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



## UPCOMING DATES

**Sunday Dec. 8, 2024**

**ADVENT**

**8:45 am** IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP  
**9:00 am** PARLOR FELLOWSHIP  
**9:00 am** ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
**10:00 am** WORSHIP- CHRISTMAS  
CHANCEL CHOIR CONTATA  
**11:10 am** THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP  
**11:10 am** CHILDREN'S SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

**Monday Dec. 9, 2024**

**Tuesday Dec. 10, 2024**

6:30 pm Daycare Group meet

**Wednesday Dec. 11, 2024**

6:30 pm YOUTH MEET

**Thursday Dec. 12, 2024**

**9:00 am** Nifty Fifty will meet in  
the Disciple Room.

**10:00 am** Day Care Christmas  
Program in Sanctuary  
& Fellowship Hall

**Friday Dec. 13, 2024**

Setting up church for  
Community Kids Christmas  
Party

**Saturday Dec. 14, 2024**

**8:00 am** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**10:00 am** Community Kids  
Christmas Party

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Ricky Grimes in his recent passing. Ricky's burial was Tuesday December 3rd.

**1** MONTHLY  
**In**



**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
of HUEYTOWN

**Touch**  
Newsletter

**DECEMBER 2, 2024**

## A Word of Encouragement

As your pastor, I want to offer a word of encouragement to those of us who have been away from being a part of Worship, WEAC, Small Groups, and Fellowship in the church. If we have the ability to be in church, we should be! The words we use when we've not seen you lately when we do see you, or text you, or email you...the words are full of love when we say, "We Miss You!"

## WE DO MISS YOU, AND WE HOPE YOU MISS US!

I want to encourage each of us to allow Advent to really be that "new moment, renewed moment, incarnational moment" to get back to church. Don't be offended by the note here...be encouraged to know that you are a vital part of the church, and we are missing your participation in the Body of Christ! Your church needs you!

If you are a shut-in...know that we are praying for you daily. We miss you dearly, and we KNOW that being in church is your greatest Hope if it were at all possible. We are THANKFUL FOR YOU, and we are so very glad we have tools like LIVESTREAM that offers you a connection to church! Please know that...

So, as your pastor, let me say once again...you are missed. Give us a chance to show you. Make plans starting now to get back to "in person" participation. Come hear the words yourself, "We are so glad to see you!" Don't take them for anything more than...WE LOVE YOU! I look forward to SEEING YOU SOON!

## ATTENTION LAITY LEADERSHIP

As we approach the end of 2024, we say "Thank You," to all our Laity Leadership that will be rolling off committees like SPRC, Trustees, Finance, and Nominations on December 31, 2024. We also have leaders that have been serving in positions that change in what is usually 3- year increments that roll off on December 31, 2024. Some of those leaders are ending a service period... "Thank You" for serving God and your church.

I want to say "Thank You" to our New Laity Leaders who are taking new roles that start January 1, 2025. To our new leaders, thank you for serving God and your church in this way. You will begin to receive both email notifications, text notifications and snail mail notifications about your meetings. Please be on the lookout as we lean into a new year, 2025.

Thank you to all our leaders, you are the guidance God is using to make disciples of Jesus! Please find a copy of the 2025 leadership listing in the Narthex, West Entrance and Church Office.

## Reading Through the Bible

It's that time again friends to make your plans to Read through the Bible in a Year. The new reading plans are located in the Narthex, West Entrance and Church Office. If you would like to read along with other church members, simply pick up a schedule and join the reading. We will be using the Rose Publishing reading plan in 2025.



