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



## UPCOMING DATES

### Sunday February 18, 2024

8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP  
9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP  
9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 am WORSHIP  
11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP  
11:10 am CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:10 am YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

### Monday February 19, 2024

10:00 am WEAC RESERVATIONS  
**MUST BE IN BY 10:00am**  
6:30 pm DISCOVERY CIRCLE

### Tuesday February 20, 2024

### Wed. February 21, 2024

5:30 pm WEAC MEAL SERVED  
6:00 pm YOUTH  
6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE  
7:00 pm CHOIR PRACTICE

### Thursday February 22, 2024

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

### Friday February 23, 2024

Saturday February 24, 2024  
8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Sunday Message:* Finding Mercy & Forgiveness  
*Scripture:* Psalm 51: 1-19, 139:23-24

## CHOPPED PECANS

WE STILL HAVE 16 BAGS OF CHOPPED PECANS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. COME BY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PICK UP A BAG OR TWO.

## WEAC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning with the February 14th WEAC meal, we need volunteers to help with the "after meal clean-up & leftover food storage." The WEAC prep and cook team for years have done just that...prep and cook, but they have also had the work of cleaning up and storing left over prepped food. Did you know that most of these wonderful ladies also play in the handbell choir, they sing in the chancel choir, and they try to participate in bible study. **We need 5-10 folks to volunteer.** Members of the MOVING FORWARD TEAM will be sharing in this work. Please contact Bro. John V. asap to let us know you will help! Thank you!

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
of HUEYTOWN

# Touch

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 NEWSLETTER

GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

## WEAC

### MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY 10:00am MONDAY.

The WEAC season returns beginning 5:30 pm, Wednesday, February 14, 2024. The Wednesday's of WEAC are as follows:

February 14, 2024  
February 21, 2024  
February 28, 2024  
March 6, 2024  
March 13, 2024  
March 20, 2024

RESERVATIONS MUST  
BE IN BY:  
**10:00am**  
Mon.

SERVING STARTS  
@  
**5:30pm**

**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.

## 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

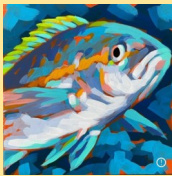
February 11, 2024

Worship .....147  
 Online.....406  
 Budget 2/11/2024.....\$10,938.00  
 Total as of 2/11/2024.....\$512,270.00

## Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward	Jan Towers
Karen M. Parsons	Jean Jordan
Bobby Glass	Mary Frances Bell
Jack Moon	Glen Hooks
Raymond Widener	Paul Thrasher
Tom Foust	

## THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS



2/15/24 we will be painting this "Big Fish". 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

## HANDBELL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The First Methodist Church Handbell Choir, under the direction of Joel Henson, will be participating in a Handbell Clinic, & Performance on Sat., March 2, 2024, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McCalla. Time is TBA (to be announced)

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IMPOSITION OF ASHES 6:30 pm.

Message: The Heart Matters...It's wants, motivations and loves.

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-5, 61: 1-3

**JUST THINK ABOUT IT**

Hello Friends of Jesus! Worship on Sunday, February 11 th was an exciting day at First Methodist Church to say the least. What an honor for us to Baptize Mary Zayda and Millie Mae, as well as the joy of welcoming Lauren Blair into the Membership fold of the church. We welcome Lauren, and we all welcome the calling to surround Alan and Lauren as they are teaching their beautiful girls about Christ. Thank you church for surrounding them in Love!

It was a wonderful day on Sunday, February 11 th as well, celebrating Boy Scout Troop 322/Cub Troop 322. It was a great day to have the families of the Scouts, the Scout Leaders and the fun of recognizing new Eagle Scout, Rider Ingels. Rider...we are proud of you for your accomplishment attaining Eagle Scout Rank!

And, as Rick McCormick announced in church, if you planned well on Sunday, February 11 th, you got to enjoy a Boy Scout/Cub Scout Chili fundraiser luncheon, and then later in the day, you could have picked up a Superbowl Sub-Sandwich prepared by the Youth of First Methodist Church. Thank you Youth! Our Youth Group prepared over 50+ plus Ham and Turkey Sandwiches with the fixings! You all did a great job fundraising for your Summer ASP Mission Trip. February 11, 2024, was a great day all around! Thanks Everyone!

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**...below, find an outline of the Lenten Sunday Schedule:

- February 18th** – Psalm 51 & Psalm 139:23-34 Finding Mercy and Forgiveness
- February 25th** – James 1:13-25 Naming the Sin of My Desires and Motives
- March 3rd** – 2 Chronicles 34:1-33 Stolen Attention and Affection from God
- March 10th** – James 2:1-9 Partiality is Lukewarm, Making Wrongs Right
- March 17th** 1 Peter 1:3-9 Living that I Don't have to overcome Sin
- March 24th** – Luke 19:28-44 Letting Go, and Letting God
- March 31st** Sunrise Service led by Youth Group 6:30 a.m.
- March 31st** Luke 24:1-8 It Matters What Your Heart Believes...

I pray that each of us will be Spiritually challenged during the next forty days of the Lenten Season to open the door of our hearts from the inside out, letting God into lives. That goes for the church as well. A reminder...our hearts can become a very protected area for us. When this happens, it's usually because we been vulnerable, we have risked getting hurt, and unfortunately, we have had a bad experience. Thus, we tell ourselves we won't let that happen again. Before we know it, we have walled off everything, yes, even God. In fact, we might have even allowed a little anger, distrust, hurt, doubt or even rejection to seep into our relationship with God.

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. I am hopeful that you will join me in seeking to allow ourselves as Christ Followers and the Church, to give our life a chance for spiritual renewal.

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...

Blessings, *Bro. John Verciglio*

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**BUDGET:** In Memory of Marie McFall. By Carolyn & Phil Vines.

**YOUTH**– In Memory of Jane Blackwell. With Love, Michael Blackwell.

**FOOD PANTRY**– In Honor of Betty Phares, on her 100th Birthday. By J.D. Nichols

**BUDGET**– In Honor of Betty Phares "her special" day. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson & Family.

**BEDGET**– In Memory of Marie McFall & Desa Storey. In Honor of Danny Karr, Mary Frances Bell, The McFall families (David, Diane & Karen) and Betty Pares on her 100th Birthday. By Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay.

**BUDGET**– In Honor of their Baptism. Mary Zayda Blair & Millie May Blair. By John & Lynda Swiney.

**BUDGET**– In Memory of Marie McFall. By Jack & Nancy Moon, Steve, Camille & Claudette.

**CAPITAL FUNDS**– In Honor of Mary Frances Bell, Danny Karr, Bobby Glass, Tom Foust, & Hugh Hudson. By Jack & Nancy Moon.



## EASTER LILLY ORDER FORM

**\$15.00**

Number of lilies \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

In MEMORY of \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DEADLINE IS MON. MARCH 10th**

We only have a limited number of lilies this year, so get you order in quickly.