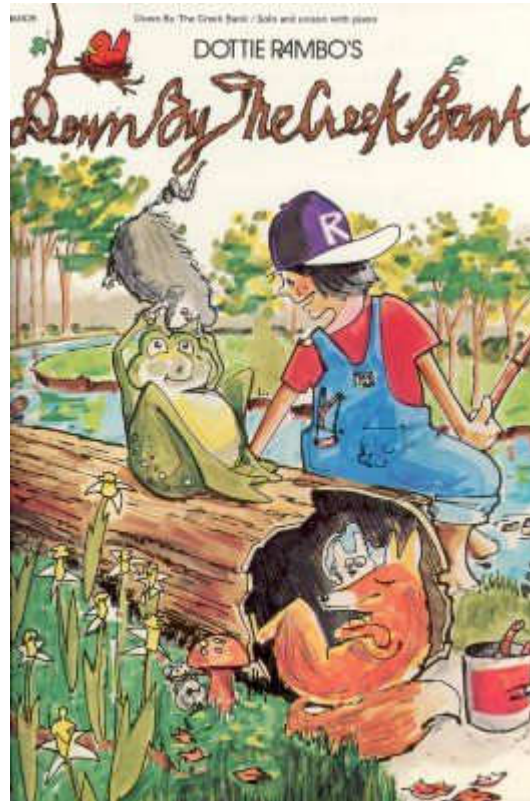


# The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

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Sometimes the oldies really are the goodies. Perhaps you remember this old Dottie Rambo musical that first came out in the early 80's. Who knows – maybe you even remember performing in it as a child and now you have children of your own. The children are beginning in September to work on this musical for production here at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC. They meet each Wednesday at 5:30 in the children's room on the second floor of the Education wing. If you have a child that would like to participate or maybe you are an adult who remembers this "oldie but goodie" and would like to help out. Come on out each Wednesday as they begin to prepare for *Down by the Creek Bank* during their music time. You can contact Kim Porter or Jeffery Spell for more information.

## 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.

**Forever Young** will be going to Douglas to the **Flying Cowboys** on Thursday, September 4th. The van will be leaving the church parking lot at 5:30 pm.

The **Lay Leadership Committee** (formerly Nominations) will meet on **September 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30** in the Pastor's office. Members: Rev. Rodney Porter, Mildred Sellers, Chuck Coleman, Mary Thomas, Melisa Pace, Anne Owens and Shane Rea.

**Charge Conference** will be **October 18<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6 pm in the Fellowship hall.

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.

**Bishop Marion Edwards** (Ret'd) was discharged from Wesley Woods Hospital at Emory University on Monday, August 17. He is home in Hamilton, GA and will visit an oncologist at Emory soon to determine the treatment and prognosis.

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### Update from Helping Hands Food Pantry

We are continuing to serve a great deal of families through our food pantry. We accept donations of any nonperishable food in the pantry, as well as monetary donations. Each month we buy food locally as well as from Second Harvest Food Bank. We can always use the following items: peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, spaghetti sauce & noodles, milk products (canned or dry), and canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, beef stew, spam, etc). Thank you for your continued support of this very worth while ministry of our church!



### NOTES FROM JEFFERY



The **Chancel Choir** has resumed regular weekly rehearsals each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in the choir room. We will begin practicing our Christmas musical soon...and an invitation is extended to anyone that would like to participate in our special seasonal music.

A reminding to the **Handbell Team** of a time change in regular scheduled rehearsals...practice will be each Sunday from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Bill Summerlin will be ministering in song at our next Family Night Supper on September 13th @ 6:00 P.M.

**Senior Prayer** time is each Thursday @ 10:00 A.M. in the choir room. Everyone is welcome.

A reminder that our **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Tuesday, September 15th @ 11:45 A.M. Everyone bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy the fellowship!



### For Students and Families



- **Children** - 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Children 3rd grade through 5th will meet in the Children's room upstairs.
  - **Youth** - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  - Game room opens at 6:30 pm.