## Attendance & Contributions

December 1, 2024

Sunday Worship Attendance.....	102
Online Attendance.....	910
Budget Contributions 12/1.....	\$7,529.00
<u>Nov. 24</u> Worship Attendance.....	103
Online Attendance.....	564
Budget Contributions 11/24.....	\$3778.00
Total Budget .....	\$359,515.00

## Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers	Bobby Bracknell
Kenny Coston	Wanda Towers
Jack Moon	Terry Horne
Stuart McCrorie	Tammy Moody
Harold Caine	Nancy Goodwin
Beverly Lawley	Rodger Moody
Shirley Jones	Joan Jones
Sammy Harless	Marilyn Brown

*Just Think About It...*



Nov. 18, 2024

Greetings Friends of wonderful Thanksgiving. It was you Sunday, December 1, Advent Season. On ber 1 st , we enjoyed a Play. Thank you, Cheryl Ingels, cast, and...thank you Church for Ministry with your presence and You Bridge Small Group for the Ministry and getting the Hall Christmas Tree. I don't know about you, but I love the celebratory spirit that is present in this Advent Season at First Methodist Church! Praise God!

Jesus! I pray that each of you had a so good to worship with each of 2024, as we now begin the Sunday evening, Decem- fantastic Children's Christmas adult helpers, youth and children your support of our Children's support. Last but not least, Thank reception celebrating our Children's decorating started on our Fellowship

Forgive me, forgive the Finance Team, but if sound like a broken record it's because we are sounding like a broken record. If you haven't completed your 2025 Pledge Sunday Commitment Card, please call either Lisa Edmonson or Tab Blair to complete our 2025 Pledge Campaign, The Joy of Giving. Commitment Cards are located in the Church Office, and the Narthex/West Entrance Areas. Thank you for your attention to this important part of our membership.

In closing this week, I look forward to Sunday, December 8 th , and the Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata Presentation. I hope you will join us for this wonderful presentation of the Birth of Jesus Christ through the musical word. Let us all be reminded that this season of the birth of Christ the Lord brings us healing and wholeness.

I look forward to continuing the Advent / Christmas journey with you!

In Service to Christ,

*Bro. John Verciglio*

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## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**GROUNDS RENOVATION**— In Memory of Sarah Bailey. By Cheryl Finch.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**— In Memory of Ruth Bryant. By Bubba Bryant, Woody Bryant, Lisa Holmes & Laurie Pitts.

**BUDGET**— In Memory of Sarah Bailey. In Honor of Nell & Hugh Hudson. By Ronnie & Ellie Duncan.

**BUDGET**— In Memory of Floyd Lunceford. By Gene Lunceford, Gayle Hager, Cindy McCormick & Sandy Penney.

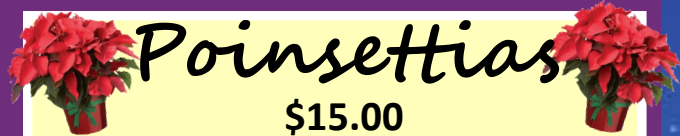
**BUDGET**— In Honor of Bobby Bracknell & Stuart McCrorie. By Wayne & Judy Mink.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**— In Memory of Carolyn Grimes. By Wayne & Judy Mink.

**BUDGET**— In Memory of Ricky Grimes. By Lisa & Scott Edmonson.

**BUDGET**— In Memory of Ricky & Carolyn Grimes. By Nancy & Lynda Hayley.

**BUDGET**— In Honor of Marilyn & Alan Brown. By Betty jane & Buster Kornegay.



# Poinsettias

\$15.00

Last day to order is Sun., Dec. 8th.

# of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$ amount \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## November & December Calendar

December 8 th Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata, 10:00 a.m.

December 14 th Children's Christmas Mission Party, 10:00 a.m.

December 24-26 th Christmas Holiday...Church Office Closed 12/24-12/26

December 24 th Christmas Eve Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

December 31 st New Year's Eve, Church Office Closed 12/31/24 – 1/2/25

## Children's Christmas Play

Thank you to all the children for sharing the wonderful story of the Nativity with us. Thank you for all the work you did with practices. Thank you Cheryl Ingles and all the adults and parents who gave time and talents to this wonderful play. We all enjoyed your presentation.

