

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

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If you haven't noticed, the *Filling Station* has been buzzing in the past month of October and more is planned for the future.

The opportunities are unlimited and my goal as the Youth Pastor at FUMC will be to use the *Filling Station* to its fullest potential.

To give some examples on how the new facility will be used for just not our own youth, but for all youth and youth groups alike, in the plans there is a weekend youth retreat for area youth groups to come and listen to multiple guest speakers and bands to spread the message of Jesus Christ. This type of an event and others can make Hazlehurst FUMC a positive focal point for worship in South Georgia. For Example, When the Youth had a concert this month the turn out was between 60 and 70 for this first time event.

Another example, the *Filling Station* will be the center for a new after-school tutoring program. The church will serve as host to an outreach ministry for children and youth of the Hazlehurst community. This looks like it is going to be a huge success, as I have already received numerous commitments from retired teachers, current teachers and others to volunteer their time and talents to this new ministry.

This summer I will be working with other Youth pastor's to bring in youth groups to participate in local mission projects in Hazlehurst and the surrounding areas. The *Filling Station* will make this possible for these groups to come and stay in the facility and enjoy the hospitality of First United Methodist church and its youth.

Finally, the following is the log-on information for the accounts that have been set up for the First United Methodist Hazlehurst Youth:

Facebook- Hazlehurst UMC Youth
My Space- Hazlehurst UMC Youth
Hotmail- HazlehurstUMCYouth@hotmail.com

Make sure to look at the calendar of events for a list of events and fundraisers!

Blessings To All,
Mark Shrader
Youth Minister

PS Thanks to all for your great support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget **Bible Study** each **Wednesday evening** beginning at 6 pm in the Akin Bennett Sunday School Class. We are already praying that you will become a part of this class and at present we are studying the book of Acts. As I'm sure you know, an aspect of this ministry is a month visitation. The visitation day for October will be the 21st.

There will be a **healing service** in the sanctuary, October 22, 2009 beginning at 7 pm.

Sub-District Laity Meeting - Thursday, October 22nd at Hopewell United Methodist Church in Baxley. The meal will be served at 7 pm. The cost is \$4.00 per person. For mission project, please bring a nonperishable food item.

United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, October 27th in the fellowship hall.

We will be having a **Father(Grandfather)/Daughter(Granddaughter) Tea** in The Filling Station on **October 31** beginning at 11 am. The cost is \$10 per couple and the program will be a magic show. Call the Church office to sign up.

Its a BOY! Karson Joah Lee Faught. Baby shower for Chrystal Faught Saturday, October 31st at 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm in the church social hall. Lunch will be served. Registered at Walmart, Mustangs, Pigtails & Ponies, and New Beginnings.

Put **November 1st** on your calendars and block it out for a very important time of **church training**. We will meet at 5:00 in The Filling Station and the schedule will be as follows:

5:00 pm – Usher and Greeter training,

5:30 pm – Safe Sanctuary Training,

6:00 pm – Sunday School Teacher Training.

All Sunday School Teachers, Ushers and persons who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults are asked to attend.



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



Everyone is invited to our worship service this Sunday evening, October 25th @ 6:00 P.M. as we have an “**evening of worship through music**”. Jeffery Spell will be joining our special guests... The James Benjamin Family, John and Rose Hunt, Kimberly Girtman, and Bill Summerlin. Come and enjoy lifting praises to our Lord through music!

The **Chancel Choirs** of **Hazlehurst First United Methodist Church and Baxley First United Methodist Church** will join together in presenting our Christmas musical, “On This Very Night”. The musical will be presented in Hazlehurst and Baxley on different weekends.

Chancel Choir Members: Please remember our regular Wednesday rehearsals @ 7:15 P.M. in the choir room. Let's all put forth that extra special effort to be present at rehearsals.

A reminder to all **Handbell Team** of our regular rehearsals each Sunday @ 3:30 P.M. in the handbell room. I need each of you present as we come together as a team to prepare special handbell music.

Orchestra Members: A reminder that rehearsals are each Sunday @ 9:15 A.M. in the sanctuary.

A reminder that **Senior Prayer** is held each Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the choir room. Angie Coppedge, niece of Phil and Brenda Merritt, will be presenting our devotional this Thursday, October 22nd. Everyone is invited to attend as we lift up in prayer the needs of our community.

THANK YOU

For My Friends at First Methodist Church,

You all have been so kind and considerate to me and helped me in ways I never thought anyone could. I just wanted to say thank you and let you know how I appreciate what you have done for me.