**Children Church Volunteer**

- 8-30-09 Maria Rea
- 9-13-09 Chuck Coleman
- 9-20-09 Tricia Wilkes
- 9-27-09 Lisa Jowers
- 10-11-09 Mildred Sellers
- 10-18-09 Joy Clifton
- 10-25-09 Rhonda Stone



**Sunday Morning Breakfast list**

- 8-30-09 Alan & Brenda Strawn
- 9-6-09 Janice Conley
- 9-13-09 Frank Roussert & Alex
- 9-20-09 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain
- 9-27-09 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
- 10-11-09 Bro. Rodney Porter & Benjamin
- 10-18-09 Mary & Wendel Thomas

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY, August 28, 2009**

7:15 am — Promise Keepers

**SUNDAY, August 30, 2009**

9:00 am — Orchestra Rehearsal

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship

3:30 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 pm — Evening Worship

**WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2009**

6:00 pm - Bible Study

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

7:00-8:00 pm -Youth Program

(Game room opens at 6:30 pm)

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, September 3, 2009**

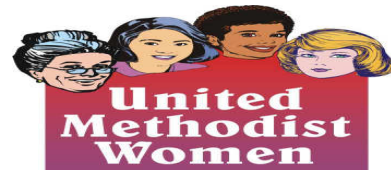
10:00 am - Senior Prayer

**FRIDAY, September 4, 2009**

7:00 am — Promise Keepers

**LIVING MEMORIALS**

- To Ruby Jo Hinson
- To Myrt Hancock
- To Homer Leroy Shumans
- To Adell Miller
- To Michael Cothran
- To Derman Morton



**District Annual Meeting** - Sunday, September 27th at Waynesboro UMC.

**UMW General Meeting**, Tuesday, September 8th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**Circle Meetings:**

**Circle I** will meet Tuesday, September 28th at 7 pm at the home of Melisa Pace.

**Circle II** will meet Wednesday, September 23rd at 10:30 am in the social hall.

**Circle III** will meet Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:30 am in the social hall.

**Circle V** will meet Monday, September 28th at 7:30 pm at the home of JoAnn Deas.



**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for August 2009**

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

**OFFERING STEWARDS:** Milton Kirkland, Robert Kirkland

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for September, 2009**

**USHERS:** D.L. Jump, Ronald Rhodes, Buddy Spann, E.M. Wilkes III

**OFFERING STEWARDS:** Richard Deas, Jay Woodard

**OUR PRAYERS**

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

**OUR PRESENCE**

For the month of July, 2009

- Sunday School Average.....74
- Morning Worship Average .....115

**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



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.

## THANK YOU'S

The church library is about finished and many people have contributed their time and talents. We would like to say Thank You to the following with great appreciation:

Hinley-Baggett class for sharing their room. Gerald Smith for painting the room. Frank Roussert and Roger Lynn for building two beautiful book shelves and for refinishing the large table. Thanks to the Youth for moving the old book shelves and all the books from upstairs. Elaine McCall for laminating the pages on all the old scrapbooks. Hazel Harrell for helping separate and place books.

Dianne Crosby, Pat Carraway, Fonda Ussery and Jeannine Smith  
Library Committee

A special Thank You for the scholarship money that you rewarded me. I'm so blessed to have a Godly Church Family like each of you. God has really blessed me and my family. And I want to say a special Thank you for prayers and everything you do.

Thank You Greatly,  
Love,  
Elaine McCall

Dear FUMC Scholarship Committee

Thank You so very much for choosing me as one of this year's scholarship recipients. In this day and age, every little bit helps, so thank you again and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlyn Roussert

Dear friends and family,

In this short note, we wish to express our sincerest appreciation. The love you have shown to us is truly humbling. No card, letter, visit, gift, donation to charity, flower, plant, or food item has gone unnoticed. We thank you so very much for reaching out to our family.

Now, it is easy to understand why people do the things they do when someone passes away. Your love and prayers have given us the strength we need to get through this difficult time. Please know how much we appreciate everything.

With hearts full of both gratitude and love, we send our heartfelt thanks for all that you have done for us.

The family of Homer Leroy Shumans is so grateful for your love and concern during this time of loss.

Thank You and May God Bless You.

Merleen, David, Judy, Lola Mae, Wayne, Jennifer, Kyle, and Grant