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MON. - THUR. 9-2
FRIDAY: Closed



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday December 10, 2023

6:00 am FIRST LIGHT
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS

Monday December 11, 2023

8:00 am SACK GROCERIES
9:30 am KOINONIA
5:30 pm SISTERS STUDY GROUP

Tuesday December 12, 2023

9:00 am DAYCARE CHRISTMAS
RECITAL
5:00 pm DAYCARE STAFF
CHRISTMAS DINNER
6:30 pm MOVING FORWARD
TEAM

Wed. December 13, 2023

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY
6:00 pm YOUTH
6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE
7:00 pm CHOIR PRITICE

Thursday December 14, 2023

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

Friday December 15, 2023

Saturday December 16, 2023

8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday December 17, 2023

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

SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION December 10th, 2023

Series Title: Is There Room for Jesus in Your Christmas?

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11



WEEKLY DECEMBER 4, 2023
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN

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NEWSLETTER



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CHURCH

The church office will observe the Christmas and New Year's Holidays with the following church open / closed hours. A pastor will be available during these times. Contact Bro. John Verciglio at (205) 317-1096 if you have a pastoral care emergency. Thank you!

*The Church
Office will be
closed on the
following:*

Christmas - Monday, December 25-
Tuesday, December 26, 2023
New Year's Day - January 1 – January
2, 2024.

A WORD FROM SPRC

The SPRC at its meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, asked me to communicate to the congregation one of its topics of discussion from the meeting. The ask from SPRC: first, please remember that all of our staff at First Methodist Church, with the exception of Pastor John V., are all part-time staff. Some may have work times during the normal business week, and others work on Sundays specifically. Secondly, please remember that we are so very fortunate that our Church employees are Church Members. Not only do they find the presence of Christ here as Savior and Lord, but they have answered a calling to work for the church. Please remember that on Sunday's the staff are seeking to worship and join their Sunday morning Small groups. Please give them their Sundays to worship, study and fellowship. Call them on Monday's to address church business. Lastly, please offer every opportunity you get, the chance to thank our church staff for all they do for God's Kingdom here at First Methodist, and for us as congregants!

Attendance & Contributions

December 3, 2023

Worship 9:00 am.....128
Online.....610
Budget 12/3/2023.....\$9,474.00

Total as of 12/4/2023.....\$470,861.00

Special Prayer Request

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| Connie Woodward | Jan Towers |
| Karen M. Parsons | Jean Jorodan |
| Beverly Lawley | Joan Verchot |
| Kay Vines Huey | Hinky Verchot |
| Doc Cater | Karl Hager |
| Jack Moon | Kim Hooks |
| Glen Hooks | |

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

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



THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS

11/7/23 we will be painting this "Nature's Christmas Tree". All supplies are included for \$18.00. We meet at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come. Call the church office to reserve your spot. Or Call Laurie @ 205-401-3124

PECAN ARE HERE IN THE OFFICE

One pound bags of pecan pieces . Any profits made will go to church landscaping. \$14.00 per bag.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS BAR SOAP.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT



Hello Members and Friends...

What a wonderful start to the Advent Season we all experienced on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Our Chancel Choir gave an outstanding performance to **A New and Glorious Morn by Lloyd Lardon**. I want to thank all the members of the Chancel Choir, guest singers instrumentalists, and technical support for the months of practice and support. God was powerfully Honored and Uplifted by your offering. God Bless Each of you! Over the next three weeks, we dive deeper into our Advent theme, **"Is There Room for Jesus in Your Christmas?"** The upcoming Sunday's are as follows:

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| December 3 rd | A New and Glorious Morn...Celebrating the Light and Life of Christmas , Chancel Choir Christmas Performance |
| December 10 th | Is There Room for Jesus? , Isaiah 9:2,6-7, Bro. John Simmons |
| December 17 th | Who Needs to be a part of our Christmas?, Isaiah 40:3-5, Bro. John Verciglio |
| December 24 th | The Seeker in a Non-Seeker World , Matthew 2:10-11, 9:00 a.m. Bro. John Verciglio |
| December 24 th | A Baby Changes Everything , Christmas Eve Service with Holy 11:00 p.m. Communion, Luke 2:1-15, John 3:16-19, Bro. John Verciglio |

Our theme asks us if we are engaging the Spiritual Connected this Season brings us in anticipating the Presence of Jesus in our lives. The theme being **"Is There Room for Jesus in Your Christmas?"** challenges our knowing that the information is abundant, and the calling seems to be even more clear in this Advent Season...many are enjoying / many do enjoy the holidays but really don't know the why (the birth of Jesus Christ).

The culture tells folks to take days off from work, go to the parties, stock up on things because of the great sales...sounds like Paul's reference to "an unknown god" doesn't it? It's not just the cultural message though my friends, we the Body of Christ haven't been offering the culture a reason to know the "unknown god."

Let us all be reminded that Advent is the beginning of our new Christian Season. Advent is John 1:14's proclamation, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is the great message of the Incarnation, that Jesus Christ is born into human history and in the fullness of time for the salvation of the world. It is my hope that for each of us individually, and for our church as a corporate body, that we seek to celebrate, to proclaim, and to allow Jesus the Christ Child to be manifested in our lives. In fact, let Him exude so much through each of us, that someone will want to know Him! Emmanuel, God With Us!

Blessings,

Bro. John Verciglio



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

CHOIR— In Memory of Norma Morton. By Donald & Susan Humphreys.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY—In Memory of Floyd Lunceford. By Rick & Cindy McCormick.

REDBIRD— In Memory of Jimmie Holmes. By Cheryl Finch.

CAPITAL FUND— In Honor of Kay Karr. By Jimmy & Jeri Harris.

BUDGET— In Memory of Jimmie Holmes. In Honor of Kay & Danny Karr. By Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay.



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St. Andrews Society.
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**WORSHIP SERVICE TIME
CHANGE IS COMING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
WORSHIP MOVES TO 10:00 A.M.**

A Sunday will look like this beginning
January 7, 2024:

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| 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School Time** |
| 10:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship (Children's Church) |
| 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School Time** |

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