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# Upcoming Dates

Sunday Oct. 26, 2025 9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am BLENDED WORSHIP 11:10 am CHILD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP 5:00 pm YOUTH

Monday Oct. 27, 2025

Tuesday Oct. 28, 2025

Wednesday Oct. 29, 2025 5:30 pm HOT DOGS 6:00 pm TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday Oct. 30, 2025 9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY

Friday Oct. 31, 2025 10:00am DAYCARF TRUNK OR TREAT OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday Nov. 1, 2025 8:00am MFN'S BIBLE STUDY



Hey everyone! Here's News on Trunk or Treat 2025! First Methodist Church will host Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 29. 2025! The WEAC ladies' team is preparing Hot Dogs, Chips and Cookies that night for the WEAC Meal. You will need to turn in a WEAC reservation card as usual for that night so the WEAC team knows how many to expect from the congregation for supper!

Trunk or Treat will officially take place from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the grassy courtyard area as we have done the last few years. We need your help...Candy donations can be placed in the Candy Bins in the Narthex, in the West Entrance and in the Church Office. If you prefer, you can offer a monetary donation for the purchase of candy.

We need to know who can and who will offer to set up a Trunk on Wednesday, October 29 th . Please contact the church office as soon as possible to let us know that you will be a hosting Trunk for this great night. If you have questions, please contact either: Bro. John Verciglio,

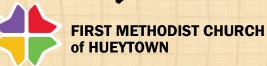
Kristy Nolen or Tracey Berry. Thanks to you all!

Kid's Christmas Party is Dec. 13. Sign up now. To be a helper.





# October 20 IN TOUCH



Newsletter

# Pledge Sunday

Members and Friends of First Methodist Church, Sunday, November 16, 2025, will be our Annual Pledge Sunday. On this day, you and I will have the opportunity to join each other in offering our church a promised future. Not a future that so-much lives beyond us when we have completed our earthly journey, but a future that is immediate...next year! I am offering that our Giving Theme and our Ministry Theme for 2026 will be AWAKENED!

What do I mean? I am hopeful that each of us will become **AWAKENED** to the truth that God intends to use us individually and corporately for His Honor and His Glory. Our great church has had a long history of ministry in Huevtown, Alabama.

I won't pull any punches with you the members and friends of First Methodist Church...we have grown weary and weak for passionately reaching out to unchurched folk. We've just become "okay" with empty seats, declining attendance and not loving the lost. There is NOTHING in scripture that supports that kind of response to God's love for the world through the Justifying work of Jesus Christ.

It's time that you and I become AWAKENED to our calling once again. It starts with investing ourselves sacrificially in the work and the ministry of God's mission outpost to the word, His church. Yes, the Finance Team is calling us to respond by giving them a running start on what the church can expect to receive for its ministry work through our giving. That's not all there is to it though! As your pastor, how will you follow up your intent to give with an AWAKENED calling to follow your giving with your time, talents, skills, abilities, prayers, presence, service and witness?

I look forward to sharing this important day of being AWAKENED together on Sunday, November 16, 2025! If you want to talk about what I've shared with you in this article...give me a call, come see me, let's do lunch, tell me how you are going to be a part, ask me how I can help you...

Blessings, Bro. John V

# Safe Sanctuary

Every there years our church members who work with children or Youth must be recertified. Please contact John Verciglio or the office to schedule your online session.

**Our Child Care Center is in great need** of Walmart or grocery store plastic shopping

# Daycare Trunk or Treat

Our Daycare Center is hosting a Trunk or Treat for children, family and friends. It starts at 10:00 am Oct. 31st. Call the Daycare office 205-491-1729 to sign up to have a decorated trunk. We have always helped the Daycare in the past...

