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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Dec. 15, 2024

ADVENT

8:45 am IGNITERS SUNDAY SCHOOL
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'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday Dec. 16, 2024

9:00 am T.O.P.S
6:30 pm BOY SCOUTS
6:30 pm DISCOVERY

Tuesday Dec. 17, 2024

Wednesday Dec. 18, 2024


6:00 pm HAND BELLS
6:30 pm YOUTH MEET
7:00 pm CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursday Dec. 19, 2024

9:00 am Nifty Fifty

Friday Dec. 20, 2024

Saturday Dec. 21, 2024

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of HUEYTOWN**

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Newsletter

DECEMBER 9, 2024

Christmas Eve News

There will be two opportunities to receive Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. From 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., there will be "COME AND GO COMMUNION." At 11:00 p.m., there will be a Worship Service with a Christmas Communion Liturgy, with the service ending with the singing of "Silent Night" by Candlelight. I hope and pray that you will not only participate, but that you will invite others to be a part of either or both of these meaningful Christmas gatherings.

Newsletter News

As we end the year 2024 with two short work weeks that end the year for the church office staff, the last mailout newsletter for 2024 will be the week of December 15th. Each of us have already received the January 2025 calendar.

If you have news that needs announced, please get your information to office as soon as possible for the December 15th newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and help in this matter.

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.

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.



Attendance & Contributions

December 8, 2024

Sunday Worship Attendance.....	109
Online Attendance.....	898
Budget Contributions 12/8.....	\$12,998.00
Total Budget	\$372,513.00

Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers
 Brad Hinton
 Terry Horne
 Harold Caine
 Beverly Lawley
 Shirley Jones
 Sammy Harless
 Ronnie Duncan

Wanda Towers
 Stuart McCrorie
 Tammy Moody
 Nancy Goodwin
 Roger Moody
 Mike Linholm
 Marilyn Brown

We extend our Christian sympathy and love to the Kenny Coston family at his recent passing. Please keep the Coston and Blair families in your prayers.

We extend our Christian sympathy and love to the family of Joan Jones at her recent passing. Please keep Kristen & Gary and the family in your prayers



Just Think About It...



Dec. 9, 2024

Hello Friends of Jesus! I start this week by saying “THANK YOU” to our Chancel Choir, Choir Director, and Audio/Visual Team for a great Christmas offering of ‘Love Came Down at Christmas.’ What a beautiful telling, once again, of the birth of Jesus in the fulfillment of God’s promise to send to those who would believe, The Messiah! THANK YOU for keeping the message of God’s love in our Celebration of Christmas!

It was a busy weekend for First Methodist in Hueytown. The Children’s Ministry participated in the Hueytown Christmas Parade by building and riding on their float, and throwing candy to all the on-lookers. We also had several church members that served at the Hueytown Christmas Tree Lighting at City Park, giving away church invites and goodies to all the guests. Thank you church for being a part of the Christmas Thrill in Hueytown.

As I have been reading and re-reading the story of Christ’s birth, I have been reading different bible translations about the event. One that has caught my heart is the response of the Shepherds as told by Eugene Peterson in The Message. Luke 2:15 forward reads, *“As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. ‘Let’s get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us.’ They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherders were impressed...the shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen.”*

WOW...I just love how Eugene Peterson interprets the response of the Shepherds. Think about the words in action as you think and ponder this: “Let’s get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can...”; “...they left running...”; “they told everyone they me what the angels had said...”; and, “the shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God...”

I am hopeful that you and I could, might, will...have the zeal and zest for the Birth of Jesus that the Shepherds had. It is my hope and prayer that the promise of God’s presence in our lives can become so new to each of us in the Christmas Season that it fills our heart with a renewed trust and A Thrill of Hope. If your trying other things to bring you a sense of peace that aren’t working, won’t you just give The New-born King a chance? Maybe a second chance? Third? You get the point...I know He would be so happy to reveal Himself to you through Jesus!

In Service to Christ,
Bro. John Verciglio

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

GROUNDS RENOVATION– In Memory of Canty Worley, III. By Cheryl Finch.

GROUNDS RENOVATION -In Memory of Ricky Grimes. By Cheryl Finch.

BUDGET– In Memory of Kenny Coston and Joan Jones. By Lisa & Scott Edmonson.

BUDGET– In Honor of Brad Hinton, Sammy Harless and Ronnie Duncan. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

BUDGET— In Memory of Kenny Coston In Honor of the Coston & Blair Families. By Jeri & Jimmy Harris.

December Calendar

- December 14th Children’s Christmas Mission Party, 10:00 a.m.
- December 24-26th Christmas Holiday...Church Office Closed 12/24-12/26
- December 24th Christmas Eve Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- December 31st New Year’s Eve, Church Office Closed 12/31/24 – 1/2/25

Hueytown Christmas Parade

