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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Nov. 3, 2024

8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP
9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP
9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 am WORSHIP
*ALL SAINTS
11:00 am EMMAUS LUNCH
11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP
11:10 am CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
5:30 pm YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Monday Nov. 4, 2024

Tuesday Nov. 5, 2024

6:00 pm SISTERS GROUP

Wednesday Nov. 6, 2023

5:30 pm WEAC
6:30 pm YOUTH MEET

Thursday Nov. 7, 2024

9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY

Friday Nov. 8, 2024

Saturday Nov. 9, 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.

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 Postmaster 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!

TRUNK OR TREAT .OCT. 31st 4-8pm



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Newsletter

OCTOBER 21, 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?

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!*

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

SUNDAY SERMON: "Expect Nothing in Return"
SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 9:11-13

Attendance & Contributions

October 20, 2024

Sunday Worship Attendance.....115

Online Attendance.....778

Budget Contributions 10/20/24.....\$5416.00

Year To Date Total Budget

Contributions figures\$317,158.22

Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers
Kenny Coston
Jack Moon
Stuart McCrorie
Harold Caine
Kim Ferguson-Hooks

Bobby Bracknell
Wanda Towers
Terry Horne
Tammy Moody
Diane Love
Beverly Lawley

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

WEAC Has started

5:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals and study! 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.

WEAC MENU FOR 10/30/24

Meat Loaf, Cream Potatoes, Lima Beans, Slaw, Corn Bread, Brownies & Cookies.

All menus are subject to change

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NO LATER
THAN MONDAY, 10:00 am, OCT.28.

Oct.-Nov. calendar at a glance

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.

JUST THINK ABOUT IT

Hello Friends of Jesus! What an exciting Sunday of Worship we shared October 20th! The day was also bittersweet as well, as Floyd and Kenyata Barrett shared the gift of the Gospel through song and played music. First, it was a great day to have our three-and four-year-old Childcare Center children singing as a part of worship. From where I sit every week during the service, it was beautiful to watch all of you in worship as you swayed with the children, as you smiled at the children, as you picked up the motions for the songs with the children...as you felt/experienced the moment of worship with the children. It was Awesome! Thank you to Candi Boissel, CCC Director, staff, children, parents, and you for making it such a great moment in our year! Second, it was a bittersweet day as we worshipfully participated in the beautiful music with Floyd and Kenyata Barrett. Thank you all for being a part of the appreciation reception hosted by the SPRC team for Floyd and Kenyata. Floyd and Kenyata, we send you off with God's speed and the assurance that we are praying for you both as you share the light of Jesus with all you meet! First Methodist Church loves you both! On Sunday, October 20th, the Administrative Board held its 4th quarter meeting for 2024, as we reported and prepared necessary reports for our annual charge conference with our Presiding Elder, Rev. Rudy Guess. The Administrative Board set the Senior Pastor salary at \$95,893; approved the upcoming leadership for 2025; and approved connectional giving to both the GMC North Alabama Conference (2% of Operating Budget Giving) and the General GMC Church (1% of Operating Budget Giving). While we have a couple of months to end the year, I want to say "THANK YOU," to the Leadership that will be rolling off leadership teams at year-end. We thank you for your service to God and to First Methodist Church. You make and have made the ministry of Jesus a service of Grace. Thank you! Lastly, a word to our new leaders who have agreed to serve God and First Methodist Church, "THANK YOU!" I know you will also lead with in the Grace of Jesus. Your terms will begin on January 1, 2025.

In Service to Christ, Bro. John Verciglio

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET— In Memory of Phil Vines. By Mike & Susie Linholm

BUDGET— In Honor of Jeri Harris on her 70th birthday. By David, Candi, Cam, A.J., & Lanie.

BUDGET— In memory of Jean Jordan. By Sonny & Linda James.

BUDGET— In memory of Carolyn Grimes. In Honor of Beverly Lawley, Diane Love, Stuart McCrorie & Terry Horne. By Jimmy & Jeri Harris.

BUDGET— In Memory of Phil Vines. By Masonry Arts, Inc.

FLOWER FUND— In Memory of Carolyn Grimes. By Cheryl Finch.

BUDGET— In memory of Carolyn, Grimes. By Nancy & Lynda Hayley.

THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS. AFTER TAKING A FEW WEEKS OFF WE ARE GOING TO MEET AND PAINT ON THURSDAY 10/24/24 AND PAINT A "FALL BUMBLE BEE WITH SUNFLOWERS". WE WILL EITHER USE A STENCIL OR I WILL PENCIL IN THE IMAGE ONTO EACH CANVAS BEFORE CLASS. 6:00pm at First Methodist Church fellowship hall. I HAVE to know how many people are coming by Wednesday at 1:00pm. Please comment here on this post or contact me at 205-401-3124



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.