

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

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We would like to welcome Mark Shrader to the staff of the Hazlehurst 1st UMC. Mark comes to 1st UMC with a wealth of experience in youth ministry. His wife Stephanie also plans to be very involved and we are very excited about having this entire family with us in Hazlehurst. Their children are Bethany and Emily Smiley and they are in the 7th and 4th grade, respectively. Their two boys, Jonah and Jonathan Shrader, both twins of 11 years old will be joining them during other parts of the year.

Youth meets each week on Wednesday beginning at 7 pm – and The Filling Station opens at 6:30 for those that would like to come early. Also don't forget Bible Study each Sunday at 5 pm.

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.

Finance Meeting: Monday, September 21st at 6 pm in the church parlor. Members: Richard Deas, Carroll Girtman, Pickett Harrison, Jimmy Maley, Shirley Maley, Stanley McCall, Bro. Rodney Porter, Dan Stone, Rob Stone and Jess Woodard.

Council Meeting: Monday, September 21st at 7 pm in the choir room. Members: Chuck Coleman, Megan Davenport, Richard Deas, Buck Elder, Pickett Harrison, Benny Joyner, Jimmy Maley, Elaine McCall, Stanley McCall, Bro. Rodney Porter, Mark Shrader, Angie Sellers, Mildred Sellers, Shirley Smith, Jeffery Spell, Dan Stone, Rhonda Stone, Alan Strawn, Barbara Swain, Joe Swain, Patricia Wilkes and Jay Woodard.

The van will be going to **Statesboro on October 4th** for Bishop's Hour with Bishop King. It will be held at Statesboro 1st UMC and we will be leaving from The Filling Station at 2:30. There will be no Evening Worship due this event.

Bags for Christmas presents to Mexico can be picked up from Mary Thomas or the church office. We need to have these in by the middle of October. If you would like to give money to help purchase items please place in the offering plate marked bags or bring by the church office.

Forever Young will be going to Ocmulgee State Park in McRae on **Thursday, October 1st**. The van will be leaving the church parking lot at 5:30 pm.

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

Put **November** 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.

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!



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



The **Chancel Choir** 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. If you are interested in participating in this special seasonal musical, please let me know as soon as possible.

Chancel Choir Members: Please remember our time change for regular Wednesday rehearsals is now 7:15 P.M. in the choir room. Let's all put forth that extra special effort to be present at rehearsals...I look forward to seeing each of you!

A reminder to all **Handbell Team** players of our special rehearsal...this Sunday, September 20th at 8:15 A.M. in the sanctuary. We will be ringing bells in the morning worship service.

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.



Youth News



Saturday, October 3rd youth Yard Sale. If you have items to donate please leave on the carport of The Filling Station.

Sunday, October 4th, Subs for lunch. Youth will have a fundraiser, sub-sandwich luncheon after the morning service.

Wednesday, October 7th - Youth Scavenger Hunt. Be sure to bring your camera.



Children Church Volunteer

- 9-20-09 Tricia Wilkes
- 9-27-09 Lisa Jowers
- 10-4-09 Communion
- 10-11-09 Mildred Sellers
- 10-18-09 Joy Clifton
- 10-25-09 Rhonda Stone



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 9-20-09 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain
- 9-27-09 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler
- 10-4-09 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
- 10-11-09 Frank Roussert
- 10-18-09 Mary & Wendel Thomas
- 10-25-09 Anonymous Breakfast Giver

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, September 18, 2009

7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SUNDAY, September 20, 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

MONDAY, September 21, 2009

6:00 pm - Finance Meeting (Parlor)

7:00 pm - Council Meeting (Choir Room)

TUESDAY, September 22, 2009

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

7:00 pm - UMW Circle I (Melisa Pace)

WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2009

10:00 am - October Calendar Dates due to office

10:30 am - UMW Circle II (Fellowship Hall)

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 24, 2009

10:00 am - Senior Prayer (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, September 25, 2009

7:00 am — Promise Keepers

LIVING MEMORIALS

To Myrt Hancock

To Toby Kottke

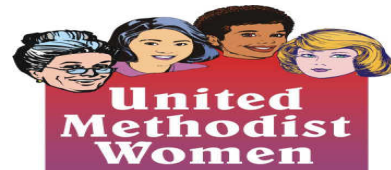
To B.B. Wooten

To A. Ray Adams

To Derman Morton

To Homer Leroy Shumans

To Charles T. Scarbough



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

Circle Meetings:

Circle I will meet Tuesday, September 22nd 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 September, 2009

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

OFFERING STEWARDS: Richard Deas, Jay Woodard

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for October, 2009

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

OFFERING STEWARDS: James Carter, Richard Deas

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, B.B. Wooten Family.

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of August, 2009

Sunday School Average.....101

Morning Worship Average125

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of August, 2009

General Budget Received — \$23,131.83

General & Special Accounts Received — \$24,586.69

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

Our Church Family,

Thank all of you for your prayers during this most difficult time as we continue to suffer the loss of my brother. We appreciate so much your phone calls, your cards, your visits, the food and the contributions you have made to the church in his memory. We are grateful to be a part of a loving church.

Thank You again,

Love,

Shae, James and the Morton Family.

Dear Church Family,

We were so amazed of your love and kindness during our move to Hazlehurst this past weekend. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the help moving in and unpacking, the wonderful food brought to us both cooked and stocking of our pantry, flowers, candles, cards. We feel like we've known you for years and you've made us feel "at home" here in South Georgia. If there is ever anything we can do for you don't hesitate to call or come by our house. Our door is always open to you.

Love & Prayers

Mark & Stephanie Shrader

Bethany & Emily Smiley