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FRIDAY: Closed



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Dec. 22, 2024

ADVENT

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

Monday Dec. 23, 2024

Tuesday Dec. 24, 2024

5:00-6:00 PM COME-N- GO COMMUNION
11:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE WITH A CHRISTMAS COMMUNION LITURGY

Wednesday Dec. 25, 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday Dec. 26, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday Dec. 27, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday Dec. 28, 2024

Dear Church Family,
Once again you came through at Christmas for children in Hueytown! We served 50 families this year. Thank you to all for your hands on help at the party (and before), shopping for children, donations and prayers. Thank you for continuing to make this outreach happen. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Caryl Hadder



In Touch

GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
of HUEYTOWN

DECEMBER 16, 2024

A Good Word for Santa...

Nicholas was born of wealthy parents in A.D. 280, in a small town called Patara. Patara is in Asia Minor. Nicholas lost his parents early to an epidemic, but not before they had instilled in him the gift of faith.

Nicholas went to Myra and lived there a life full of sacrifice, love and the spirit of Jesus. Nicolas became so Christ-like that when the town needed a bishop, he was elected. He was imprisoned for his faith by the Emperor Diocletian, and later released by Emperor Constantine, who made Christianity the state religion.

Stories were told of Nicholas' generosity and compassion: how he begged for food for the poor, and how he would give girls money so that they would have a 'dowry' to get a husband. The story most often repeated about Nicholas was about his donning a disguise to go out and give gifts to poor children. He gave away everything he had, and in the year 314, he died with nothing...he had given all he had to others.

The story of Nicholas began to spread around the world. People have done strange things to him through the telling of his story. The poet, Clement Moore, gave him a red nose and eight tiny reindeer. Thomas Nast, famous illustrator, made Nicolas a big and fat fella, and gave him a red suit trimmed in fur. Other have given him names – Belsnickle, Kris Kringle, Santa Claus.

The most important word about Nicolas? Nicholas had the mind of Christ! Because of his gentle selfless love, Nicholas touched the whole world. May the same mind of Christ that was a deep part of Nicholas, be in each of us at Christmas...and the whole year through!

Merry Christmas my friends!

Bro. John Verciglio



Attendance & Contributions

December 15, 2024

Sunday Worship Attendance.....122

Online Attendance.....892

Budget Contributions 12/15.....\$11,958.00

Total Budget\$384,471.00

Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers
Wanda Towers
Terry Horne
Tammy Moody
Harold Caine
Beverly Lawley
Mike Linholm

Ronnie Duncan
Marilyn Brown
Stuart McCrorie
Shirley Jones
Nancy Goodwin
Roger Moody

Christmas Eve News

Christmas Eve Holy Communion...

5:00 to 6:00 p.m., "COME AND GO COMMUNION"

11:00 p.m., Worship Service with a Christmas
Communion Liturgy, ending with the
singing of "Silent Night" by Candlelight.

Newsletter News 2024

As we end the year 2024 with two short
work weeks that end the year for the church
office staff, the last mailout newsletter for 2024 will
be the week of December 15th. Each of us have
already received the January 2025 calendar.

If you have news that needs announced,
please get your information to office as soon as
possible for the December 15 th newsletter. Thank
you for your understanding and help in this matter.

Just Think About It...

Dec. 16, 2024



Hello Friends of Jesus!

What a great past weekend for the Missions outreach of First Methodist Church of Hueytown. Forty-Eight families were planned for to offer outreach this Christmas. Saturday, December 14 th was filled with Breakfast, Santa Claus, Crafts, and fun for the kids. Families received Christmas Presents, Food Pantry Groceries, and visits to the Clothes Closet. It was a FANTASTIC morning. Please offer thanks to Caryl Hadder for her passion and coordination of the moving parts to this Annual Mission Project! And thank you, for your generosity to serve families in need!

Please remember that this week's Newsletter is our last sharing for 2024. The next two weeks will be very limited for in-office work as the Christmas and New Year Holidays fall mid- week this year. I want to update you on several things before we end the year:

Staffing Positions: At the time of this writing, we have openings for a Choir Director; Children's Director; Organist; and Custodian. Each of these positions have been publicized and some interviews are scheduled, and some interviews have taken place. Please watch the Church Facebook page for announcements over the Holiday's for updates on these positions.

New Laity Leadership: Please remember that many of your fellow church members who are serving as Laity Leadership are completing either years or a year of service to the church on December 31 st . Please offer a word of thanks to each of them. Also, January 1 st marks the beginning of new service for many of your fellow church members. Offer them encouragement, as well as your support as they serve God and our great church. Please be in prayer for all of your Leadership, Staff included!

