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# **UPCOMING DATES**

Sunday February 11, 2024 8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:00 am CHILI FUND RAISER 11:10 am CHILI FUND RAISER 11:10 am CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:10 am YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 4:00 pm SUB SANDWITCH PICK-UP 4:00 pm ADMIN MEETING

Monday February 12, 2024 8:00 am SACK GROCERIES 9:30 am KONONIA

10:00 am WEAC RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY 10:00am 3:00 pm ALPHA Tuesday February 13, 20245:00 pm EMMUS CLUSTER MEET

Wed. February 14, 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 am FOOD PANTRY 5:30 pm WEAC MEAL SERVED 6:30 pm IMPOSITION OF ASHES 6:00 pm YOUTH 6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE

Thursday February 15, 20249:00 am FOOD PANTRY9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

7:00 pm CHOIR PRICTICE

Friday February 16, 2024

Saturday February 17, 2024 8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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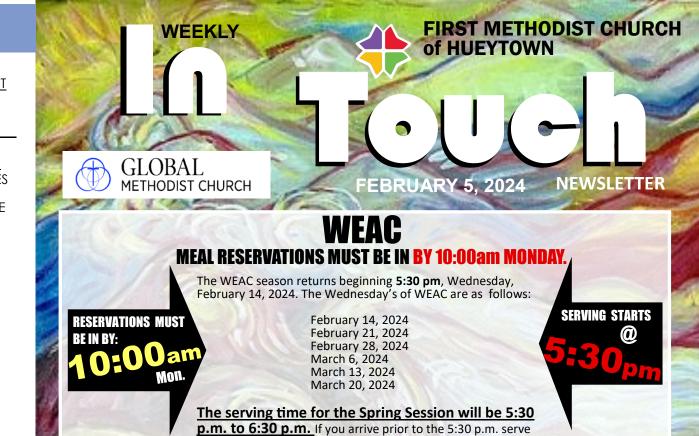
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### WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

An exciting time as we Celebrate two baptisms on Sunday, February 11 th. I know that each of us will join in celebrating this special time in Worship, as we all remember our own baptisms. Also, we will have our Annual recognition of Boy Scout Sunday. Afterwards, the Boy Scouts are offering a Fundraiser Chili Luncheon at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, February 11 th, in the Fellowship Hall.

### THE SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

10:00 A.M. Sunday looks like this each week: 8:45 a.m. Igniters Sunday School (Scott Edmonson) 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Bro. John Simmons) 9:00 a.m. Parlor Fellowship/Prayer with Scottie Blair 10:00 a.m. Worship (Main Sanctuary) 11:10 a.m. The Bridge Sunday School (Andy/Kristy Nolen) 11:10 a.m. Children's Sunday School (Cheryl Ingels) 11:10 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Catherine Verciglio



The serving time for the Spring Session will be 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you arrive prior to the 5:30 p.m. serve time, please come into the Fellowship Hall and enjoy some fellowship time with each other, as you catch up on how the week has progressed thus far.

### February 14th meal is: Chicken & Rice Casserole with green salad & desert.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDY

The Lenten Study on Wednesday nights after WEAC is titled, Jesus in the Wild. In the Spring, there will again be Bible Study for those who wish to participate. The Bible Study will start at 6:30 p.m., and it will be geared to the 40 Days of the Lenten Season. Author Dan Wilt wrote a wonderful piece within the remarkable scene in Luke 4:1–14 of Jesus being challenged by the devil in the "wild"—the untamed and unruly wilderness? And what are the surprising implications of this event for followers of Jesus today? In *Jesus in the Wild* you'll take a forty day journey into the heart of one of the most unusual, and often most misunderstood, stories in the Gospel accounts. In this encounter, following his baptism in the Jordan and before the inauguration of his ministry, Jesus is alone with the adversary—the one whose works he had come to destroy (1 John 3:8). He faces three tests, or "temptations"—all aimed at unseating him from his identity, his belovedness, and his purpose as the Son of God.

Understanding how Jesus faced down the accuser in the wild, you and I will be equipped to address every demonic challenge that comes our way in the wild places in our own lives. Jesus in the Wild is a perfect personal study and daily reader for individuals who want to gain a deeper sense of their vocation and calling in Christ, and for groups or congregations wanting a study on this momentous event in Jesus' life.



