now. WOWZA friends!

A key discussion took place around Capital Improvements at the Administrative Board on Sunday, April 30th. The following motions were made, seconded, discussed, and voted upon with unanimous approval on each item by the Administrative Board on April 30th.

1. Wade Payne presented from the Finance Team that a Capital Campaign take place immediately to raise a needed \$50,000 for Capital Improvements
2. Finance and Trustees presented the moving of \$34,469.29 from a Money Market Account at First Financial to a new Designated Account called Capital Project Expense Fund, also at First Federal.
3. Trustees presented the Capital Improvement of two sections of the church parking lot totaling \$66,059 to be performed by Callaway Contracting, LLC. Work to start forthwith.

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

VBS- In Honor of John & Nancy Simmons. With Love, Adult Sunday School Class.

BUDGET- In Honor of Jo "Sam" Edmonson. With Love, Scott & Lisa Edmonson & Family.

BUDGET- In Honor of Shirley Jones. With Love, Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 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 Clements, June 25, 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

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4. The Finance and Trustees presented Financing \$50,000 for Capital Improvement needs that will be repaid through funds raised by the Capital Campaign.

Friends, it is exciting to be at work for Jesus in our Community. How blessed we are to have been entrusted with the Spiritual Care and the Ministry of Jesus to the people of Hueytown, Alabama and beyond. Amen!

Bro. John Verciglio

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 11-15**