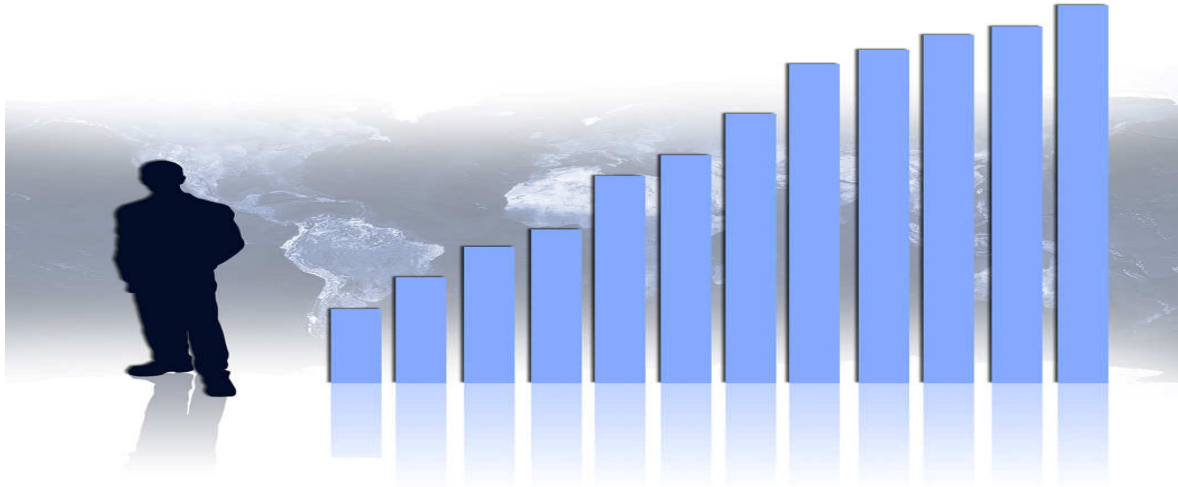


The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

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A Note from the Pastor,

Today's economy has a lot of people worried. Things like gas prices have caused us to combine shopping trips, postpone vacations and all around have put a sharp dent in our budgets. It has caused our grocery bills to increase as well as a sharp increase in the cost of regular household items as well. I was purchasing a can of Kilz the other day and a gallon that just a week ago was \$15 was now \$18.

I guess we can take solace in the fact that we aren't in this alone. A recent news report said that our government was now accepting an all time high in requests for food stamps. People who could once make it from paycheck to paycheck are now finding they need a little help. Record numbers of families are coming to our food pantry. We've had to postpone our Mexico mission trip until Thanksgiving. There has definitely been a downward trend in church giving over the last few months and even our own church is feeling the crunch.

On the one hand, we could just say that everybody is going through this and just ride things out. But, of course, as Christians we know that we have a higher calling. Our giving to the Lord should never be something that we give out of expendable income. Scripture is very clear to tell us that we are give to God the "first fruits" of all we have.

Exciting things are happening here in Hazlehurst. Just to highlight two - we just finished a very successful Vacation Bible School where between 40 to 50 kids were ministered to. Many of us will be traveling to Lizella, Ga. the week of June 23 to assist in clean up from the recent tornadoes during the Easter holiday.

The ministry of the church is ongoing and presses on. My prayer is that as you plan your household budgets that you will find a way to remember the church in your giving. Financial problems come and go - but the lives we touch in ministry can affect people for a life time.

May God be with through these and all times.

Rodney

OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Rev. Hamp Watson, Barbara Pace Carter, Walter & Ruby Jo Hinson, Gravin Vickens, Stanford Tillman, Marilyn Sayles, Myrt Hancock, Jeannine Smith, Gloria Girtman, Kelly Miller Story, Bobby Smith, Dr. Robert Huling, and the Family of Jackie Lowe.

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of May, 2008

Sunday School Average.....75
Morning Worship Average143

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of May, 2008

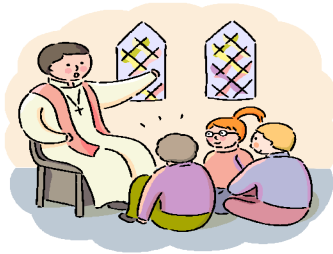
General Budget Received — \$17,378.59
General & Special Accounts Received — \$18,181.59
Paid on 2008 Apportionments — \$8,000.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be a Good Steward...If you or your group uses the church, please remember that it is your **responsibility** to put the **furniture back** where you moved it from, **clean up, lock up, and turn the lights and air/heat off.** Thank you for you help.

Children Church Volunteer

6-15 Brenda Merritt
6-22 Roxie Crosby
6-29 Gay Harrison
7-13 Maria Rea
7-20 Chuck Coleman
7-27 Tricia Wilkes



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

6-15 Frank Roussert
6-22 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain
6-29 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler
7-6 Mia & Brian, Ken & Angie, Sellers
7-13 Rodney, Jeffery & Frank
7-20 Steve & Mildred Sellers
7-27 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



A reminder to all Chancel Choir Members that regular scheduled choir rehearsals are each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in the choir room.

Chancel Choir Members: We will not be wearing our choir robes during the next few weeks...so be sure to wear our Sunday best!

Our monthly Senior Adult Luncheon will be Tuesday, June 17th at 11:45 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Our guest will be Cindy Girtman and Roscoe. Everyone come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy being with friends.



For Students and Families



The **rafting trip** is set for July 17th-19th and the cost is \$125. The trip is for Middle and High school Students, age 12 or older. Cost includes rafting, ropes course, meals, and lodging. (Everything but food during travel and t-shirts). Those wanting to attend should turn in a \$50 deposit by July 2nd, with the remainder due on the 17th. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact Jared at the church office.

The **student ministry** is in the process of making plans for next year. As part of this I will be visiting each home to give out a survey. If you have a time that would be more convenient for this visit please contact Jared at the church office.

THANK YOU'S

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for every act of kindness shown to me and my family. I appreciate and love each one of you. Please continue to pray for me.

Love,
Myrt Hancock

We would like to express our love and appreciation to our church family for all the prayers and kind deeds during Stanford's illness and the death of Barbara's brother.

Thank you,
The Tillman Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, June 13, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED

7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SUNDAY, June 15, 2008

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship (Father's Day)

No Evening Worship

TUESDAY, June 17, 2008

11:45 am — Senior Adult Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2008

7:00 pm - Youth Program

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, June 19, 2008

10:00 am - Senior Prayer (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, June 20, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED

Brewer Rehearsal Dinner

7:00 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, June 21, 2008

3:00 pm - Brewer Wedding



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 Bobby Johnson

To Jackie Lowe

UMW MEETINGS

UMW Circle 5 - Meets Monday, June 23rd at 7:30 pm in home of Bonnie Loyless.

Tattnall UMW night- Tuesday, July 22nd at Tattnall Camp Ground.



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP June, 2008

USHERS: JoAnn Deas, Elaine McCall, Jim Sewell, Joe Swain

OFFERING STEWARDS: Ken Sellers, Steve Sellers

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP July, 2008

USHERS: Conrad Dyal, Ronald Rhodes, Dan Stone, Rob Stone

OFFERING STEWARDS: Ronald Rhodes, Richard Deas

ASSISTING IN COMMUNION July, 2008

Richard Deas