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

## UPCOMING DATES

Sunday May 14, 2023

**MOTHER'S DAY**

6:30 am FIRST LIGHT

9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

10:10 am SMALL GROUPS

11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP

5:00 pm YOUTH

Wednesday May 17, 2023

Thursday May 18, 2023

9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY

6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

Friday May 19, 2023

Saturday May 13, 2023

8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday May 15, 2023

Tuesday May 16, 2023

6:30 pm MOVING FORWARD  
TEAM MEET

6:30 pm PRE-K GRADUATION -  
DAYCARE

7:00 pm DISCOVERY

Sunday May 20, 2023

9:00 am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

10:10 am SMALL GROUPS

11:11 am THRIVE WORSHIP

5:00 pm YOUTH



**HONOR A VETERAN WITH AN AMERICAN FLAG**  
**Call the church office or stop by... \$5.00.**  
Each flag will have a laminated tag honoring your veteran.



**REDBIRD IS COMING UP  
IN SEPTEMBER. IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US  
CONTACT THE OFFICE  
AT 205-491-3421**

**SERMON & SCRIPTURE  
INFORMATION May 14th**  
(Main Sanctuary 10:00 am)  
Luke 1:46-55, 2:4-21  
"A Mother's Legacy"

**THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT  
CLASS THIS WEEK. 5/11/23**



Thursday night  
paint class...YOU  
ARE INVITED.  
5/11/23 and will  
be creating a  
"BLUEJAY". Laurie  
will walk you  
through one step

at a time....6:00pm in the Fellow-  
ship Hall. \$18.00 per person. I  
must have your reservation by  
Thursday at noon if you are  
coming. 205-401-3124. Or call the  
church office 205-491-3421. Come  
join in the fun!

**A PATRIOTIC NIGHT, SUNDAY,  
JUNE 25th, 6:00 P.M.**

First Methodist Church presents, "We Are  
America: A Discussion with Teddy  
Roosevelt and Samuel Clemens" We are  
excited to welcome Mr. Darrell Revell as  
Samuel Clemens and Mr. Johnny Curry as  
Teddy Roosevelt to First Methodist  
Church for a night of Theater Dialog. The  
nights gathering will be in Theater format  
in discussion of America. Tickets for the  
night are Adults \$20, Youth (13 and  
below) \$10. This is a public event. Make  
plans to attend this great night of history,  
and invite your friends to join you in an  
entertaining night. **TICKETS IN THE OFFICE**

WEEKLY

MAY 7, 2023

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of HUEYTOWN

# In Touch



GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

## UPDATE MOVING FORWARD 218

The MOVING FORWARD 218 TEAM met on Wednesday, May 3rd. During the meeting, the TEAM worked on setting what are called the church's guardrails. The guardrails are made up of our Witness Statement (the beliefs, values, and message God has entrusted to our congregation to share with the world) and our Foundations (the practices, attitudes, and characteristics that are fundamental elements that define our congregation).

**The Witness Statement** for First Methodist Church Hueytown, that was birthed at the last meeting reads: To Be Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extravagant Love by Boldly Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone. The statement comes from the input of you the congregation from your participation in the six-week study that created the posters your small groups completed.

**The Foundation Blocks** that you as a congregation indicated as fundamental elements that define our congregation are: *God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Triune God, The Bible, Biblical Authority, Prayer, Evangelization, Outreach, Missional Focus*. Again, the Foundations come from the input of you the congregation from your participation in the six-week study that created the posters your small groups completed.

**Guardrails**...think of them in this way. That which keeps us traveling on good ground, or traveling on a path that we are intended to travel upon. Guardrails keep you from veering off course, from traveling away from your intended path, from losing direction on the journey. As we grow forward as a church, these Guardrails become posts between which our decision should find litmus testing. →

## FACILITY SECURITY AND FACILITY USAGE

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, the Administrative Board was reminded about the need for, and the importance of our Church's Facility Security. Not one of us could fathom events like what took place at Covenant Presbyterian School in Nashville, TN. Keep our Brother's and Sister's in Prayer! We as a church MUST be prudent...I am guilty of, and we are guilty of propping doors open for meetings and gatherings. **WE CANNOT DO THIS!**

The Trustees are asking every meeting group that uses the facility to once again fill out a Facility Usage Form for your meetings/meeting group...You may have already done so...we need you to do it again so that we can ensure that security measures are in place for door locking and door unlocking. As you turn your forms in, please remember that there is a premeeting open time, and "once started" relocking time. Do not prop doors open before or after these times.

Once your forms are received, we will ask Donald Wright to review your meeting protocol to make sure our Security Door System is set for your scheduled use of the Facility. **Thank you for your cooperation!**

The next meeting of the MOVING TEAM is **Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.** Look for an update on information here next week. Keep your MOVING FORWARD TEAM in prayer: Scott Edmonson, Tab Blair, Andy Nolen, Tammy Carpenter, Catherine Verciglio, Danny Karr, Kay Karr, Jeff Noe, Wanda England, Gala Douglass, Bill Xenos, Melissa Xenos, Diane Love, Gil Higgins, Tracey Berry, Caryl Hadder, Dave Hadder, Scottie Blair, and Ellie Duncan.



