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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday March 3, 2024

8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP
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 SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:10 am YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Monday March 4, 2024

10:00 am WEAC RESERVATIONS
MUST BE IN BY 10:00am

Tuesday March 5, 2024

6:30 pm TRUSTEE MEETING

Wed. March 6, 2024

5:30 pm WEAC MEAL SERVED
6:00 pm YOUTH
6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE
7:00 pm CHOIR PRITICE

Thursday March 7, 2024

8:15 am FOOD DELIVERY
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY
6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

Friday March 8, 2024

Saturday March 9, 2024
8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

THANK YOU.....Gerry & I wish to give our heartfelt thanks to our church family at Hueytown Methodist Church, for the prayers, calls, honorariums, & cards we received during my illness. Please continue to pray for me as I recover. Special thanks to Brother John Simmons for all your prayers, visits, & calls. **Raymond Widener**

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Hueytown

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FEBRUARY 26, 2024 NEWSLETTER

CHURCH DUMPSTER ISSUES

Members and Friends, many of you have noticed that our Church Dumpster has been locked. Why? Around the middle of December 2023, the staff of the church and the staff of the Childcare Center began to notice that someone has been dumping construction and roofing trash in the dumpster. The police were called and routine checks have been being made. Unfortunately, rascals have continued to find a way to bypass the stepped up patrols, and just ignored the "No Dumping Signs." This left the Trustees no choice than to step up the type dumpster we have with locking doors, and a non-opening top. Please know that THE CHURCH DUMPSTER IS AVAILABE FOR YOU TO USE. You will have to get a key from the office to use it, or get a key to use it on the weekends, BUT, it is there for your use. Keys for the Dumpster are being made for the Food Panty and the WEAC teams for their use. If there is group other than these two that needs access to the dumpster, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding, and for navigating with us a very big inconvenience. We are sorry for the situation !

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDY

The Lenten Study on Wednesday nights after WEAC is titled, Jesus in the Wild. In the Spring, there will again be Bible Study for those who wish to participate. The Bible Study will start at 6:30 p.m., and it will be geared to the 40 Days of the Lenten Season. Author Dan Wilt wrote a wonderful piece within the remarkable scene in Luke 4:1-14 of Jesus being challenged by the devil in the "wild"—the untamed and unruly wilderness? And what are the surprising implications of this event for followers of Jesus today? In *Jesus in the Wild* you'll take a forty day journey into the heart of one of the most unusual, and often most misunderstood, stories in the Gospel accounts. In this encounter, following his baptism in the Jordan and before the inauguration of his ministry, Jesus is alone with the adversary—the one whose works he had come to destroy (1 John 3:8). He faces three tests, or "temptations"—all aimed at unseating him from his identity, his belovedness, and his purpose as the Son of God.

Understanding how Jesus faced down the accuser in the wild, you and I will be equipped to address every demonic challenge that comes our way in the wild places in our own lives. *Jesus in the Wild* is a perfect personal study and daily reader for individuals who want to gain a deeper sense of their vocation and calling in Christ, and for groups or congregations wanting a study on this momentous event in Jesus' life.

HANDBELL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The First Methodist Church Handbell Choir, under the direction of Joel Henson, will be participating in a Handbell Clinic, and performance on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McCalla. Time is 3:00 p.m.

Attendance & Contributions

February 25, 2024

Sunday Worship103
Online.....350
Budget 2/25/2024.....\$3,447.00
Total as of 2/25/2024.....\$523,187.00

Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward	Jan Towers
Karen M. Parsons	Jean Jordan
Tom Foust	Mary Frances Bell
Jack Moon	Glen Hooks
Raymond Widener	Bobby Glass
Stuart McCrorie	Jeri Harris



THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS

3/7/24 we will be painting this "Easter Lily". All supplies are included for \$18.00. We meet at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come. Call the church office to reserve your spot. Or Call Laurie @ 205-401-3124

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The First Methodist Church Handbell Choir, under the direction of Joel Henson, will be participating in a Handbell Clinic, & Performance on Sat., March 2, 2024, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McCalla. Time is TBA (to be announced)

WEAC MENU MARCH 6th

Chicken Tetrizzini, Green salad, Garlic bread, Cookies & Brownies.



February 26, 2024

Greetings Friends! First, thank you all for the prayers and checking in on me last week. It was such a bummer to be so pumped up about gathering for WEAC, and then find out I wasn't going to be able to come. Thank you Bro. John S. for filling in! I am ready for this week though. I am looking forward to sharing with each of you from our Lenten Study Book, Jesus in the Wild, by Dan Wilt. I hope you are planning to join us for this Lenten Study!

