

This week at a glance

Today	
<i>November 16</i>	-Traditional Worship Services, 8:30 & 11:00 AM, Sanctuary -New Song Celebration, 9:35 AM, Wesley Worship Center -Chapel Church, 10:00 AM, Chapel -Chapel Communion, 10:45 AM, Chapel -Exalt, 11:00 AM, Wesley Worship Center -Sunday School, 9:35 AM, Wesley Center and MB -Church Library Open, 8:00 AM-12:15 PM, 2nd Floor MB -Book Store Open, 9:00-11:00 AM, Wesley Center -Prayer Circles, 8:45 AM, Chapel -Joshua Coble Organ Concert, 3:00-5:00 PM, Sanctuary -Adult Handbells, 4:00-5:30 PM, MB 212 -First Groups (Everitt)- 4:00-5:30 PM, MB Chapel -Sanctuary Choir Reception, 4:00-6:00 PM, MB 120 -First Groups (Bowman), 5:00-6:30 PM, MB 120 -Alpha, 5:15-7:45 PM, MB 300 -In His Steps First Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, MB 319 -First Groups (Gibbs)- 6:00-7:30 PM, MB 125 -When Helping Hurts Class, 6:00-7:30 PM, MB 214
Monday	
<i>November 17</i>	-Financial Committee Meeting, 6:00-7:00 PM, MB 113 -Boy Scout Troop 15, 7:00 PM, WC Scout Room -Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00-8:00 PM, MB 113
Tuesday	
<i>November 18</i>	-Prayer and Care Group, 10:00 AM, MB 125 -HFUMC Book Club, 10:30 AM- 1:30 PM, WC 216 -Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM, Parlor -SWEEM Board Meeting, 5:00-9:30 PM, WC 216 -"Philippians" Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 PM, MB 129
Wednesday	
<i>November 19</i>	-S.A.G.E.S, 9:30-11:00 AM, MB 129 -Church Library Open, 2:00-4:00 PM, WC -Melody Singers Rehearsal, 4:30-5:30 PM, MB 214 -Voices of Joy Choir Rehearsal, 4:30-5:30 PM, MB 204 -Cook's Men's First Group, 6:00-7:30 PM, MB 319 -Essential Principles First Group, 6:00-7:30 PM, MB 125 -Exalt Band Practice, 6:00-10:00 PM, WWC -First Family Singers, 6:00-7:30 PM, MB 214 -First Groups (McNeill), 6:00-7:30 PM, MB 305 -God's Garage Band Rehearsal, 6:00-8:00 PM, WC 203 -Heavenly Honkers, 6:00-7:00 PM, MB 221 -Sewing First Group, 6:00-8:00 PM, MB 128 -W.O.W. Women of the Word, 6:00-7:30 PM, WC 216 -Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00-8:30 PM, MB 204
Thursday	
<i>November 20</i>	-Men's Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 AM, MB 113 -First Groups (Lynne's Ladies'), 9:00-11:00 AM, MB 129 -New UMW Circle Forming, 11:00 AM, MB Parlor -GO Team Prayer Time, 12:00 PM, Chapel -Safety and Security, 5:45 PM, MB 129 -New Song Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, Wesley Worship Center
Friday	
<i>November 21</i>	-Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 AM WC Fellowship Hall
Saturday	
<i>November 22</i>	-Have a great weekend!!

Financial and Attendance Reports

Annual Budget	\$2,261,598.00	\$660,705.86
11/09/2014	Ministry Budget	Building Fund
Received This Sunday	\$34,104.25	\$9,424.00
Needed Each Week	\$43,492.27	\$12,705.88
Received Year to Date	\$1,771,032.34	\$488,151.84
Needed to Date	\$1,957,152.12	\$571,764.69
Over/(Short) to Date	-\$186,119.78	-\$83,612.85
Spent Year to Date	\$1,723,094.18	\$484,178.94

Faith Promise

Pledged for Faith Promise 2014/2015:\$116,253
 Received to date for 2014-15 Faith Promise:\$63,265.74
 The GO budget is available for review online at www.huntsvillefirst.org. Look under the "Global Outreach" tab.
 If you have any questions about how Faith Promise funds will be distributed to our mission partners, please contact John Bailey.

