



# HUFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Messenger

December 30, 2015



### Huffman Stitchers

The Huffman Stitchers will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 10:00 am (NOTE the time change). At this meeting we will have a workday and make fleece hats for the homeless. We need people to cut fabric as well as sew, so there is a job for everyone! If you prefer to knit or crochet, bring your favorite hat pattern to work on.

### Hungry Readers

January Book: 11/22/63,  
by Stephen King

What if you found a way to go back in history to change something? What if that even was the assassination of President John F. Kennedy? Read this hard-to-put-down book and join us on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 pm in the DDR.



Wesleyan Covenant Service  
Wednesday night, January 6th (Epiphany)

"The best  
of all is,  
God  
is with us."  
John Wesley

On this first Wednesday night of the new year,  
join us for a time of reflection and renewal  
in the Parlor at 4pm & 6pm

### The 2016 Flower Calendar is in the office!

Fresh flowers adorn our sanctuary every Sunday because of you. Signing up for the flower calendar to give the flowers for a Sunday is the only way we support this tradition at Huffman. You can simply give the flowers or if you want they can be given in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. Pick your date today! We need your support and if you desire, they can be taken home after the Sunday worship service. If you would like to purchase please call or email Haver with your reservation request. [HWaller@HuffmanUMC.net](mailto:HWaller@HuffmanUMC.net)



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Please call the church office as soon as possible if you didn't sign up to have your portrait taken for our new church directory! We have a couple of time slots left!!



**Come in We're  
HIRING**

Huffman United Methodist Church in Birmingham is accepting applications for Maintenance Manager. This full-time position is responsible for all aspects of facility maintenance to include church and other buildings, day-care, vehicles, grounds and equipment. Requires knowledge and ability to conduct minor repairs on electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. Coordinates with contractors, if needed, for more extensive repairs, installation, etc. Oversees the cleaning and locking/unlocking of all areas of the church. Seeking someone who is a self-starter with ability to manage multiple projects and day-to-day operations. Applicant will be subject to a background check. Resumes, with salary requirements, may be mailed to HUMC, 711 Gene Reed Road, Birmingham, AL 35235, faxed to 205-836-3589 or emailed to [almalynne50@gmail.com](mailto:almalynne50@gmail.com).

### Deepest Sympathy to

JoAnn White  
in the death of her son, *David Davies*  
on December 21, 2015

Faye Bridges  
in the death of her son, *Bruce Bridges, Jr.*  
on December 25, 2015

Mary Alice Hart  
in the death of her nephew

### **2016 Church Calendar**

We need your help planning for next year! Calendars for each month of 2016 are posted on the wall inside the Church Office. If you are a ministry leader, chairperson, event planner, staff member, etc. and are responsible for something happening in 2016 at Huffman UMC, we invite you to take a moment and include it on this calendar. Please keep in mind events are not officially scheduled and on the main church calendar unless you have talked to Haver Waller in the Church Office.

**Thank you!!!**

## **Eastern Area Christian Ministries**

Food request for EACM in January is **GRITS**. Boys clothing is also needed: ALL SIZES. Underwear is needed as well...for women, men & children...again, all sizes. Also, men's pants, blankets and coats. For December, we had 193/250. THANK YOU!!!

## **ATTENTION**

### Lost and Found

There are several items in the Lost and Found that have been here for quite some time. If these items are not claimed within 2 weeks, they will be donated. Please stop by the Welcome Center and make sure none of them belong to you!

### Dishes

There are dishes that were left in the DDR after Family Promise. Please be sure to swing by and pick them up as soon as possible!



Angel Tree  
Families  
Joyce Allred  
Michelle Andrews  
Ann Blanpied  
Cathy Bowlin  
Faye Bridges,  
*in the death of her son,  
Bruce Bridges, Jr.*  
Lisa Brooks,  
*niece of  
Julianna Schoettlin*  
Bill Burnham  
Sue Burnham  
Harriott Calhoun  
Elizabeth Davis  
Katie Evans  
Cheryl Everett  
Virginia Grant  
Debbie Griffin

Evelyn Griffin  
David Harbison  
Mary Alice Hart,  
*in the death of her nephew*  
Charles Hazel  
Stacie Higgins,  
*friend of Carol Romager*  
Aubrey Hughes  
Kelly Hughes  
Barbara Kent  
Bob Kontzen  
Jean Mark  
Lynne McCollister  
Sara Moore  
Harold Nelson  
Dan Pilkinton  
Margie Pohl  
Virginia Robertson  
Betty Rowell  
Tom Savory  
Berkley Smith  
David Smith  
Jane Vaughn  
JoAnn White,  
*in the death of her son,  
David Davies*

## **The Blessings of 2015 & The Hopes & Dreams of 2016**

Where did 2015 go? Yes 36? Days of 2015 have passed and 2016 is HERE. The mission team thanks God for His guidance and His abundant gifts He has shared with HUMC this year and also thanks each of you for sharing the blessings that God has given you. We have been so blessed and want to reminisce a little on what God has allowed HUMC to do for Him this past year.....

We started our year in prayer asking God to show us His way for His work in His community. In February we supported McCoy Adult Daycare's Rock-a-thon which brought us to the Lenten season and our Little Brown Bag project for all 1,285 students at Martha Gaskins and Huffman Academy elementary schools. We were greeted with smiles and thank yous and some fun time with teachers, students and the one and only Chick-fil-a cow!

Throughout the year we also were blessed to help those in our congregation and community that needed a little extra help to make ends meet. Thanks to a caring thoughtful Huffman Academy teacher we got another special blessing as we helped one of her kindergarten students get some much needed dental work. In May we once again fellowshiped with our community as we all enjoyed our community yard sale, BBQ and car wash. We shared the good cookin' of the Holy Smokers with our local police and fire personnel and told them how much we appreciated them. Then there was a wonderful VBS week full of singing, laughter, jumping, surprises and lots of thrills! We all chipped in and once again gave an abundance of school supplies to our own Children's Place, Huffman Academy and Martha Gaskins elementary schools and Huffman Middle School. We walked the halls of each of the schools and prayed for everyone that would be in those halls in the upcoming year. During this time we exchanged stories with the teachers and gave them some goodies. We got to be with families in our community once again as Huffman Academy invited us to participate in their building character reading program. It touched our hearts to see families sharing time together and participating together in a reading program that emphasized character traits...AND then there was another GREAT community Halloween carnival....WOW....WOW....WOW!!

These last few months of 2015 we focused on our community Christmas Angel Tree. This year God allowed us to show His love to 18 prison fellowship families/38 children and 24 community families/40 children. As we contacted these families we heard SMILES, HOPE and countless thank yous! The birthday party for Jesus was a great celebration as we ALL came together to show God's love to all of our Angels. What a blessing to see everyone fellowshiping together and showing God's love, care and hospitality...AND in addition to all of this through the mission budget we also supported EACM, Church without Walls, Church of the Reconciler, Family Promise, Good Neighbor Fellowship, Rhett Thompson a Methodist missionary in Panama City, Panama, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Shepherd's Center East and Meals on Wheels. WOW are you tired yet? No worries, God is our strength!

NOW with God's guidance we have reached the end of another year, a year where HUMC allowed God to lead us on His path. Your mission team asked that you begin 2016 asking God to allow us to KNOW His way for HUMC, SEE His way for HUMC and put our hearts, minds, feet and hands into ACTION for Him. This past fall, your mission team felt God asking us to do more to feed hungry children in our community. Beginning in late January we will begin our weekend backpack ministry and support 10 students at Martha Gaskins elementary with food each weekend during the months of February through May. We are partnering with the Food Community Bank in this ministry. In the upcoming weeks more details about this ministry will be published. Please pray for God to continue to show us His hopes and dreams and allow HUMC to continue to EMBRACE HIS COMMUNITY WITH THE TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE OF CHRIST.

**Happy New Year to All from Your HUMC Mission Team!**



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Embracing Our community through the Transformative Love of Christ

**Sunday, January 3**

8:45 am Sunday School, *Educational Building*  
10:00 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*

**Monday, January 4**

1:00 pm Dominoes, *DDR*  
6:30 pm Warblers—Doo Wop Group, *Choir Room*  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 351, *Room 223*

**Tuesday, January 5**

9:30 am Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*  
10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study, *DDR*  
6:00 pm Warbler's Board Meeting, *Parlor*  
7:00 pm Better Image Group, *Room 11*  
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 351, *Rm 216, 218, 219, 223 & 225*  
7:00 pm Warblers, *Choir Room*

**Wednesday, January 6**

9:00 am UMW—Executive Committee Meeting, *DDR*  
10:00 am UMW—General Meeting, *DDR*  
4:00 pm Adult Bible Study, *Parlor*  
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, *FH*

Menu: Taco/Nacho Bar & Dessert

\*\*Reservation slips are in the pew racks. Please complete and put in the offering plate or contact Dolores Bunn or the Church Office by Tuesday at noon: dolores2950@bellsouth.net or 833-7636

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice, *Bell Choir Room*

6:00 pm KIC (Kids in Christ)  
6-6:30 Children's Choir, *Chapel*  
6:00 pm HUMC Youth, *Youth Room*  
6:00 pm Adult Program, *Parlor*  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice, *Choir Room*

**Thursday, January 7**

6:00 pm APAC, *FH*

**Our Stewardship...**

Society of St. Andrews	12/27/2015	\$25.70
Tithes & Offerings		
Amount Needed Weekly		\$11,962
Offering 12/27/2015		\$9,034
Needed Year-to-Date		\$610,062
Received Year-to-Date		\$584,542
YTD -+ (-)		(\$25,520)

**Attendance** December 27, 2015  
Sunday School 110                      Worship 173

**LECTIONARY READING**

*January 3-9*

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22