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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Oct. 27, 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'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
5:30 pm YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Monday Oct. 28, 2024

Tuesday Oct. 29, 2024
6:00 pm SISTERS GROUP

Wednesday Oct.30, 2023

5:30 pm WEAC
6:30 pm YOUTH MEET

Thursday Oct. 31, 2024

9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY
6:00 PM TRUNK*TREAT

Friday Nov. 1, 2024

Saturday Nov. 2, 2024
8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



CHARGE CONFERENCE DATE SET

The Annual Charge Conference date for First Methodist Church has been set for Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m., in the Main Sanctuary. The Administrative Board Members, and Committee Members should be in attendance, and the congregation is invited to attend our Annual Meeting with our Presiding Elder (formerly District Superintendent). Our new Presiding Elder is Rev. Rudy Guess. Rudy serves the North Alabama Conference of the GMC as a Senior Status Elder, as well as serving on staff at the Helena Methodist Church.

Please contact Patti Wright
with any and all
BIRTHDAY CALENDAR
updates. ASAP!!!



DISCOVERY CLUBS

Call Laurie Mc. 205-401-3124
Discoveryclubs.org

SNACK / HELP VOLUNTEERS for our Day Care are needed.

Members of the group would provide or serve snacks for teachers or parents/guardians or could be asked to help serve at the grandparent breakfast or other event. You can participate in events that fit your schedule. An email or text will be sent prior to the event. You can reply if you are available. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The Community Children's Christmas party...

The Community Children's Christmas party is set for **Dec. 14th @ 10 am**. We are happily accepting monetary donations. **\$50 will purchase toys for one child**. Please consider sponsoring a child. Last year we served 152 Hueytown Children. *We will be requesting shoppers and party helpers soon. Mark your calendar!*



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Our church recently sent \$168.00 to Society of St. Andrew thanks to your generous hearts.

WEEKLY
In Touch



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Newsletter

OCTOBER 8, 2024

NOVEMBER 17th Pledge Sunday

On Sunday, November 17, 2024, First Methodist Church will celebrate during worship Pledge/Giving/Commitment/Estimate of Giving Day for the 2025 Annual Budget. As you can see from the previous line in this article, we have called this day in the church so many different things, seeking to appeal to the membership of the church to join together as one in making a commitment toward financial giving in the upcoming year's budget campaign.

Honestly, I believe it is a wonderful day in the church...but...this day has a history in the church that has been filled with angst, question, consternation, trepidation, and low worship attendance. As a pastor I've been told regarding Pledge/Giving/Commitment/Estimate of Giving Day, "keep your focus on spiritual things, we'll take care of the money"; "stay in the good book, and out of my pocket"; "I don't commit, that's between me and God." The comments have been various and sundry over a 30+ year vocation to ministry.

Is there anything that makes this year different than any other year? The Answer? NO! Not a thing! The bible has not changed in its calling that giving standard of offerings to God is called "The Tithe, or 10%! Well, is that Gross or Net? Is that pre-retirement contribution? The bible says that we are to give of our first fruits. It says that we are to be cheerful givers! It says that our giving cannot outdo God's return of blessings if we are honorable to give to Him.

So...on November 17, 2024, Tab Blair (Finance Chair Person) and the whole Finance Team will be offering you and me the chance to Honor God as Cheerful, First Fruit, Honorable Participants to carry the Financial Burden of Supporting HIS CHURCH in 2025. What will be honoring to God out of the blessings He has given to our lives and livelihood in support to His church that is seeking to win people to a genuine relationship to Jesus? That's the question...what's our response?

Recent MAILBOX Giving issues

On Sunday, September 29th, Tab Blair (Finance Chairperson) informed us that recently, checks from members delivered by the Postal Service were taken from the Church mailbox. We have learned that it has occurred at other churches in the community as well. These checks were fraudulently cashed by the thief (thieves). Due to diligent watchfulness of the finances by Lisa Edmonson, we were able to determine that some of your consistent gifts had not arrived. Investigation led to the discovery of the thefts, and members banks are investigating as well.

Tab Blair filed a police report with the Hueytown Police Department, as well as the Post-master General. Mail delivery has been stopped to the church on Friday and Saturday's, and will happen on Monday-Thursday only. A new locking mailbox has been installed outside of the West Entrance Doors, and the old mailbox will be removed.

The church office and Finance team takes care of your giving to the church seriously. We have taken measures to ensure your gifts are safe. Please help us by either making your gift in person on Sunday's, giving through our on-line mechanism, or dropping your gift into the new locking mailbox. We appreciate your help!