God Bless,
Bill Summerlin



Children Church Volunteer

- 10-25-09 Rhonda Stone
- 11-1-09 Communion
- 11-8-09 Brenda Merritt
- 11-15-09 Roxie Crosby
- 11-22-09 Maria Rea
- 11-29-09 Chuck Coleman
- 12-6-09 Communion



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 10-25-09 Anonymous Breakfast Giver
- 11-1-09 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 11-8-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport
- 11-15-09 Alan & Brenda Strawn
- 11-22-09 Janice Conley
- 11-29-09 Frank Roussert & Alex
- 12-6-09 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, October 23, 2009

7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, October 24, 2009

6:00 - 11:00 pm - Youth Dinner & Movie (Filling Station)

SUNDAY, October 25, 2009

9:15 am — Orchestra Rehearsal

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship (Communion)

3:30 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 pm — Evening of Music with Jeffery and Friends

MONDAY, October 26, 2009

7:30 pm - UMW Circle V (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY, October 27, 2009

9:30 am - UMW Circle III (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm - UMM Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm - UMW Circle IV

WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2009

7:15 am - Youth Breakfast

6:00 pm - Bible Study

5:30-6:45 pm- Children's Program

7:00-8:00 pm -Youth

(Game room opens at 6:00 pm)

7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 29, 2009

10:00 am - Senior Prayer (Choir Room)

6:00 pm - Lynn Spell Workshop (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, October 30, 2009

7:00 am — Promise Keepers

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for October, 2009

USHERS: Aaron Conner, Alexander Day, Allison Day, David Porter

OFFERING STEWARDS: James Carter, Richard Deas

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for November, 2009

USHERS: JoAnn Deas, Jane Elder, Rhonda Stone, Patricia Wilkes

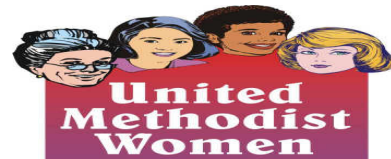
OFFERING STEWARDS: Jimmy Morris, Benny Joyner



When doing your estate planning and family wills – have you been sure to include your church? Future generations of Christians can benefit from our plans we make today.

LIVING MEMORIALS

- To B.B. Wooten
- To Clayton Stone
- To Edna Sanders
- To Melvin Carter
- To Verle L. Thigpen



Circle Meetings:

Circle I will meet Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30 pm in the social hall.

Circle II will meet Wednesday, October 28th at 10:30 am in the social hall.

Circle III will meet Tuesday, October 27th at 9:30 am in the social hall with hostess Carolyn Lynn.

Circle IV will meet Tuesday, October 27th at 7 pm at the home of Megan Davenport.

Circle V will meet Monday, October 26th at 7:30 pm at the home of Mildred Sellers.

UMW Appreciation Dinner - Monday, November 2nd at 7 pm in social hall.

OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Mike Butler, Modeen Knox, Wautine Powell, Lucille Moore, Florence Harrison, Shirley Smith, Margaret Pace, Steve Morris, Jennifer Spell Shepherd, James Carter, Betty Rowland, Shirley Evans, Margaret Wooten.

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of September, 2009
 Sunday School Average.....134
 Morning Worship Average82

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of September, 2009

General Budget Received — \$18,605.28
 General & Special Accounts Received — \$19,643.63
 Paid on 2009 Apportionments — \$9,500.00



Youth News



Oct. 23rd - The **5th Quarter** will be held at the Filling Station directly after the football game. Music and snacks will be offered, so please come and enjoy a good time.

Oct. 24th - The youth will be having a **dinner and a movie** from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00p.m. at the Filling Station.
Tuesday November 3rd-At 6:30 p.m.

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Thursday, November 5th-At 4:00 p.m. There will be a meeting for the volunteer staff of the new after school program at the Filling Station.

Friday, November 6th-The Youth will be going to Douglas for a youth outing to the Rockin Rolling Bowling Center. The church van will be leaving at 5:15 p.m. and the youth will need to bring money for snacks or drinks. The fees for bowling and shoes will be covered.

Wednesday, November 11th-The youth group will be participating in a scavenger hunt that will involve collecting box and can foods from church member's at their homes and all donations will benefit the church food pantry.

Sunday, November 15th-There will be a youth fundraiser directly after church and it will consist of different soups and sandwiches and the cost will be \$3.00 per person. We will be in need of soup donations if interested please contact me at msshneider@hotmail.com or through the church office.

The youth will be starting a new ongoing fundraiser through collecting used ink cartridges. The youth can receive money through a recycle program of these products. This will be a year round project. There will be a collection box for these items at the church office and in the vestibule.