#### **Attendance & Contributions** February 4, 2024

Worship	103
Online	
Budget 2/4/2024	\$10,843.00
Total as of 2/4/2024	\$501,332.00

#### **Special Prayer Request**

**Connie Woodward** Karen M. Parsons **Bobby Glass** Jack Moon **Raymond Widener Mary Frances Bell** 

Jan Towers Jean Jordan **Huah Hudson Glen Hooks** Paul Thrasher **Tom Foust** 

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#### THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS 2/8/24 we will be painting this "Be Mine". All supplies are includ-ed 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

#### **MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM**

BUDGET- In Honor of Danny Karr. By Adult Sunday School Class.

SHRUB REPLACEMENT- In Memory of Jimmie Holmes, Jim McCain, Dale Sellers, Shirley Barron, Desa Storey, Marie McFall & Becky Booth. By Kay & Danny Karr

CAPITAL FUNDS-In Honor of Karl Hager, Buster Kornegay, Billy Lytle, Kim & Glenn Hooks, Hugh Hudson, Raymoond Widener, Bobby Glass, Mary Frances Bell, Connie Woodward, Judy Mink & Joan Verchot. By Kay & Danny Karr.

FOOD PANTRY- In Honor of Laurie McCombs. By J.D. Nichols.

**BUDGET**– In Memory of Marie McFall. By Jennie & Russell Sandlin.

**BUDGET**– In Memory of Marie McFall & Becky Booth. By John & Lynda Swiney

BUDGET- In Memory of Marie McFall. By Eloise Lashlev

February 5, 2024

Blessings today Members and Friends of First Methodist Church! Well, how did you do last week with the Mission Statement Challenge? If you didn't

get, let's learn it together. The statement is: To be Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extravagant love by Boldly Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone.

At the time of our Newsletter writing, we are nine days away from the beginning of the Lenten Season 2024. The forty days of Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 14th with the Ash Wednesday Service, and continue through Saturday, March 30, 2024. The forty (40) days of the Lenten Season are counted starting on Ash Wednesday as day #1, and day #40 as Saturday, March 30, 2024. Do not count the Sundays, as each Sunday is considered a "mini-Easter" already.

As we enter the Lenten/Easter Season on February 14, 2024, the Lenten/Easter Theme for us will be The Heart Matters.... The point is that it takes an investment of your heart, my heart, our hearts...to open the door from the inside out in letting God into lives. Over the years of my own life, and in the years of hearing the stories of other's lives, I've come to see how the heart is a very protected area for us...if it's too vulnerable, we risk getting hurt; if it's too closed off, we risk not experiencing connection with God and others. And there is every conceivable condition of the heart in between these polar opposites.

It is my hope and prayer that each of us will find the courage to open our Hearts to God, and to His calling for our lives, in the Lenten Season. Let's allow ourselves as Christ Followers and the Church, to join in a time of spiritual reflection and intentional efforts in growing closer to God personally, and corporately as the church.

As we journey the Lenten Season, I am encouraging each of us to ponder deeply our heart matters. What is something our hearts have been holding on to; harboring; causing us distress over; causing others distress on; keeping us captive from living life; having us shut down from the joys of life? The season will be a great time to open the door of our hearts to God...

In the next days, you will find our Lenten Calendar Flyer in the Narthex, West Entrance, and Church Office. Please take one, and please take others to share.

How are you coming along as a growing disciple of Jesus? Be a strong spiritual disciple by Celebrating His Holy Name in Worship; Cultivating our relationship with Jesus through Study; Contributing to the work of making disciples by our time/talents/gifts /skills/abilities; and Connecting not only to each other in the Body of Christ, but leading those who don't know God's love into His presence.

From A.W. Tozer, "You can be as close to God as you want to be," do you want to be close to God, and how close do you want to be? It's your decision ...

> Blessings, Bro. John Verciglio

COMING SOON Our handbell ringers will be performing at a

Handbell Festival on March 2nd @ Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. All are invited.



# THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards, calls & text surrounding and after mom's passing. We will miss mom but know that she is happy & healed and with her Lord & Savior. Jesus Christ. Love.

The Marie McFall Family. David, Dianne & Karen

# **SUPER BOWL SUBS** Feb. 11th at 4:00pm \$15.00

Includes sub, chips & cookie/ brownie

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH O HUEYTOWN YOUTH SUMMER MISSIO **TRIP FUNDRAISER**

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