

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

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A Note from the pastor:

What a great time to serve Jesus Christ here at Hazlehurst 1st UMC. We are entering a time of transition here at 1st Methodist as we enter the phase of searching for a new youth pastor. You can rest assured that the Staff parish will do everything in its power to find just the right person. We have already had several applicants not only from South Georgia, but also Atlanta, Florida and even Virginia and West Virginia. But in the meantime, know that we are not just waiting around for this person. Many exciting things are already happening.

The first task at hand was the forming of our new Youth Council. This will be headed by Shirley Maley and Gina Morris. This new Council will work in conjunction with the new Youth Pastor and the Administrative Council and will be available for assistance and guidance for the youth pastor and youth counselors alike. They have already been at work putting together the schedule to keep our youth programs going.

Now that The Filling Station is open and the youth are in their new space, the children will take over the old youth room. It has been remodeled and beginning with this new season, they will begin to meet there. We will be splitting up the children this year during the Wednesday night programs. Our younger children through grade 3 will be meeting in the new children's room beginning at 5:30 and the 4th and 5th graders will be meeting in The Filling Station, also at 5:30.

The Filling Station will still be open on Friday nights from 6 to 9 pm for fellowship and youth will still be meeting every Wednesday at 7 pm for the Youth program with the youth room opening at 6:30.

Times of transition are never easy, but we can all rest assured that God is working through many of our members to make this as smooth as possible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your presence is greatly sought after and needed in our **Wednesday evening Bible Study** which begins at 6 pm in the Akin Bennett Sunday School Class. At present we are studying the book of Acts.

Have you ever told yourself that you were going to read the entire bible? Maybe you even began but gave up because it just seemed too daunting. Did you know that you can read the ENTIRE bible in just one year with only committing 5 to 10 minutes of your day? You can download the agenda from the church website, www.hazlehurstmethodist.org and just click on "Read the Bible Through in a Year" over in the left tabs. If you don't have access to the computer, sheets can be picked up in the church office or in the back of the sanctuary. You've been saying for a long time that you want to read the Bible. All the excuses have been taken away. Do you know what the best day to begin reading the bible is? – That's right – Today!

Our new Sunday School class is off and running. They meet upstairs and the class is for any young person out of High School either attending college or working. Ken Sellers is the teacher and he looks forward to seeing you this Sunday!

Don't forget to turn in your **Spiritual Gift Inventories**. You can either bring them to the church office or give them back to the person that gave them to you. If you haven't received yours yet you can pick one up in the church office.



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



A reminder that **Senior Prayer** is held each Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the choir room. Everyone is invited to attend as we lift up in prayer the needs of our community.

Reminding all **Chancel Choir Members**...our regular rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 5th @ 7:00 P.M. in the choir room.

Reminding all **Handbell Team**...our regular rehearsals will resume Sunday, August 9th @ 4:00 P.M. in the Handbell room.

Our **musical concert with Stan Shuman** will be Sunday evening, August 16th @ 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. You will enjoy this evening of worship through music.



For Students and Families



- **August 12th** will be the first night back for **Children**.
- **Children** - 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Children through 3rd grade will meet in the Children's room upstairs.
- Children grades 4 and 5 will meet in the Filling Station
- **August 5th** will be the first night back for **Youth**.
 - **Youth** - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - Game room opens at 6:30 pm.

THANK YOU

A Special Thanks to Elaine, Stanley, Stoney and Spencer McCall, Melisa Pace and Lucy Sewell for the hard work they did Saturday in the yard at the Filling Station. It was a great improvement for the looks of our new building.

Thanks Again,
Your Church Family



Children Church Volunteer

- 8-2-09 Rhonda Stone
- 8-9-09 Communion Sunday
- 8-16-09 Brenda Merritt
- 8-23-09 Roxie Crosby
- 8-30-09 Maria Rea



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 8-2-09 Bro. Rodney & Benjamin
- 8-9-09 Mary & Wendel Thomas
- 8-16-09 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 8-23-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport
- 8-30-09 Alan & Brenda Strawn

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, July 31, 2009

7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, August 1, 2009

SGC Social Issue Pine Forest UMC Dublin

SUNDAY, August 2, 2009

9:00 am — Orchestra Rehearsal

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship

5:00-5:45 pm - Middle/High School Bible Study (Youth Room)

6:00 pm — Evening Worship

MONDAY, August 3, 2009

7:00 pm - UMW General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 5, 2009

6:00 pm - Bible Study

5:30-7:00 pm- Children’s Program (WackyWednesday)

6:30-8:00 pm - Youth Program

(Game room opens at 6:30 pm)

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 6, 2009

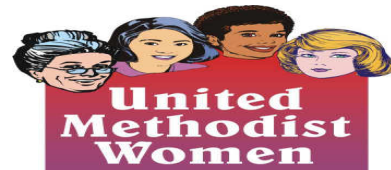
10:00 am - Senior Prayer

FRIDAY, August 7, 2009

7:00 am — Promise Keepers

LIVING MEMORIALS

- To Ruby Jo Hinson
- To Evelyn Woodard
- To Myrt Hancock
- To Jackie Yeager
- To Lucile Hutchinson
- To William (Bill) McPherson
- To W.G. Ellis



UMW Dates:

SGC Social Issues-Saturday, August 1st at Pine Forest UMC, Dublin Ga.

UMW General and Nominations Committee Meeting, Monday, August 3rd at 7 pm.

Circle I will meet Tuesday, August 25th at 7 pm at the home of Jan Stone.

Circle II will meet Wednesday, August 26th at 10:30 am in the social hall.

Circle III will meet Tuesday, August 25th at 9:30 am in the social hall.

Circle V will meet Monday, August 24th at 7:30 pm at the home of Jane Elder.

OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Mike Butler, Toby Kottke (Donna Faught’s nephew), Modeen Knox, Wautine Powell, Lucille Moore, Florence Harrison, Shirley Smith, Margaret Pace, Steve Morris, Jennifer Spell Shepherd, B.B. Wooten, Gayle Carter, James Carter.

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of July, 2009

Sunday School Average.....74
 Morning Worship Average115

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of July, 2009

General Budget Received — \$18,404.84
 General & Special Accounts Received — \$19,960.04
 Paid on 2009 Apportionments — \$8,500.00

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for August 2009

USHERS: Mary Sue Day, Lori Hancock, Lisa Jowers, Brenda Strawn

OFFERING STEWARDS: Milton Kirkland, Robert Kirkland



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.