#### Attendance & Contributions

October 19, 2025 Sunday Worship Attendance.....84 Online Worship......404 Budget Contributions.....\$9,190.00 **Budget YTD Contributions......\$307,234.00** 

# Special Prayer Request

**Jan Towers Dot Moran Betty Jane Kornegay Raymond Widener Jack Moon** 

Ken Goodwin Isabella Hinton **Jerry Gober Allen Douglass Sue Douglass** 

### Annual Charge Conference

The Annual Charge Conference for First Methodist Church Hueytown is set for Monday, November 3, 2025, 6:30 p.m. The Administrative Board should be in attendance, and the whole congregation is invited to attend this time with our Presiding Elder. Rev. Rudy Guess, as we celebrate ministry from the past year, and dream forward.



# Just Think About It...

**Greetings Friends!** 

October 20, 2025

As always, I hope and pray that you are well this week... On Sunday, October 19, 2025, the Administrative Board had its final meeting of the year, with exception of the Annual Charge Conference, reporting on ministry through our last nine months. We also heard what finishing the year will look like for 2025. Let me give you a few bits for the rest of 2025:

October 29th is Trunk or Treat, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; November 2nd is All Saints Sunday; November 3rd is Charge Conference 6:00 p.m.; November 13th is the Community Bingo Gathering at First Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.; November 16th is Pledge Sunday; November 16th is the Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:00 p.m. at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church; November 26-28th Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving; and November 30th is the 1st Sunday of Advent. Whew we...that's a lot of Ministry ahead, and that's just through November!

As we move into this very busy season of worship, this is a wonderful time to reach out to your family, your neighbors, those where you shop, children's groups, your social groups and invite those you know that don't have a church to be a part of the church. Don't forget, 80% of the people that come to your church come because they are invited by a member. Don't forget that better than 60% of any group gathered together has folks in that group that aren't going to church anywhere. Choose to be God's hands and feet by inviting someone to encounter the Living God.

Remember, we at First Methodist Church... We believe God has called us...to be PASSIONATE ambassadors of God's EXTRAVAGANT love by BOLDLY sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with EVERYONE.

In Service to Jesus,

Bro. John Verciglio

#### **Finishing** The Christian Year

The upcoming Sunday's and special weeks ahead are listed below:

Oct. 5 th- Acts 2:42-47 Living Into His Likeness (World Communion Sunday) Oct. 12 th- Exodus 1:8-22 Right and Wrong Aren't Human Inventions Oct. 19 th- 1 Kings 18:1-19 No Matter the Environment Oct. 26 th- Ruth 4:1-22 You're Who?

#### **Current Preaching Series**

Nov. 2 nd- James 5:13-20 <u>It All Starts</u> <u>from the Inside</u> (All Saints Sunday)

Nov. 9 th- Romans 10:9-10 The <u>Christians Creed</u> (Veteran's Day

Nov. 16 th- James 2:14-What's Yours is Mine, What's Mine is Yours

Nov. 23 rd- Matt 6:25-34 You're Who?

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#### Memorials & Honorariums

**COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS**— In Memory of Bubba Bryant. By Wyne & Judy Mink.

FOOD PANTRY- In Memory of Bobby Bracknell. By Wayne & Judy Mink.

**COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS**– In Memory of Sara Lee Nichols on her birthday. By David & Barbara Nichols.

**BUDGET**– In Memory of Bubba Bryant. By Mary Frances Bell.

### April Gumatanga Weekend

April 10-12 our church is having a two night weekend retreat at Camp Sumatanga. Staying at the Lodge has a cost of 163.00 per person and includes six meals. Staving at the Retreat Center has a cost of \$209.00 per person and includes six meals. Please call the church office to sign up.

#### Fall W.E.A.C. Dates 2025

The dates for the fall W.E.A.C. season are as follows:

1.October 15th, 2.October 22nd, 3.(October 29th Trunk or Treat...Hot dogs, chips, cookies) 4. November 5th, 5. November 12, 6. November 19th

## Leadership Meetings

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19** Admin. Board 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, November 4 **Trustees** 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER, 6 **Child Development Center** Advisory Team 6:00 pm

**OUR MISSION AT FIRST METHODIST...** "To be Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extravagant Love by: Boldly sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone."