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FRIDAY: Closed



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, January 14, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

Monday, January 15, 2024
3:00 pm Alpha

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
6:30 pm Moving Forward

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
6:00 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Youth
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, January 18, 2024
9:00 am Nifty/Fifty
6:00 pm Paint Class

Friday, January 19, 2024
Office Closed

Saturday, January 20, 2024
8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Parlor

Sunday, January 21, 2024
10:00 am Worship Service

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE IS HERE

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday looks like this each week:

8:45 am Igniters Sunday School (Scott Edmonson)
9:00 am Adult Sunday School (Bro. John Simmons)
9:00 am Parlor Fellowship/Prayer with Scottie Blair
10:00 am Worship (Main Sanctuary)
11:10 am The Bridge Sunday School (Andy/Kristy Nolen)
11:10 am Children's Sunday School (Cheryl Ingels)
11:10 am Youth Sunday School (Catherine Verciglio)

Turning the Page Series

January 14, 2024 It's Not All Up to You Hebrews 10:23-25/Ps. 145
January 21, 2024 Trust His Heart Zephaniah 3:16-17
January 28, 2024 Give the Best of You Micah 6:6-8

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BLENDED WORSHIP IN 2024

In the short coming weeks, we are moving our worship service time to 10:00 a.m. So many throughout the congregation, older members and younger members, have been requesting this change. ***It's here, January 7, 2024!***

Along with it comes new Small Group/Sunday School times as well. Those have been decided by each Small Group/Sunday School. As soon as each class has decided we will publicize immediately. Along with the time change comes what is called "Blended Worship." The congregation has said "YES" to Blended Worship. But...some have said "WAIT A MINUTE!" So, what is Blended Worship? Blended Worship will like the experiences you have already had in Traditional Worship, when members of the previous Thrive Band would come over and sing during Traditional Worship. Some are asking, "Do I have to stand up the whole time, raise my hands, and sway with the music?" NO! But, that also means that NONE OF US will criticize or critique someone else's choice to do so! I for one love to show my praise to God by standing and sometimes raising my hands in Honor to God. I just feel close to Him doing so.

At this time, our blended worship service will start with music we call "Tracks." It is the music for a song much like SonRise uses when they sing. In short, you push a button, music starts, and the leader brings the congregation in on the singing. Again, we hope you will find and enjoy a new type of service. You will still get the blessings of a Chancel Choir, and the addition of some particular different style of Praise and Worship Music.

Let me encourage each and every one of us to enjoy and express your Honor, Worship and Uplifting of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit as God moves you to do so in Worship. I hope this helps anyone who has questions. If not, come on by and let's talk about it!

Bro. John Verciglio

PARLOR USE

Beginning Sunday, **January 7, 2024**, one of our Sunday Small Groups will begin offering a Fellowship Time in the Parlor each week. It will be a time of welcome, refreshments, coffee, and some scripture sharing time. The hope in this time is **CONNECTION**. Connection with each other, and to offer instant **CONNECTION** to any that might be visiting with us. The Small Group has assured leadership they will take good care of our Parlor. Please remember that it is a room to offer invitation, and I can't think of a better way to offer invitation that to welcome folks to our Parlor.

Attendance & Contribution

December 24, 2023

Worship 9:00 am.....116
Online.....510
Budget 12/24/2023.....\$9,104.00
Total as of 12/24/2023.....\$485,649.00
Midnight Service.....69
Online.....536

December 31, 2023

Worship 9:00 am.....73
Online.....428
Budget 12/31/2023.....\$3,841.00
Total as of 12/31/2023.....\$489,490.00

January 7, 2024

Worship 10:00 am.....125
Online.....410
Budget 1/7/2024.....\$9,033.00

INFORMATION TABLE

In the coming weeks and days, there will be a transformation coming to the brown information podium that stands in the Narthex entrance to the main sanctuary. The Moving Forward Team is helping it become more information friendly. We hope you will find its use to offer not only you, but **VISITORS** some instant information about our church and how **VISITORS** can quickly get connected. Please join in support of offering more information quickly about our wonderful church!

**No Thursday Night Paint Class
January 11, 2024**



January 8, 2024

Just Think About it...

Happy New Year Members and Friends of First Methodist Church! It was the week of Christmas that we last published a Newsletter! It seems like so long ago but has only been about three weeks. Much has taken place in those three weeks...we celebrated the Birth of Jesus in Christmas; we've ushered in the New Year 2024; and on Sunday, January 7th, we ushered in a new worship service time with a blended Worship Service. What a great start to 2024!

On Sunday, January 7, 2024, we had a fantastic start to our "new/return to the old" start time of Worship here at First Methodist Church, 10:00 a.m. Most likely, the most noticeable change came with the ordering of the worship service! Nonetheless, it was an awesome Sunday. Again, so very many people and teams of people had an integral part of making worship such a Worshipful and Praise Offering moment. I will just say "THANK YOU," instead of naming folks...I too often leave someone out, not meaning too!

On Sunday, January 14, 2024, we continue our New Year's Preaching Series, "**Turning the Page.**" The point of the series is to remember that the calendar flips from 2023 to 2024, but most of our life's concerns and situations continue. Come be a part of discovering what God's word says about our personal renewal that can in fact influence our concerns and our situations as we navigate into the new year.

Let's keep our mission ever before us here at first Methodist Church:
*"To be **Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extravagant Love by Boldly Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone.**"*

Bro. John Verciglio

LEADERSHIP 2024

I want to say a heartfelt Thank you, to all of our outgoing Laity Leaders who have been serving the church these last 3 years on committees. Also, Thank you, to all our Administrative Board Leaders who have been serving in Chair Positions. You have done a magnificent job leading your church!

It is now time to welcome all of our new committee leaders and our new Administrative Board Leaders. Please know our appreciation for your stepping forward. All new leader positions take effect on January 1, 2024. Please find the leadership listing in the West Entrance, the Narthex and the Church Office.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

RED BIRD— In Memory of Harold Crabbe & Shirley Barron
By Cheryl Finch
YOUTH MISSION TRIP— In Memory of Shirley Barron
By David & Barbara Nichols
Choir—In Honor of Kim Ferguson Hooks
By Choir and Handbells
BUDGET— In Memory of Harold Crabbe
By Jeff Higgins
BUDGET— In Memory of Shirley Barron
In Honor of the Blair Family
In Honor of Raymond Widener
By Jimmy & Jeri Harris
BUDGET— In Memory of Andy Richardson
BUDGET— In Honor of Hugh Hudson & Brad Hinton
By Adult Sunday School Class
BUDGET— In Honor of Raymond Widener, Buster Kornegay, Brad Hinton, Hugh Hudson & Laurie McCombs
By Scott & Lisa Edmonson
BUDGET— In Memory of Shirley Barron
By Caroline and Phil Vines
BUDGET— In Memory of Shirley Barron
In Honor of Bill & Patsy Crump, Kim & Glen Hooks,
Raymond Widener & Hugh Hudson
By Betty Jane & Buster Kornegay

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Connie Woodward	Jan Towers
Karen M. Parsons	Jean Jordan
Beverly Lawley	Joan Verchot
Jack Moon	Kim Hooks
Raymond Widener	Hugh Hudson
Buster Kornegay	Glenn Hooks
Laurie McCombs	