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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday May 21, 2023

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

Monday May 22, 2023

8:00 am SACK GROCERIES

Tuesday May 23, 2023

6:30pm MOVE FORWARD TEAM

Wednesday May 24, 2023

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY

Thursday May 25, 2023

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

Friday May 26, 2023

Saturday May 27, 2023

8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday May 28, 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.



**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL- JUNE 11-15**
Our new church t-shirts
are being used as our
VBS shirts this year.

UPCOMING 5th SUNDAYS
The next 5th Sundays are on: July
30th, October 29th, & December 31th.



THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS THIS WEEK. 5/18/23

Thursday night paint
class....YOU ARE INVITED.
5/18/23 and will be creating
a "ANGEL". Laurie will walk
you through one step at a
time....6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
\$18.00 per person. I must have your reser-
vation by Thursday at noon if you are
coming. 205-401-3124. Or call the church
office 205-491-3421. Come join in the fun!



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



IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023

- ✓ Vacation Bible School,
June 11 – 15, 2023
- ✓ We are America, A Discus-
sion 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

In Touch

WEEKLY MAY 15, 2023
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN

GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

UPDATE MOVING FORWARD 218

The MOVING FORWARD 218 TEAM met on Tuesday, May 9th. During the meeting, the TEAM worked on steps 7 and 8. Our work revolved around the Congregational Responses through the six-week study time related to our congregations: SUCCESSES; FAILURES; REGRETS; STRENGTHS; RESOURCES and WEAKNESSES. The MOVING FORWARD TEAM is working in the framework of what is called **Guardrails**.

Think of **Guardrails** as that which keeps us traveling on good ground, traveling on a path that we are intended to travel upon, and guides that keep us from veering off course, from veering from our intended path, and from losing direction on the journey. **Guardrails** are the posts between which all our decisions find litmus testing. **Our Guardrails are:**

The Witness Statement: *To Be Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extravagant Love by Boldly Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone.*

The Foundation Blocks: fundamental elements that define our congregation. They are: *God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Triune God, The Bible, Biblical Authority, Prayer, Evangelization, Outreach, Missional Focus.* The next meeting of the MOVING TEAM is Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Look for an update on information here next week. Keep your MOVING FORWARD TEAM in prayer: Scott Edmonson, Tab Blair, Andy Nolen, Tammy Carpenter, Catherine Verciglio, Danny Karr, Kay Karr, Jeff Noe, Wanda England, Gala Douglass, Bill Xenos, Melissa Xenos, Diane Love, Gil Higgins, Tracey Berry, Caryl Hadder, Dave Hadder, Scottie Blair, and Ellie Duncan.

UPDATE

**Floyd Barrett, Organ Recital
Sunday, June 4th @ 2:30pm
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Bessemer**

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!**

Attendance & Contributions

May 14, 2023

Traditional Worship	101
Online	224
Thrive	36
Online	56
Budget 5/14/23	\$8,479.00
Total as of 5/14/23	\$264,569.60

Special Prayer Request

Jack Moon	Jan Towers
Nancy Goodwin	Terry Horne
Chris Cater	Jo Edmonson
Matt Cospier	Shirley Jones
Ann McCown	Kay Vines Huey
Jean Jordan	Glen & Kim Hooks
Beverly Lawley	
Karen Murphree Parsons	

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD NEWS

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

- 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.
 - 4) The Finance and Trustees presented Financing \$50,000 for Capital Improvement needs that will be repaid through funds raised by the Capital Campaign.
- Updates to come next week.....

SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION May 21th
Luke 24:44-53
"The Importance of Being a Witness "

JUST THINK ABOUT IT



May 15, 2023

Hello Member’s and Friends of First Methodist Church! We had a wonderful day of worship on Sunday, May 14 th to say “Thank You,” to our moms on Mother’s Day. Again, we appreciate and love you, as you give your lives to make ours all we can be.

Last week I shared with you about the founding of our new North Alabama Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church as of May 1, 2023. On Wednesday, May 11, 2023, the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church held a “Special Called Annual Conference Meeting” by ZOOM. The work in that Called Session was to allow Congrega-tions of the United Methodist Church in the North Alabama Conference of the UMC to Disaffiliate. On Thursday, May 11 th , 132 additional churches Disaffili-ated. Some of those newly Disaffiliated Churches will join the Global Methodist Church, and others will join other denominations. The Disaffiliated Churches now total 330 of 638(December 2022 total) churches that made up the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The effects of Disaffiliation according to Paragraph 2553 upon the United Methodist Church in the North Alabama Conference has been the following:

- 51.7% of Churches have left the UMC in North Alabama
- 59.6% of the Weekly Average Worship Attendance has left the UMC in North Alabama
- 48% of the Members have left the UMC in North Alabama
- 46.6% of the Apportionment Funding has left the UMC in North Alabama
- 58.8% of the Pastoral Compensation has left the UMC in North Alabama.

As I share these statistics with you as a Global Methodist Congregation, please remember that “we are called to do the right things, in the right ways, for the right reasons, at the right times, and that it is always the right time to do so.” (Rev. Vaughn Stafford). Continue to be in prayer for the congregations in the North Alabama Conference of the UMC that are seeking to Disaffiliate on September 12, 2023.

Bro. John Verciglio



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET– In Memory of “My Mom”. In Honor of All the Mom’s. Love, Jeff Higgins
RED BIRD– In Memory of Joree Vance. By Cheryl Finch.

A PATRIOTIC NIGHT

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 Sam- uel 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. **TICKETS IN THE OFFICE**



THANK YOU-

Dear “Friend”,
Thank you for think- ing of me with the beautiful red rose Sunday.

Joyce Williamson



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