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



## UPCOMING DATES

Sunday December 17, 2023  
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS

Monday December 18, 2023  
5:30 pm SISTERS STUDY GROUP  
6:30 pm DISCOVERY

Tuesday December 19, 2023  
6:30 pm MOVING FORWARD TEAM

Wed. December 20, 2023  
6:00 pm YOUTH  
6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE  
7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday December 21, 2023  
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY  
6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

Friday December 22, 2023

Saturday December 23, 2023  
8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday December 24, 2023  
9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:10 am SMALL GROUPS  
11:00 am Christmas Eve Service

## Day Care Family House Fire

One of our day care families house was lost this past weekend due to a fire. Not only are they without a home but they lost everything. Caryl Hadder is getting Christmas toys together for the little boy who is 4 years old and Ellie Duncan working on clothing for the family. We are asking our church members to donate any amount they feel God lays on their heart financially to this family of 3. The Day Care office is taking up this money and gift cards. The little boy wears a size 5T. We are working to find out the Mom and Dad's clothing sizes. Shoe sizes also. Currently the family is staying with relatives.

**SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION December 10th, 2023**  
Sermon Title: Who Needs to be a part of our Christmas?  
Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-5

# In Touch

WEEKLY DECEMBER 11, 2023  
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN  
NEWSLETTER



GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

## INFORMATION TABLE

In the coming weeks and days, there will be a transformation coming to the brown information podium that stands in the Narthex entrance to the main sanctuary. The Moving Forward Team is helping it become more information friendly. We hope you will find its use to offer not only you, but **VISITORS** some instant information about our church and how **VISITORS** can quickly get connected. Please join in support of offering more information quickly about our wonderful church!

## Christmas & New Year's Church Office Hours

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.

## PARLOR USE

Beginning Sunday, January 7, 2024, one of our Sunday Small Groups will begin offering a Fellowship Time in the Parlor each week. It will be a time of welcome, refreshments, coffee, and some scripture sharing time. The hope in this time is **CONNECTION**. Connection with each other, and to offer instant **CONNECTION** to any that might be visiting with us. The Small Group has assured leadership they will take good care of our Parlor. Please remember that it is a room to offer invitation, and I can't think of a better way to offer invitation that to welcome folks to our Parlor.

## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

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

## PECAN ARE HERE IN THE OFFICE

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



## Attendance & Contributions

**December 10, 2023**

Worship 9:00 am.....82  
Online.....336  
Budget 12/10/2023.....\$11,124.00  
Total as of 12/10/2023.....\$470,861.00

## Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward	Jan Towers
Karen M. Parsons	Jean Jorodan
Beverly Lawley	Joan Verchot
Hinky Verchot	Karl Hager
Jack Moon	Kim Hooks
Raymond Widener	Glenn Hooks

## THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS



11/21/23 we will be painting this "Green Grinch". 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

## Dear Church Family,

Many thanks from my heart to all of you for the cards, the many donations, and most of all the prayers sent up on my behalf during my recent hospital visit and recuperation. Many blessings for Christmas and the new year to each of you.

In Christion Love,  
**Judy**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS BAR SOAP.**

JUST THINK ABOUT IT



December 11, 2023

Just Think About it... Hello  
Continues! "Is There Room for Jesus in Your Christmas?"

Members and Friends...Advent  
Continues!

**December 3rd** *A New and Glorious Morn...*Celebrating the Light and Life of Christmas, Chancel Choir Christmas Performance  
**December 10th** *Is There Room for Jesus?*, Isaiah 9:2,6-7, Bro. John Simmons  
**December 17th** *Who Needs to be a part of our Christmas?*, Isaiah 40:3-5, Bro. John Verciglio  
**December 24th** *The Seeker in a Non-Seeker World*, Matthew 2:10-11, 9:00 a.m. Bro. John Verciglio  
**December 24th** *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 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*

## WHAT IS BLENDED WORSHIP IN 2024

In the short coming weeks, we are moving our worship service time to 10:00 a.m. So many throughout the congregation, older members and younger members, have been requesting this change. ***It's here, January 7, 2024!***

Along with it comes new Small Group/Sunday School times as well. Those have been decided by each Small Group/Sunday School. As soon as each class has decided we will publicize immediately. Along with the time change comes what is called "Blended Worship." The congregation has said "YES" to Blended Worship. But...some have said "WAIT A MINUTE!" So, what is Blended Worship? Blended Worship will like the experiences you have already had in Traditional Worship, when members of the previous Thrive Band would come over and sing during Traditional Worship. Some are asking, "Do I have to stand up the whole time, raise my hands, and sway with the music?" NO! But, that also means that NONE OF US will criticize or critique someone else's choice to do so! I for one love to show my praise to God by standing and sometimes raising my hands in Honor to God. I just feel close to Him doing so.

At this time, our blended worship service will start with music we call "Tracks." It is the music for a song much like SonRise uses when they sing. In short, you push a button, music starts, and the leader brings the congregation in on the singing. Again, we hope you will find and enjoy a new type of service. You will still get the blessings of a Chancel Choir, and the addition of some particular different style of Praise and Worship Music.

Let me encourage each and every one of us to enjoy and express your Honor, Worship and Uplifting of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit as God moves you to do so in Worship. I hope this helps anyone who has questions. If not, come on by and let's talk about it!

*Bro. John Verciglio*

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**BUDGET**— In memory of Jo Edmonson, Jim McCain & Norma Morton. By Chuck & Debbie Vickers.  
**BUDGET**— In Memory of Jimmie Holmes. In Honor of Kim Ferguson Hooks, Glenn Hooks, Billie Lytle & Raymond Widener. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson & Family.  
**FOOD PANTRY**— In Honor of the Pantry Workers. By Michael Blackwell.  
**BUDGET**— In Honor of Kim Ferguson-Hooks. By Adult Sunday School Class.  
**BUDGET**— In Honor of Raymond Widener. By Adult Sunday School Class.  
**CAPITAL FUND**— In memory of Jimmie Holmes. By Hugh & Nell Hudson.  
**BUDGET**— In Honor of our "55th" Anniversary on Dec. 28th. By John & Nancy Simmons.  
**BUDGET**— In Memory of Jimmie Holmes. In Honor of Kay & Danny Karr. By John & Lynda Swiney.  
**CAPITAL FUND**— In Honor of Mary Frances Bell. By Jack & Nancy Moon.  
**YOUTH**— In Honor of Karl Hager & Jane Sligh. By Jack & Nancy Moon.  
**Budget**— In Memory of Jimmie Holmes. In Honor of Kay & Family. By Jack & Nancy Moon.