In Service to Christ,
Bro. John Verciglio



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

GROUNDS— In Memory of Kenny Coston. By Cheryl Finch.

GROUNDS— In Memory of Joan Jones. By Cheryl Finch.

BUDGET— In memory of Joan Jones. By Carolyn Vines.

FOOD PANTRY— In memory of Joan Jones. By Bill & Jayne Hornsby.

BUDGET— In Honor of Ronnie Duncan. In Honor of Mike Linholm. By Adult Sunday School Class.

BUDGET— In Honor of Mike & Susie Linholm. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson and Family.

FOOD PANTRY— In Memory of Andy Richardson.

BUDGET— In Remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ. By Debbie Bishop McBrayer.

SONRISE— In Honor of my mother, "Rose Bishop". In Memory of my dad, "J.J. Bishop". By Debbie Bishop McBrayer.

BUDGET— In Memory of Joan D. Jones. By Jean N. Sims.

December Calendar

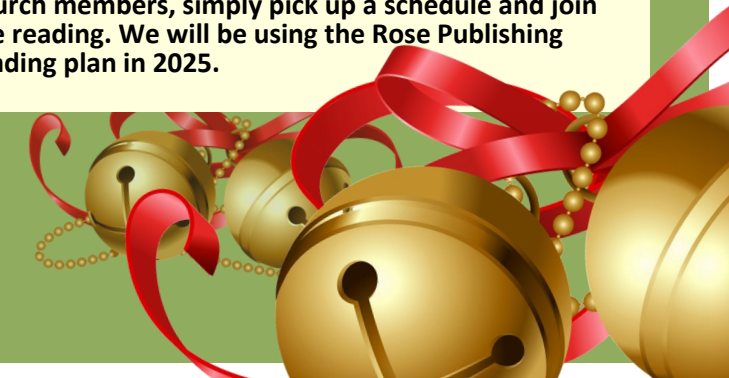
December 24-26 th Christmas Holiday...Church Office Closed 12/24-12/26

December 24 th Christmas Eve Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

December 31 st New Year's Eve, Church Office Closed 12/31/24 – 1/2/25

Reading Through the Bible

It's that time again friends to make your plans to Read through the Bible in a Year. The new reading plans are located in the Narthex, West Entrance and Church Office. If you would like to read along with other church members, simply pick up a schedule and join the reading. We will be using the Rose Publishing reading plan in 2025.



2025

JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Parlor Fellowship 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult - Bridge Fellowship 11am - Children's Sunday School	30 9am - T.O.P.S. 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS	31 OFFICE CLOSED	01 OFFICE CLOSED	02 OFFICE CLOSED 8am - FOOD DELIVERY 9am - NIFTY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS	03 OFFICE CLOSED	04 8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
05 8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Parlor Fellowship 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult - Bridge Fellowship 11am - Children's Sunday School	06 8:00am - SACK PANTRY FOOD 9am - T.O.P.S. 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS	07 6pm - SISTER'S BIBLE STUDY	08 9am - FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHS CLOSET 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR	09 9am - FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHS CLOSET 9am - NIFTY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
12 6:30am - Igniters Serve @ FirstLight 8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Parlor Fellowship 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult - Bridge Fellowship 11am - Children's Sunday School	13 9am - T.O.P.S. 9am - KOINONIA 3pm - ALPHA 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS	14 6pm - SISTER'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30pm - DAY CARE GROUP MEETING	15 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR	16 9am - NIFTY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
19 8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Parlor Fellowship 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult - Bridge Fellowship 11am - Children's Sunday School	20 8:00am - SACK PANTRY FOOD 9am - T.O.P.S. 6:30pm - DISCOVERY 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS	21 6pm - SISTER'S BIBLE STUDY	22 9am - FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHS CLOSET 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR	23 9am - FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHS CLOSET 9am - NIFTY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
26 8:45am - Igniters Sunday School 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Parlor Fellowship 10am - WORSHIP (in-person & live streamed) 11am - Young Adult - Bridge Fellowship 11am - Children's Sunday School	27 9am - T.O.P.S. 6:30pm - BOY SCOUTS	28 6pm - SISTER'S BIBLE STUDY	29 6pm - HANDBELLS 6:30pm - YOUTH ACTIVITIES 7pm - CHANCEL CHOIR	30 9am - NIFTY OVER FIFTY 6pm - PAINTING CLASS	31 OFFICE CLOSED	01 8am - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY