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UPCOMING

Sunday August 27, 2023

9:00 am WORSHIP, SONRISE
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS
4:00 pm ADMIN. BOARD MEET
5:00 pm YOUTH

Monday August 28, 2023

Tuesday August 29, 2023

Wednesday August 30, 2023

6:00 pm HANDBELL PRACTICE

Thursday August 31, 2023

9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY
6:00 pm PAINTING CLASS

Friday September 1, 2023

Saturday September 2, 2023

8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday September 3, 2023

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

TAILGATE PARTY

Hosted by Young Adults Class
September 17, 2023, 4:00 pm
MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

MERRY CHRISTMAS (in August!)

Shopping for the Community Children's Christmas party has begun. There are a lot of great sales on toys, coats, etc. that are needed for the children/families. In order to take advantage of these sales, monetary donations are appreciated. We have served over 40 families consisting of approximately 120 children the past several years. Each year the numbers tend to increase. Because of the continued support of this outreach we never have to turn anyone away. Christmas will be here soon!!!



WEEKLY FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN

In Touch

NEWSLETTER



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

LASER FOCUSED....MOVING FORWARD 218

The MOVING FORWARD TEAM met on Tuesday, August 15th. Discussion on August 15th centered around what it means to Evangelize the community that is not in church. Notice, that we didn't say "who's not a member." Our community is filled with folks who are members of churches that aren't going to church. We noted that we too have members of our church who aren't going to church. The Laser Focus we spent time on was two-fold: one, why are we trying to reach those in church? What are we sharing with them? Two, what tool(s) are we using to do that with? Are they effective? We concluded on August 15th that we need make sure that we are offering Jesus, and two, we are speaking the cultures language. Again, we lifted up as a resource, James Emery White's book, Meet Generation Z.

The MOVING FORWARD 218 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 FORWARD TEAM was Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m., in the Disciple Room. Look for next week's update!

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, Ellie Duncan, and Lisa Verciglio.

A key question, "Are you available for His calling?"

JUST THINK ABOUT IT

Attendance & Contributions

August 20, 2023

Budget 8/20/23.....\$5,243.00
Total as of 8/20/2023.....\$356,474.50

Traditional worship
Awesome August.....165
Online.....1378

Special Prayer Request

Jim McCain	Jerry Gober
Nancy Goodwin	Allen Douglass
Chris Cater	Beverly Lawley
Kay Vines Huey	Shirley Jones
Jan Towers	Karen M. Parsons
Wayne Mink	Carolyn Vines
Joan Verchot	Connie Woodward

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023

- ✓ World Communion Sunday, October 1
- ✓ Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 1
- ✓ Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, October 31
- ✓ First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, Dec. 3
- ✓ Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, Dec. 24



THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS.
6:00pm
8/24/23
You are invited. 8/24/23 AND WILL BE
CREATING A "BUTTERFLY PERCH"
COME JOIN IN THE FUN!
CALL 205-401-3124

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.....

With the Summer hot temperatures, our church family and ministers are dressing in cooler attire.



AUGUST 21, 2023

Hello Followers of Jesus! It was another wonderful morning of Worshipful Worship on Sunday, August 20th! Thank you to The Edmonson Boys (and Lauren Ashely, and SonRise) for a blessed time of singing. Jesus was Honored and Lifted High on Sunday. We have one Sunday left in AWESOME AUGUST. I hope you are planning to join us on Sunday, August 27th for SonRise! Reach out and invite a friend, a family member or a neighbor. Once again, we will lift High the Name of Jesus.

On August 17-19th, Bill Hornsby (Lay Delegate) and myself represented First Methodist Church at the Convening (Inaugural) Meeting of the Provisional Annual Conference of the North Alabama Global Methodist Church. We also saw Jeri and Ray Widener, and Ellie Duncan and Penny Berry sold books for Dr. Terry Teykl. I report to you...Hallelujah! What a Spiritual Weekend it was for our new Annual Conference. The message I believe we all walked away with was "From Here to There!" In other words, we have not arrived, we have just begun in moving to where God is calling us to be...as an Annual Conference, and as First Methodist Church of Hueytown. If you have a chance...NO...TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY to watch the sessions of your Annual Conference on YouTube. The North Alabama GMC YouTube page is: @NorthAlabamaGMC

Over the next weeks in September and October, I will start a new Preaching Series that birthed itself from the MOVING FORWARD TEAM'S work on Tuesday nights, that will be supplemented by the sharing we heard at Annual Conference. The series will be titled something close to: "Moving from We Could've; They Should've; We Would've To I Can; I Will; We Are." I ask your prayers for the series preparation, delivery and reception...may it be guided by the Holy Spirit. Lastly this week, please be reminded that we have an Administrative Board Meeting on Sunday, August 27th, 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Administrative Board should have received your meeting card, and expected to be in attendance. ALL church members are invited to be in attendance as well.

Bro. John Verciglio



Aug. 27th, 9:00am
Last Sunday of 2023
Awesome August !

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

PARKING LOT– In memory of Dale Sellers. By Phil & Carolyn Vines.
RED BIRD– In memory of Dale Sellers. In Honor of Sharon & Family. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson and family.
RED BIRD– In memory of Dale Sellers. By Rick & Mary Nixon.
RED BIRD– In Memory of Charles Dale Sellers. By De & Mrs. Joseph Stewart.
RED BIRD– In Memory of Dale Sellers. In Honor of Sharon Sellers. By Jack & Nancy Moon.
BUDGET– In Honor of Joan Verchot. By Scott and Lisa Edmonson.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS
WHO HELPED WITH THE GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE
LAST WEEKEND.**

**ADMIN. BOARD
MEETING
SUNDAY AUG. 27st,
4:00pm**

JUST A REMINDER...



Here at First Methodist Church, we have a guiding reminder of Ministry Calling from God established around what we call "Celebrate, Cultivate, Contribute, Connection". We Celebrate Jesus in all our facets of Worship to bring Honor, Praise and Glory to His Holy Name. We Cultivate our relationship with Jesus by being and staying engaged in the study of God's Holy Word. We Contribute by giving our whole selves to God. But we are specific about what it means to Contribute...our time, our talents, our skills, our abilities, our monetary resources, our service to the church and to those outside of the church. Lastly, We Connect with others. Both inside and outside of the church, as noted about we service God by serving others. We want to tell the story of Jesus' Love with our hands and our feet. This is who we are at First Methodist Church of Hueytown!