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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MON. - THUR. 9-2**  
**FRIDAY: Closed**

## UPCOMING DATES

Sunday November 5, 2023  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS

Monday November 6, 2023  
8:00 am SACK GROCERIES  
5:30 pm SISTERS Study group

Tuesday November 7, 2023

Wed. November 8, 2023  
9:00 am FOOD PANTRY  
5:00 pm WEAC  
6:00 pm HANDBELL PRACTICE  
6:30 pm YOUTH  
7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday November 9, 2023  
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY  
9:00 am FOOD PANTRY  
6:00 pm PAINTING CLASS

Friday November 10, 2023

Saturday November 11, 2023  
8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday November 12, 2023  
6:00 am FIRST LIGHT  
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS  
6:00 pm CHARGE CONFERENCE

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** is fast approaching fast. We could still use some volunteers to help the day of the party with greeting and interacting with the families. We could use a few more "shoppers" too. Our party is 1:00 pm December 9, 2023.

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MONTHLY OCTOBER 30, 2023  
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN  
NEWSLETTER



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## CHARGE CONFERENCE

First Methodist Church of Hueytown's first Charge Conference as a Global Methodist Church is Sunday, November 12, 2023, at Mountain Chapel Methodist Church, Vestavia, AL., 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 2541 Rocky Ridge Road, Vestavia, AL., 35243. I can't impress upon how important being at Charge Conference is. Friends, this is your new church connection, and your new church spiritual movement. Your presence representing what God is doing at First Methodist Church is important to witness to. I will be honored to be gathered with you in this time together.

## SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION NOVEMBER 5 th, 2023

Sermon: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"  
Scripture: Revelations 7:9-10,13-14

## Yard Sale Update...

Be gathering your items to donate to this capital fund raiser. Items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall Thursday afternoon (11/9) or Friday (11/10). If you have "gently used" Winter coats, we will accept them. We also will need plastic shopping bags. If you are interested in helping "stage" the sale (Friday) or work during the sale on Sat. Nov. 11, 8:00-3:00. Please contact Ellie 205-529-7954 or Penny 205-915-8056.

## W.E.A.C. Menu.....

11/8- Soup/Chili, Grilled Cheese  
Sandwiches, Ice Cream Sundaes.  
11/15- Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans,  
Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce,  
Rolls, Assorted Thanksgiving  
Desserts.

## Clothes Closet

The clothes Closet is in need of children's clothes (especially boys clothes-all sizes.) We are also very low on men's shoes. Thank you for your faithful donations in support of this mission outreach.

## PECAN SALE IS COMING.....

This year we are asking for payment at time of order. One pound bags of either pieces or halves. Any profits made will go to church landscaping. \$14.00 per bag. Chocolate covered are a little more.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5, 2023, is All Saints Sunday here at First Methodist Church. I hope you will be in attendance either in-person, or by Livestream, as we Remember and Celebrate those of our church flock that have finished their earthly journey in the Faith. This is always a moving time to join the families of those who have gone before us to serve the heavenly Kingdom of God. Worship is at 9:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary.



## Attendance & Contributions October 29, 2023

Worship 9:00 am.....91  
Online.....370

Budget 10/29/2023.....\$4,447.00  
Total as of 10/29/2023.....\$441,996.00

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to the Jim McCain family at his recent passing. His services were Oct. 30.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to the Norma Morton family at her passing on 10/27/23. Her services are at the church on 11/2/23. Family visitation at 12:30, Friends at 1:00 and service starting at 2:00.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are extended to Paul Trasher at the passing of his brother, James.

## Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward  
Nancy Goodwin  
Beverly Lawley  
Kay Vines Huey  
Doc Cater  
Mims Morris  
Jack Moon

Carolyn Vines  
Karen M. Parsons  
Joan Verchoť  
Jan Towers  
Ann McCain  
London Lacy

## \*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

We need a volunteer to work for the Food Pantry the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Contact Peggy Horne.



## THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS

11/2/23 we will be making a craft. Each artist will have a set of two wooden slices and several smooth pebbles to make the little owls sitting on a limb. Each is approximately 4 inches in diameter.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT

## Greetings!

As I write to you this week, it is the morning after Sunday, October 29th's Administrative Board Meeting. Three matters needed the Board's attention: 1) setting of the Pastor's salary for the upcoming year (it will remain the same as 2023, no change); 2) approving the Nomination Teams work for Laity Leadership going into 2024 (copies available in the Narthex/West Entrance/Church Office); and 3) receipt of a motion from the MOVING FORWARD TEAM to propose changing the Traditional Worship Service time from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All three pieces of business were approved by the Administrative Board.

What seems a most obvious question is related to the change in Traditional Worship time. A motion was presented and approved to move **Traditional Worship to 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, January 7, 2024**. The preceding sentence was the end-result of an original motion made on Sunday afternoon. What I want to lift-up is that a strong sense of coming together, being one, having productive discussion, seeing each other's needs and desires... made for a win/win decision for OUR church. Mark your calendars now, **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, a "blended worship service" moves to 10:00 a.m.

With regard to Sunday School Classes/Small Groups, beginning **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, each class will have the choice of when to meet on Sunday. A Sunday school class would meet either at 9:00 a.m., prior to Traditional Worship, or 11:00 a.m., following Traditional Worship. Our three Adult Sunday school classes are: Pastor John Simmons Sr. Adult class, Scott Edmonson's Igniters class, and Andy/Kristy Nolen's Young Adult The Bridge class. We will await each class's decision of time choice, then we will publicize times accordingly for **January 7, 2024**.