I hope and pray that your Lenten journey is bearing spiritual fruit for each of us...I thought that I would remind us this week of a few meaningful quotes from our messages that are seeking to help guide us through Lent. One from February 25th message was, "...the Lenten Season offers us the opportunity to practice allowing God access...". Yes, we need encouragement to allow God access to our lives. Often, we cut God out of our lives by trying to go at life alone. I for one have found myself in such times realizing I had my greatest help at my fingertips, only to miss out. Where might we be holding out on God?

Another quote from Sunday's message that stuck with me, "...there are certain areas of our lives where sin is able to creep in almost undetected...". Yes, we can feel so in control when in fact we aren't. Sin is always crouching at the door of our lives. Staying alive and active in the Spiritual Disciplines of Worship, Prayer, Study, Fasting, Serving, Giving and Fellowship help us combat sin.

I am praying for each of you in this Lenten Season as we all journey toward the Resurrection of Jesus Christ by and through the power of Almighty God.

Blessings,
Bro. John Verciglio

WEAC

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY 10:00am MONDAY.

The WEAC season returns beginning **5:30 pm**, Wednesday, February 14, 2024. The Wednesday's of WEAC are as follows:

February 14, 2024
February 21, 2024
February 28, 2024
March 6, 2024
March 13, 2024
March 20, 2024

RESERVATIONS MUST
BE IN BY:

10:00am
Mon.

SERVING STARTS

5:30pm
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The serving time for the Spring Session will be 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you arrive prior to the 5:30 p.m. serve time, please come into the Fellowship Hall and enjoy some fellowship time with each other, as you catch up on how the week has progressed thus far.

The Heart Matters...Lenten Preaching Theme Schedule

February 18th – Psalm 51 & Psalm 139:23-34 Finding Mercy and Forgiveness

February 25th – James 1:13-25 Naming the Sin of My Desires and Motives

March 3rd – 2 Chronicles 34:1-33 Stolen Attention and Affection from God

March 10th – James 2:1-9 Partiality is Lukewarm, Making Wrongs Right

March 17th 1 Peter 1:3-9 Living that I Don't have to overcome Sin

March 24th – Luke 19:28-44 Letting Go, and Letting God

March 31st Sunrise Service led by Youth Group 6:30 a.m.

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March 17th 1 Peter 1:3-9 Living that I Don't have to overcome Sin

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

CHILDREN– In Honor of Tammy Carpenter with thanks, John Simmons.

BUDGET– In Honor of Jeri Harris & Gil Higgins. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

FOOD PANTRY– In Honor of Stuart McCrorie
Thank you for sharing the love of Christ in the food pantry. By Laurie McCombs.

CHOPPED PECANS

WE STILL HAVE 16 BAGS OF CHOPPED PECANS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. COME BY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PICK UP A BAG OR TWO.

EASTER LILLY ORDER FORM

\$15.00

Number of lilies _____

In HONOR of: _____

In MEMORY of _____

Presented by: _____

ORDER DEADLINE IS MON. MARCH 10th

We only have a limited number of lilies this year, so get your order in quickly.

2024

MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>25</div> <div>8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9am - T.O.P.S. 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>27</div> <div></div>	<div>28</div> <div>8:00am - FOOD DELIVERY 5:30pm - WEAC 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR</div>	<div>29</div> <div>9am - FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHS CLOSET 9am - NIFITY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS</div>	<div>01</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>02</div> <div>8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</div>
<div>03</div> <div>8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School 11:00am - EMMAUS LUNCH</div>	<div>04</div> <div>9am - T.O.P.S. 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>05</div> <div>6:30pm - TRUSTEES MEETING</div>	<div>06</div> <div>5:30pm - WEAC 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR</div>	<div>07</div> <div>9am - NIFITY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS</div>	<div>08</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>09</div> <div>8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</div>
<div>10</div> <div>6:30am - Igniters @ First Light 8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School 11am - Boy Scout Chili Lunch Fundraiser</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:00am - SACK PANTRY FOOD 9am - T.O.P.S. 9:30am - KOINONIA 3pm - ALPHA 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div>	<div>13</div> <div>9am - FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHS CLOSET 5:30pm - WEAC 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9am - FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHS CLOSET 9am - NIFITY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS</div>	<div>15</div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>16</div> <div>8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10am - EASTER EGG HUNT</div>
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First Methodist Church of Hueytown recently donated \$122.00 to the Society of St. Andrew. These moneys were gathered from our "Change Buckets".

March 3, 2024

Sunday Message: That which steals my attention & affection for God.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 34:1-33

WEAC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning with the February 14th WEAC meal, we need volunteers to help with the "after meal clean-up & leftover food storage." The WEAC prep and cook team for years have done just that...prep and cook, but they have also had the work of cleaning up and storing left over prepped food. Did you know that most of these wonderful ladies also play in the handbell choir, they sing in the chancel choir, and they try to participate in bible study. We need 5-10 folks to volunteer. Members of the MOVING FORWARD TEAM will be sharing in this work. Please contact Bro. John V. asap to let us know you will help! Thank