SUNDAY SERMON: "To Such Belong the Kingdom of God."
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19:13-15

Attendance & Contributions

October 13, 2024

Sunday Worship Attendance.....115

Online Attendance.....778

Budget Contributions 10/13/24.....\$10,604

Year To Date Total Budget

Contributions figures\$311,742.22

Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers	Carol Maddra
Kenny Coston	Wanda Towers
Jack Moon	Terry Horne
Stuart McCrorie	Tammy Moody
Harold Caine	Diane Love
Kim Ferguson-Hooks	Beverly Lawley

Church Family,

Lisa and I wish to thank you so very much for the "pastor appreciation gift". We will enjoy making use of this gift in the near future.

Love in Christ, *John & Lisa*

Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the "pastor appreciation gift". Nancy and I are grateful.

Love in Christ, *John & Nancy*

Oct.-Nov. calendar at a glance

Oct. 20.....Administrative Board Meeting,
4:00 pm

Oct. 31.....Trunk or Treat, 6:00-8:00 pm

Nov. 5.....Annual Charge Conference
Meeting, 6:30 pm.

LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET THESE DATES
ON OUR PERSONAL CALENDARS.

WEAC MENU FOR 10/23/24

BBQ sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Coleslaw, Ice Cream

All menus are subject to change

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NO LATER
THAN MONDAY, 10:00 am, OCT.21.

WEAC STARTS Oct. 16th

Hooray! It's WEAC season again, and it starts on Wednesday, October 16th, 5:30 p.m. What a great time of the year as we join for Wednesday night meals and study in the Fall! Look for your WEAC registration form on Sundays to sign-up for a great meal, fellowship and a Small Group study lesson. Meals will be \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Children 12 and under. The WEAC Study this fall will be on the **book by Max Lucado, God Never Gives Up On You**. If you would like a book, they will be available in the church office, the cost is \$12.50.



Hello Friends of Jesus! Hello Friends of Jesus! As you receive this week's Newsletter, it has been a busy administrative week in the life of your church with 4th Quarter Leadership Team meetings, and the Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2024. You all are invited to be a part of the Administrative Board meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2024, 4:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. I hope you will choose to come hear about the ministry workings of your church...it's always best to hear it for yourself!

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, it will be a music filled day of Worship. First, we have the joy of having our three-and-four-year-old Childcare Center Children singing as a part of worship. This will be a great time of supporting our Childcare Center and connecting to the families of our children, parents and teachers. Sunday, October 20th is also Children's Sabbath Sunday. As a part of worship, Children will be helping to Greet, Offer Prayer, and Be Ushers. I hope you are planning to be a part of this special time as we thank God for our Children.

Also on Sunday, October 20, 2024, we have a bitter-sweet time of worship, as Organist, Floyd Barrett and his wife, Kenya, will be offering a special selection of Worship Music before they relocate to Kansas. Please make sure you are a part of this special worship offering before we have to say goodbye to two very special folks that have made such an impact on the worship ministry of First Methodist Church. After the worship service on Sunday, October 20th, there will be a reception in the Parlor hosted by the SPRC to offer hugs and best wishes to both Floyd and Kenya before their move. This will also be a time to offer a "LOVE GIFT" of thanks and appreciation to Floyd. Love offering cards are very appropriate!

I look forward to worshipping with you this coming weekend.

In Service to Christ,

Bro. John Verciglio

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

TRUNK OR TREAT– In Honor of the youth leaders. By Michael Blackwell.

BUDGET– In Honor of Diane Wallace Love. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

BUDGET– In memory of Richard Clark. In Honor of Ann Clark. Love, Debra & Frank Douglas.

BUDGET– In Memory of Jean "Mur" Jordan. Love, Kim & Britt Barnett.

BUDGET– In Memory of Phil Vines. In Honor of Carolyn Vines & Family. By Nancy Nolen.

NOVEMBER 17th

McCoy Adult Daycare Center Ministry

Yes, November 17th is an important date for two reasons: First, church member Bill Sadberry has reached out to the director of the McCoy Adult Daycare Center, Lauren Goodman, and invited Lauren to share with us about Ministry to Adults who need Daycare. If you remember, Bill Sadberry participated in the annual **"ROCK-A-THON" 2024 Fundraiser on March 2, 2024**, in the name of First Methodist Church. Bill came in second place with the help of your donations! Way to go Bill! On November 17th, we will ask Lauren Goodman to share about McCoy's Adult Ministry over a Covered Dish Luncheon after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you would help with this luncheon, would you contact Pastor John V. at your earliest convenience as we welcome Lauren Goodman to First Methodist.

2025 BUDGET REQUEST due yesterday

Are you a Ministry Area Leader? Have you gotten your 2025 Ministry Budget Request into Tab Blair, Chair of Finance, yet? If you haven't, it was due "yesterday!" Yes, if you normally have a budget amount annually for your ministry area, we need your request as soon as possible... yesterday! The Finance Team is already working on Budget Projections for 2025. Please contact either Tab or the Church office to get your budget request submitted! Thank you, ~ **Finance Team**

TRUNK OR TREAT .OCT. 31st

