

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

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We are glad you are
visiting us online!

Have you visited the Hazlehurst 1st UMC website lately? Just by statistics we know that many of you have. But we are also sure that many of you are not and perhaps because you just don't know all that our church website has to offer. Here are just a few things that you can do at the website:

Listen to a worship service. Actually you can go back as far as 3 months.

Maybe you missed a baptism, or really enjoyed the special music during the service. Maybe you are a shut-in and really miss not being able to be a part of the worship services. From the church website you can watch these services, and usually on the same day they happen.

You can access our Church Facebook account. Whether you are on Facebook or are thinking about getting on Facebook you can access the church account from the front page of the website.

Do you know the church's Safe Sanctuary Policy and how it affects you. You can read all about it at the web site.

Would you like to read a little bit more about the staff or even our District Superintendent and Bishop? It can be done by simply clicking on Staff.

Are you interested in other things that are going on in the church? Whether it is Sunday School, Music, Youth, Children and a plethora of other activities, you can find out everything at the church webpage.

You can also access the South Georgia Conference Website, the official website of the United Methodist Church; or maybe you have always wanted to read the entire Bible and you need a format. Our church website is the place to find it.

Go to www.hazlehurstmethodist.org then be sure to place the site in your favorites.

Check it often. Benny Joyner and others try to do their best to keep it updated with new things added very often. Don't miss out on this valuable asset to the ministry of

Hazlehurst 1st UMC. Don't be apart from the church –

come and be a part of the church.

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 monthly visitation. The visitation day for October will be the 21st.

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 2:00 pm.

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.

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

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

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.

Service of Healing - October 22nd at 7 pm.

Margaret Wooten's Address in Houston: Margaret Wooten, P.O. Box 631071, Houston, TX 77263.

Phone numbers: Home-281-530-0800, cell 912-253-0697.



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



A reminder to all **Chancel Choir members** of weekly rehearsals each Wednesday at 7:15 P.M. in the choir room. We are working on anthems and our upcoming Christmas musical, "On This Very Night".

Handbell Team...a reminder of weekly rehearsals each Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. I need each of you to put forth an extra effort to be present at rehearsals as we prepare upcoming handbell music.

Reminding all **Orchestra members** of rehearsal each Sunday at 9:15 A.M. in the sanctuary. Your musical talents with the instruments are a great addition to our worship service.

Everyone mark your calendars for October 25th for a Sunday evening of "**Worship through Music**". Our special guests will be: The James Benjamin Family, John and Rose Hunt, Kimberly Girtman, and Bill Summerlin.

Each Thursday at 10:00 A.M...the **Senior Adult Prayer** is in the choir room. This coming week on October 1st...Rick Garrett, Youth Pastor of First Baptist Church will be conducting our devotion. Everyone is invited to come as we lift up the needs of our community and others to the Lord.

Forever Young will be going to Ocmulgee State Park in McRae this Thursday, October 1st. The van will be leaving the parking lot at 5:30 P.M.

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Tuesday, October 20th at 11:45 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Rev. Virginia Herrington, who pastored for 38 years the Big Oaks Church of God, will be our guest speaker. Everyone come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy being with friends.



Youth News



Oct. 3rd - Yard sale and harvest festival starting at 7 a.m.-12 p.m. The youth are having games and in addition selling hamburgers, hotdogs, and baked goods.

Oct. 4th - The youth are having a sub sale after the morning service in the fellowship hall. The price will be \$5.00 for a sub, drink, snack, and chips.



Youth News Continued



Oct. 7th-Camera Scavenger Hunt for the youth and starting time will be at 6:00p.m. This will be the building block for a new youth group photo album.

Oct. 16th-A free **Christian Concert** will be held at The Filling Station starting at 8:00 p.m. The opening act will be Hazlehurst's own *Seeking Serenity* and the main act, from Nashville Tenn. will be *Burning Yesterday*. The group will be selling t-shirts at the show and the youth will be selling snacks and drinks during the event.

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.

I want to thank everybody who has contributed to the youth through baked goods, volunteering their time, and support.

Thank You,
Mark Shrader
Blessings to All.

THANK YOU'S

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, calls and prayers during my recent fall. I'm on my way to recovering. God bless each of you for your kindness.

Love in Christ,
Margaret Cochran

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank my church friends for their many acts of kindness, during my time of grief. Your prayers, food, flowers, memorials are a great testimony to B.B. and the life in Christ he served. David, Bobby and I appreciate your continued prayers.

In Christian Love,
Margaret Wooten

Hello Friends,

I want to say thanks for all the cards and prayers. I have been through to me a very challenging hip surgery. It has been far longer in getting over it this time even though I know they had to do a lot more this time but it has been your items of kindness that has helped me. Continue to pray for me. Again thanks for everything.

Sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness.
Gayle Ogilvie

Dear Church,

Paul and I would like to thank everyone for the food and help getting Stephanie, Mark and our Granddaughters situated in their new home. Kindness like yours makes a difference.

Thanks Again,
Stephanie's Parents, Paul & Pam Sage

NEW MEMBERS

Michael & Kyle Butler, 203 N. Miller Road, Hazlehurst, 375-2035
Timothy Neal Lovett, 21 Douglas Street, Hazlehurst, 375-4524



Children Church Volunteer

- 10-4-09 Communion
- 10-11-09 Rhonda Stone
- 10-18-09 Joy Clifton
- 10-25-09 Rhonda Stone
- 11-1-09 Communion
- 11-8-09 Brenda Merritt
- 11-15-09 Roxie Crosby



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 10-4-09 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
- 10-11-09 Mark & Stephanie Shrader
- 10-18-09 Mary & Wendel Thomas
- 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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, October 2, 2009

7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, October 3, 2009

7 am - 12:00 pm - Youth Yard Sale (Filling Station)

SUNDAY, October 4, 2009

9:15 am — Orchestra Rehearsal

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship (Communion)

12:00 pm - Youth Fundraiser- Subs for Lunch (Filling Station)

2:00 pm - Van to Statesboro 1st for Bishop's Hour

3:30 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 pm — No Evening Worship

MONDAY, October 5, 2009

7:00 pm - UMW General Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, October 7, 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 Scavenger Hunt

(Game room opens at 6:00 pm)

7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 8, 2009

10:00 am - Senior Prayer (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, October 9, 2009

7:00 am — Promise Keepers



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

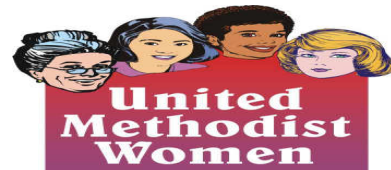
OFFERING STEWARDS: Jimmy Morris, Benny Joyner



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 Helen Larell B. Anderson
- To Bob Haymons
- To Clayton Stone
- To Edna Sanders



UMW General Meeting- Monday, October 5th at 7 pm in social hall.

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.

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

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 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