At this time, it is anticipated that Children's Ministry Sunday school will run simultaneously with the meeting of Andy/Kristy Nolen's class (The Bridge), since the majority of children attending come from this class. A children's church time at 10:00 a.m. will take place after the Children's time in worship is completed.

**A Sunday would like this beginning January 7, 2024:**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School Time\*\***

**11:00 a.m. Sunday School Time\*\***

**\*\*Children's Sunday School meets at the time chosen by the Young Adult Class – The Bridge**

As a part of the decision to move the Traditional Worship time to 10:00 a.m., some new elements and some former elements of worship will begin to appear immediately. In the next weeks you will begin to see and feel some blended elements of Contemporary Worship in our service. Most obvious, adding some Contemporary Music. Don't worry...as you've already experienced, it will be worshipful, yet Spirit-Filled. Secondly, the Pastoral Prayer time will be expanded so that you as an attender can have some personal prayer time at the altar if you so choose. Third, Children's time will return to the service, lifting up our smallest of disciples in worship. It will begin the return of "THE BAG!" I'll explain in worship. Please be patient with us as we integrate some needed and new elements of worship.

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Lastly, as this announcement is made this week, the January 7, 2024, worship time change to 10:00 a.m. affects our organist, Floyd Barrett. At this time, the SPRC, led by John Swiney will be working as a team with our Choir Director Joel Henson, incurring if the 10:00 a.m. time change will allow Floyd to remain with us. We will keep you informed on the SPRC's work in this matter.

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October 30, 2023

Friends, I am thankful for the work of the MOVING FORWARD TEAM. I am thankful for our younger generation of church members. I am thankful for our older adult generation of church members. Our work TOGETHER has been, and continues to be, a DIRECT RESULT of the 6-week study we started in January 2023, MOVING FORWARD 218. The information included here is part of the answer to a question, "What's happening with the MOVING FORWARD STUDY?" This is part of the work, and there is yet more to be done. It's been your courage to look deep into who we've been, who we currently are, and where God is calling us to be. Thank you church, thank you for being willing to risk change in reaching people for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Bro. John Verciglio

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**BUDGET**— In Memory of Jim McCain. In Honor of Ann McCain By Scott & Lisa Edmonson and Family.

**BUDGET**— In Memory of Nora Morton. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson & family.

**CHILDREN'S DEPT.**— In Honor of Cheryl Ingels. By Jayne & Bill Hornsby.

**CHILD CHRISTMAS PARTY**— In Memory of Norma Morton & Jim McCain. By John & Lynda Swiney.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**— In Memory of Norma Morton & Jim McCain. By Jane Sligh.

**CHILD. CHRISTMAS PARTY**— In Honor of Caryl Hadder. By Jeri & Jimmy Harris.

**CAPITAL FUND**— In Memory of Jim McCain. By Jeri & Jimmy Harris.

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## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

Please contact Patti Wright or the church office with any birthday updates. A new Birthday Calendar will be printed soon.



# 2023 NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>29</div> <div>9am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (in-person &amp; live streamed) 10:10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS</div>	<div>30</div> <div>5:30pm - SISTERS STUDY GROUP 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>31</div> <div>6:30pm - TRUNK R TREAT</div>	<div>01</div> <div>5:30pm - WEAC 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR</div>	<div>02</div> <div>8:00am - FOOD DELIVERY 9am - NIFITY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS</div>	<div>03</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>04</div> <div>8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</div>
<div>05</div> <div>9am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (in-person &amp; live streamed) 10:10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS 11:00am - EMMAUS LUNCH</div>	<div>06</div> <div>8:00am - SACK PANTRY FOOD 5:30pm - SISTERS STUDY GROUP 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>07</div> <div>6:30pm - MOVING FORWARD TEAM</div>	<div>08</div> <div>9am - FOOD PANTRY &amp; CLOTHS CLOSET 5:00pm - WEAC 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR</div>	<div>09</div> <div>9am - FOOD PANTRY &amp; CLOTHS CLOSET 9am - NIFITY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS</div>	<div>10</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 8am - YARD SALE</div>
<div>12</div> <div>6:30am - Igniters @ First Light 9am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (in-person &amp; live streamed) 10:10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS</div>	<div>13</div> <div>8:00am - SACK PANTRY FOOD 9:30am - KOINONIA 3pm - ALPHA 5:30pm - SISTERS STUDY GROUP 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>14</div> <div>6:30pm - MOVING FORWARD TEAM</div>	<div>15</div> <div>9am - FOOD PANTRY &amp; CLOTHS CLOSET 5:00pm - WEAC 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR</div>	<div>16</div> <div>9am - FOOD PANTRY &amp; CLOTHS CLOSET 9am - NIFITY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS</div>	<div>17</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>18</div> <div>8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</div>
<div>19</div> <div>9am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (in-person &amp; live streamed) 10:10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS</div>	<div>20</div> <div>5:30pm - SISTERS STUDY GROUP 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS 6:30pm - DISCOVERY</div>	<div>21</div> <div>6:30pm - MOVING FORWARD TEAM</div>	<div>22</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED  6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES</div>	<div>23</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY THANKSGIVING</div>	<div>24</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>25</div> <div></div>
<div>26</div> <div>9am - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (in-person &amp; live streamed) 10:10am - SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SMALL GROUPS 4pm - ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD</div>	<div>27</div> <div>5:30pm - SISTERS STUDY GROUP 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>28</div> <div>6:30pm - MOVING FORWARD TEAM</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR</div>	<div>30</div> <div>8:00am - FOOD DELIVERY 9am - NIFITY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS</div>	<div>01</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>02</div> <div>8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</div>