## Attendance & Contributions

May 7, 2023

Combined Worship	81
Online	426
Budget 5/7/23	\$9,279.00
Total as of 5/7/23	\$256,090.60

## Special Prayer Request

Jack Moon	Jan Towers
Nancy Goodwin	Terry Horne
Chris Cater	Jo Edmonson
Matt Cosper	Shirley Jones
Ann McCown	Kay Vines Huey
Jean Jordan	
Karen Murphree Parsons	

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD NEWS

On Sunday, April 30th, a key discussion took place around Capital Improvements at the Admin Board Meeting. The following motions were made, seconded, discussed, and voted upon with unanimous approval on each item by the Admin Board.

1. Wade Payne presented from the Finance Team that a Capital Campaign take place immediately to raise a needed \$50,000 for Capital Improvements.

2. Finance & Trustees presented the moving of \$34,469.29 from a money Market Account at First Financial to a new Designated Account called Capital Project Expense Fund, also at First Federal.

3. Trustees presented the Capital Improvement of two sections of the church parking lot totaling \$66,059. to be performed by Callaway Contracting, LLC. Work to start forthwith.

4. The Finance & Trustees presented Financing \$50,000 for Capital Improvement needs that will be repaid through funds raised by the Capital Campaign.

Updates to come next week.....



May 8, 2023

Hello Member's and Friends of First Methodist Church! What a fantastic day of worship, dedication and a meal on the grounds we had Sunday, May 7, 2023. Thank you to the First Methodist Church Emmaus Community for hosting us/letting us to crash their First Sunday Monthly luncheon. True story friends... Dot Moran stopped by my office after visiting the church office on Monday, May 1 st . She told me, "if you start praying now, the weather will be good on Sunday!" If you don't know, on Monday, May 1 st , the forecast for Sunday, May 7 th was storms. I took Dot's advice and began to pray daily. What a "Beautiful Day" Sunday, May 7 th turned out to be. I was reminded of Jesus' instruction on faith the size of a mustard seed—paraphrased, "if we have faith, we can pray the movement of a mountain..." Thank you to everyone that made the day so wonderful.

On the afternoon of Sunday, May 7, 2023, it was announced at the gathering of Global Methodist from around North Alabama at ClearBranch Methodist Church, that our church and other affiliated Global Methodist Churches in North Alabama, are now officially part of an established Annual Conference in the Global Methodist Church. Effective May 1, 2023, our Annual Conference is called, "The North Alabama Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church." We have come a long way church, and at this time, we are one of eight established Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States. There will be more to come, but this approval shows the diligent progression and commitment by you the laity in making this happen to establish the Conservative, Orthodox, Traditional, Evangelical church called Methodist in North Alabama! Well Done Good and Faithful Servants.

It is anticipated on Thursday, May 11, 2023, approximately 160 additional churches will Disaffiliate from The North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. Many of those churches will join churches like First Methodist Church of Hueytown, A Global Methodist Congregation, as part of the New Annual Conference of Global Methodist in North Alabama. Doesn't that sound wonderful...

In the coming days I will be posting and printing for your information the new leadership structure that is in place for the new Annual Conference of Global Methodist in North Alabama. When you see it, or get your copy, don't be shocked...it is very streamlined. If you remember, that is purposeful. I hope you will join me in praying for our new Annual Conference as Global Methodist who seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ as we Worship Passionately; Love Extravagantly; and Witness Boldly.

Bro. John Verciglio

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**SONRISE**— In Honor of "My Sisters", Connie Woodward, Theresa Williams & "My niece", Mandy Davis for Mother's Day. With Love, Debbie Bishop McBrayer.

**BUDGET**— In Honor of "My Mom", Rose Bishop. In Memory of "My Grandmothers", Lottie Higgins & Ethel Bishop for Mother's Day. With Love, Debbie Bishop McBrayer.

**BUDGET**— In Honor of Patti Wright on her Birthday. In Honor of Connie Woodward & Karen Zito Parsons. Love, Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

**BUDGET**— In Honor of Shirley Jones, Ann McCown, Kay Vines and Nancy Goodwin. By Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2023

- ✦ Vacation Bible School, June 11 – 15, 2023
- ✦ We are America, A Discussion with Teddy Roosevelt & Samuel Clements, June 25, 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

**BINGO NIGHT**  
**THURS. MAY 25th**  
**6:30pm –8:30pm \$7.00 a card**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 11-15.**  
**Our new church t-shirts**  
**are being used as our VBS**  
**shirts this year.**

**UPCOMING 5th SUNDAYS**  
The next 5th Sundays are on: July 30th, October 29th, & December 31th.