Attendance	Attendance Last Week	Average Attendance
Worship Services	954	1029
Sunday School	425	406

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If you do not intend to take your worship bulletin and insert with you today, please place them in the designated baskets found in the worship areas so that they may be recycled.



A weekly publication of announcements and events

November 16, 2014

Christmas Open House

Children, Family and Friends are invited to join us as we celebrate this special Christmas season with the HFUMC Christmas Open House with nativities and luminaries. We will have a collection of nativities from around the world and we will even have touchable nativities for children. You will be able to enjoy hot chocolate or cider and Christmas cookies while listening to Christmas music provided in both sanctuaries. Outside we will have a bonfire and area in the herb garden for that perfect family picture. Please note this event is FREE for the PUBLIC!

This event will be a part of the Twickenham Spirit of Christmas Past Homes Tour. Tickets for the Twickenham Spirit of Christmas Past Homes Tour are available for purchase in the church office. For more information on this event or the homes tour please contact John Bailey at 256-539-5738 ext. 251.

We hope you will join us to share in the true meaning of Christmas!

GO Team Communication Updates

Are you receiving the **Friday GO Team email**? Every Friday the GO team sends an email with updates from our mission partners and current opportunities to serve. If you are not receiving this email, please contact Leah Keith at leah@huntsvillefirst.org to request to have your email added to the list.

GO Serve opportunities are listed each week in the bulletin. Each week the GO team offers a specific way you can serve with one of our mission partners in the bulletin. The GO team desires that every person be on mission at Huntsville First. We hope you will review these opportunities every Sunday.

Mission Partner and Service Guides located in the three "Purple Door" information kiosks in the church lobbies. For detailed information on our 33 valued mission partners and a complete list of service opportunities, pick up one of these guides. We hope you will learn more about our partners and prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar and Save the Date

For more upcoming events check out our calendar at www.huntsvillefirst.org

- Book Club Presents “The Goldinc”- November 18
- Church Office Closed- November 27 and 28
- Gingerbread House Fundraiser Event- December 1
- WOW Craft Night- December 3
- HFUMC Christmas Open House- December 13
- Children’s Musical Presentation- December 14
- Lessons and Carols- December 14
- Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival- December 21
- Regular Worship Services (Advent 4)- December 23
- Christmas Eve Communion Services- December 24
 Traditional- 3:00, 5:00, 11:00 pm
 Contemporary- 5:00 pm
- Church Office Closed- December 24 through January 1

Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas Open House

Do you have a special nativity scene? It can be large, small, miniature, homemade, or inherited. We are wanting a wide variety of nativities to share with the community during the Twickenham Spirit of Christmas Past Luminaries and Homes Tour. We are also interested in nativity sets that children can touch and explore.

This event will take place in the Wesley Center on Saturday, December 13th. If you are interested in sharing your nativity with us please contact Mary Nubbe at 256-651-7382 or Denise McLeroy at 256-534-3155.

Multi-Media

Our Multi-Media Director is looking for a couple volunteers to assist in supporting the audio-visual processes for Sunday services. If you have an interest or would like more information regarding this service opportunity, please contact Allen Smith at allen@huntsvillefirst.org.

Chrismon Tree Assembly and Decorating

Not interested in Black Friday crowds? Help is needed on Friday, November 28th, at 1:00pm in the main sanctuary. Heavy lifting is required! If heavy lifting is not your thing, come Saturday, November 29th, at 9:00am to fluff the tree and hang Chrismons. Please email Rachel Heeschen if interested at rheeschen@bellsouth.net or call 256-534-2854.

Office News and Updates

First Family News is BACK and BETTER than EVER!!

The first copy of First Family News will be hitting your email account the end of this month. If you would like to receive this newsletter by mail please give us a call at the church office and let us know!

See something in need of repair? Let us know!!

If you see any item in need of repair, we ask that you please assist us by submitting a work order request. This can be done by visiting us at huntsvillefirst.org and clicking on the CONTACT US page. Or if you prefer to submit a paper form they are available in the communication kiosks in both buildings. Thank you for helping us keep your church one you can be proud of.

United Methodist Women

Operation Christmas Child’s Deadline for 2014 is upon us!!

We will take the boxes on Thursday, November 23rd to Latham United Methodist, the gathering place for all our local churches. Leave your boxes as soon as possible at the front desk in the office.

Here, at Huntsville First, you have been generous in giving filled shoeboxes. Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, select an age group and go shopping! Please pack a box with gifts suggested by Operation Christmas Child online at (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>). Help cover shipping and other related costs to delivering your shoeboxes to children overseas by donating \$7 for each gift you prepare and place it in an envelope on top of the times inside your shoebox.

Endowment Committee Report

The permanent Endowment Committee has management responsibility for three church endowments: (1) Faith Property; (2) Peeler Landscape; and (3) Missions. Your generosity will be enjoyed by the membership for generations.

From start-up in 2011, endowment donations have totaled \$91,110, and earned \$7,111 for a total value of \$98,221. To make a donation simply indicate on your offering envelope which endowment you are supporting and place in it the offering or get it to our Financial Administrator.

Book Club

FUMC Book Club: Join us on November 18 at 11:00AM in the small dining room. Jan Kelly will present Donna Tartt’s *The Goldfinch*. Bring a sandwich or salad (drink, chips and dessert furnished) and visit after the meeting.

Music

Organ Concert- TODAY!

Joshua Coble, a former member of our congregation, will be presenting an organ concert on our Sanctuary pipe organ TODAY at 3 PM.

Josh is completing his doctoral degree in Organ performance from the University of Alabama. His hour long concert will feature works by Bach, Alain, de Grigny, Duruflé, and Widor. All are invited to hear this special concert.

Have an event scheduled?

If you have a scheduled class and will be meeting or not meeting during the holidays, please email events@huntsvillefirst.org to make the appropriate changes to the church calendar. We schedule the doors to lock and unlock from our online calendar. So to help keep our facilities secure your attention to dates would be very much appreciated.

When submitting an event on the calendar and you do not get a response within 24 hours, please email events@huntsvillefirst.org with your request to verify that we have received your request or if you have any questions pertaining to your submitted event.

Youth

TONIGHT-

Snack Supper at 5:00 (Don’t forget to bring \$5 for the dinner!)
 Family Movie Night in the WC Fellowship Hall at 5:30

*Please Note: Next Sunday, November 23rd we will not be having youth activities.

Save the Date- Gingerbread House FUNdraising Event, December 1st

Join us on December 1st for a fun night of Gingerbread House building to raise money for Children’s First. We will have a pizza dinner at 5:30 followed by Gingerbread house building at 6:00 pm. Pizza dinner is \$5 or bring 5 canned good and each Gingerbread house is \$12. Call the church office at 256-539-5738 by November 23rd to make your reservations. *If interested in volunteering for setup and cleanup for this event please contact Grant Judah at grant@huntsvillefirst.org.

Children

Infants-Two Year olds

The nursery is available during all worship services. Two year olds will have a lesson during the 9:35-10:35 hour. Nursery check-in is just inside the Greene Street entrance of the Wesley Center.

Three & Four Year olds

Explore meets on the second floor of the Wesley center. When you get to the top of the stairs, look for the explore sign to your right. 9:35-10:35

In Sprouts and Explore this month we will be learning the basic truth that *God Made Me*. Our theme for November is “I am Thankful”. Our memory verse is “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart” Psalm 111:1. Check out the Thankful Tree in the Explore hallway where our 3 and 4 years olds are adding leaves of thanks each week.

Kindergarten-3rd Grade: UpStreet

Through our UpStreet ministry, Kindergarten through 3rd grade children learn that the Bible is never boring and worship is amazing. UpStreet meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor of the Wesley Center from 9:35-10:35

In UpStreet this month, we are learning about Gratitude – letting others know you see how they’ve helped you. The children will learn the basic truth that *they can trust God no matter what*. The bottom line is “You always have something to be grateful for.” The memory verse in UpStreet for November is “Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus” 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

4th & 5th Grades: ZONE 45

Meeting on the second floor of the Wesley Center, Zone 45 is a great place for our older elementary students. During November we will be learning about Jealousy, Praising God, Living Faithfully, and God’s Peace.

Wednesday night Ministries for Kids: 6:00-7:30

We will not have classes on Nov. 26th

Nursery for infants thru 3 year olds.
 4 year olds – Kindergartners, Wesley Center Room 101
 1st-3rd Graders - Journey Thru the Bible, Wesley Center Room 207
 4th-6th Graders- MPact (What will yours be?) Mission Group, Wesley Center Room 215