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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday April 16, 2023 9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 10:10 am SMALL GROUPS 11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP 5:00 pm YOUTH

Monday April 17, 2023

Tuesday April 18, 2023 6:30 pm TRUSTEE MEET

Wednesday April 19, 2023

10:10 am SMALL GROUPS 11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP

SERMON & SCRIPTURE INFORMATION APRIL 16th

John 20:19-31 "So that You May Believe "

Friday April 21, 2023 **D-NOW WEEKEND** starts

Saturday April 22, 2023 **D-NOW WEEKEND** 8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sunday April 23, 2023 **D-NOW WEEKEND** Ends 9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 4:00 pm ADMIN BOARD MEET



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MOVING FORWARD 218 UPDATE

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, the **MOVING FORWARD 218 LEADERSHIP team** met with Rev. Lana Johnson. The meeting was to gather the Leadership Team together for the next steps. First, let me share with vou who the team is: Scott Edmonson. Tab Blair, Andy Nolen, Tammy Carpenter, Catherine Verciglio, Danny Karr, Kay Karr, Jeff Noe, Wanda England, Steve Douglass, Bill Xenos, Melissa Xenos, Diane Love, Gil Higgins, Tracey Berry, Caryl Hadder, Dave Hadder, Scottie Blair, and Ellie Duncan.

Secondly, the team has been asked to review the small group posters that you the congregation gave input to in your Small Group Studies. The posters, if you remember, feed information into what is now 13 steps of discernment. They are: 1-Ministry Insights/Points to Consider: 2-Poster Summary; 3-Immediate Needs; 4-Witness; 5-Foundations: 6- Successes/Failures/Regrets: 7-Strengths/Resources; 8-Kingdom Needs; 9 -Calling; 10- Challenges; 11-Vision/Ministry Plan: 12-Communicate and 13-Reconciliation.

The next meeting of the MOVING FORWARD TEAM is April 26, 2023, and we will gather to discern Poster Summary as a whole, immediate needs and our witness as a church. We will share updates to keep you informed that work is taking place. Thank you for your work for God's church.

SERVANT MINISTRY **OPPORTUNITY**

One of our greatest community outreach opportunities in our church is our Child Care Center, Talking with Stephanie Darabaris (Child Care Center Director), she and her staff could use a few volunteer servants during the week. Christian Curriculums are being taught to the children that come to our Child Care Center. There are two immediate needs for some: First, there is a need for some Office Help from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Copying help, and general curriculum help for the children while the children are napping. Secondly, the Child Care Center could use some morning door help from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Monday -Friday. We have a very full Child Care Center (over 100 children now), and mornings need some loving welcoming from us as God's people. Friends, this is your Child Care Program, and it needs the loving presence of support to the Director, the Teachers, the Parents, and the Children. Answering this call to serve just might bring someone into the presence of Jesus that they might not otherwise experience if we don't step up to serve...who is hearing God's call and is ready to answer, "Here I am Lord!" Please contact me at:

Bro. John Verciglio.... jvercig@hueytownfirst.com or Stephanie Darabaris at firstmethodistcdc@gmail.com.



Attendance & Contributions April 9, 2023

Sunrise	46
Traditional	170
Traditional Online	316
Thrive	35
Thrive Online	66
Budget 4/9/23	\$10,096.50
Total as of 4/9/23	\$107,357.50

Special Prayer Request

Jack Moon J Nancy Goodwin T Chris Cater E Karen Murphree Parsons

Jan Towers Terry Horne Dot Lowery

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023

-D-Now Youth Weekend, April 21 – 23, 2023 -Walking Track Dedication and Lunch on the Grounds, Sunday, May 7, 2023 Vacation Bible School, June 11 – 15, 2023 -We are America, A Discussion with Teddy **Roosevelt & Samuel Clements,** June 24, 2023 Back to School Sunday, August 6, 2023 World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023 Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, **October 1. 2023** Trunk or Treat, Tuesday, October 31, 2023 Community Thanksgiving Service, November 19, 2023 First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, **December 3, 2023** Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, December 24, 2023

April 10, 2023

Happy Easter Friends of Jesus! What a beautiful day of worship we had on Sunday, April 9, 2023. We started with a Sunrise Service and Breakfast offered by our Youth; we then shared a beautiful Traditional Service where our Handbell Ringers and Chancel Choir led us in beautiful Resurrection proclamation; and lastly, but not least... our Thrive Band closed out the morning with Praise and Worship of the Risen Christ. What a Joyful Easter Celebration!

Let me encourage each of us to know and live forward that Easter has begun, not ended! We've a powerful word of proclamation to make in a lost and hurting world around us. Let us be reminded as well that we don't have to go very far in any direction to proclaim that Jesus has Risen! The need for Good News is in our families, next door, our community, our city. The need lives on our streets, in our children's/grandchildren's schools, their ball teams, and classrooms. The need lives in our jobs, and with our friends. I am hopeful that each of us will be the friend of Jesus that another is so desperately seeking in order to find the love of the Risen One, Jesus Christ! Let's us pray for each other as God's uses us to love others.

Friends, we have some very important upcoming moments together as we celebrate ministry and ministry outreach in the coming days. The next three events are: <u>FIRST</u> on April 21-23, 2023, we host Youth DNOW. If you are willing to help in any way, contact Catherine Verciglio, Youth Director. We will celebrate DNOW Sunday on April 23, 2023 in our Heritage Sanctuary. The service will be at 10:00 a.m., with Small Groups at 9:00 a.m. <u>SECONDLY</u>, our next 5 th Sunday Gathering is on April 30, 2023. We will gather in our Main Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. with a combined worship. Our special guest on this day will be Mayor Steve Ware and the City Council of Hueytown. Small Groups will be at 9:00 a.m. on this day. And <u>THIRD</u> on May 7, 2023, we are Worshiping Outside at our new Walking Track and Pavilion. We will worship at 10:00 a.m., and follow up Worship with a lunch on the grounds under the Pavilion at 11:00 a.m. It will be a great day giving God honor for a new part of our ministry. On this day you will want to bring a lawn chair, your favorite potluck dish to share and a spirit of celebration and fun (pray for dry weather).

Again, Happy Easter Friends of Jesus!

Bro. John Verciglio

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET– In Honor of Sue Douglass, Dot Lowery & Terry Horne. By The Adult Sunday School Class.

YOUTH– In Memory of Dora Chaffin. In Honor of Bro. John, Lisa & Catherine Verciglio. In Honor of Bro. John & Nancy Simmons. By John and Lynda Swiney.

BUDGET– In Honor of Dot Lowery, Tracey Berry, Terry Horne & Charlie Faye Wilson. By Jack & Nancy Moon.

BUDGET– In Honor of Karen Parsons & Sue Douglass. By Jack & Nancy Moon.

BUDGET– In Memory of Dora Chaffin. By The Chancel Choir.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS "THE BRIDGE"- In Honor of Tracey Berry, "Our Goddaughter". By Ronnie & Ellie Duncan.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Church Leaders, please remember to calendar the upcoming meetings for: Administrative Board, Finance Team, Trustee's Team and Staff Parish Relations Committee, the quarterly meeting dates for April 2023, have been set. They are as follows:

April 3, 2023.....SPRC, 6:30 p.m. April 10, 2023.....Finance, 6:30 p.m. April 18, 2023.....Trustees, 6:30 p.m. April 30, 2023.....Administrative Board, 4:00 p.m.

Please be on the lookout for you respective meeting card in the mail very soon.

THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS THIS WEEK. 4/13/23

Thursday night paint class....4/13/23 will be creating a "Tropical Foliage" relief. First we will draw-in our pattern in pencil. Second we will "pipe" in a mixture of

paint, gel medium and sparkling compound over our pencil lines. We will use the cut corner of a baggie for this step. Third we will apply gold leaf to our piped lines. 6:00pm. You must RSVP. . 205-401-3124. Or call the church office 205-491-3421. Come join in the fun!

