

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

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Charge Conference 2008

I must admit that it's not very often that I have considered Charge Conference as a moment worth getting exciting about – particularly not worthy enough to place on the front of our Newsletter. If you couple this with the fact that this will be our 2nd Conference of this year and 4th in the last two years, it may sound even more confusing. But great things have been happening and this years Conference which will be held on **October 7th** will be another edition.

In April 2007 we had our Church Conference for the purpose of officially accepting the bequest given to the church through the will of long time member, Joe Frazier. On October 2007 we held our normal yearly Charge Conference and were thrilled to hear from Jared Middleton, our Minister of Students and Families who formally announced his desire to enter the full-time ministry. On that night we heard his testimony and unanimously voted to support him as a Candidate for Ministry. Now fast forward to August of this year where we held our third Conference in the past year for the purpose of receiving more bequests from the will of Joe Frazier and to approve plans for our new youth facility which is being built with these funds. And now as we prepare for our next Church Conference on October 7 we will again be approving plans as laid out through the same will. This time we will be hearing about a new scholarship program for anyone living in Jeff Davis and Appling counties who wish to further their education.

Exciting things are happening at 1st United Methodist here in Hazlehurst and we look forward to again sharing with you these new developments. Ground Breaking for the new youth building will begin at 6 pm on October 7 in the Church St. parking lot. A Covered dish dinner will follow that service leading us into our Charge Conference. Be sure to place this day on your calendars.

OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Rev. Hamp Watson, Barbara Pace Carter, Walter & Ruby Jo Hinson, Marilyn Sayles, Myrt Hancock, Gloria Girtman, Wautine Powell, Lucille Moore, Barbara Mackie and Blake Lawson.

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of August, 2008

Sunday School Average.....88
Morning Worship Average139

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of August, 2008

General Budget Received — \$28,555.42
General & Special Accounts Received — \$30,867.62
Paid on 2008 Apportionments — \$13,000.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you ever wished you were better at sharing your faith? Verse 6 from the book of Philemon says, "I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ." (NRSV) The book "Faith Sharing" by H. Eddie Fox and George Morris has sold hundreds of thousands of books and helped countless people in the sharing of their faith. Beginning September 16 at 6:00 we will begin the study of this book. It will be a 9 week class and copies of the book can be picked up in the church office for \$10.

Our **September Family Night** will be hosted by our Mission team as we prepare for our trip to Mexico in November. This family night will not be a covered Dish – all you have to bring are some hearty appetites and a donation to help raise funds for our trip. The dinner will be **September 14** after the morning worship service

The **Scholarship committee** will meet on **Thursday, September 18** in the Pastor's office. Committee members are: Rodney Porter, Pickett Harrison, Richard Deas, Jared Middleton, Patricia Wilkes, Jane Elder, Buck Elder and Brenda Merritt.

Brother Rodney, Jared and Jeffery will be going on a long range planning retreat at Lake Blackshear **September 22-24**. If you would like to contribute to the costs of this event please place gifts in the offering plate or come by the church office – but be sure to mark all gifts for Staff Planning Retreat.

Acolyte Needed: Grades 3 and up, Boys and Girls. Please contact Barbara Ursrey at 375-5607 and leave message or see her at Sunday School or Church.

Forever Young: Will meet Thursday, October 2nd. Van will leave the church parking lot at 5:00 pm.

Need Volunteers for cooking breakfast on Sunday morning. Please contact Mrs. Mary Thomas at 375-4343 if you will help.



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Tuesday, September 16th @ 11:45 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Everyone come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy good Christian fellowship among friends.

Handbell Team: A reminder that our weekly rehearsals have resumed each Sunday @ 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir: A reminder that our weekly rehearsals are each Wednesday @ 7:15 P.M. in the choir room.

Orchestra: Rehearsal each Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M.



For Students and Families

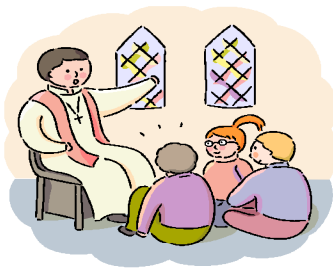


Middle School Pool Party...on Saturday, September 13th at the home of Jim & Lucy Sewell's at 4 pm. We'll eat, swim and have a great time, come and bring a friend.

Football season has been great this year! Remember, we are tailgating at all of the home games. We'll be there from 5:00pm till game time.

Parents we need your help! Most of your students can't drive... legally. Perhaps some are legal but still can't drive. The point is your student needs a ride to church. Whether it is Sunday School or Wednesday Night we want you student to be apart of all that is going on! Thanks for all you do to help our workers stand in the gap between parents and culture. Our leaders are praying and routing for you!

Thanks
Jared



Children Church Volunteer

- 9-14 Brenda Merritt
- 9-21 Roxie Crosby
- 9-28 Gay Harrison
- 10-12 Marie Rea
- 10-19 Chuck Coleman
- 10-26 Tricia Wilkes



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 9-14 Frank Roussert & Alex
- 9-21 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain
- 9-28 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler
- 10-5 Ken & Angie Sellers
- 10-12 Bro. Rodney Porter
- 10-19 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 10-26 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, September 12, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED

7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, September 13, 2008

4:00 pm — Middle School Pool Party
(Sewell's Home)

SUNDAY, September 14, 2008

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship

4:00 pm — Handbell Rehearsal

6:00 pm — Evening Worship

MONDAY, September 15, 2008

6:00 pm — Finance (Parlor)

7:00 pm — Council (Choir Room)

TUESDAY, September 16, 2008

11:45 am - Senior Adult Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm — Faith Sharing Book Study (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2008

6:30-7:30 pm- Children's & Youth Programs
(Game room opens at 6 pm & closes at 8 pm.)

7:15 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 18, 2008

10:00 am - Senior Prayer (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, September 19, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 am — Promise Keepers

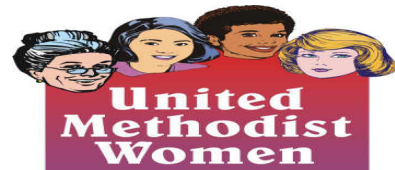
5:00 pm — Tailgating (football field)

LIVING MEMORIALS



- To Edward R. Quinn
- To Annette Stewart
- To W.C. Carter
- To Fred Johnson

UMW MEETINGS



Circle I - Meets Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm at the home of Melisa Pace.

Circle II - Meets Tuesday, September 23rd at 4:00 pm in the church social hall.

Circle III - Meets Tuesday, September 23rd at 9:30 am in the church social hall with hostess Jeannine Smith.

Circle V - Meets Monday, September 22nd at 7:30 pm at the home of Kay Purser.

General Meeting

October 6th at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

UMW Ladies...no Family Night supper in **September** due to the Mission team taking this month. However in **October** for the Charge Conference on **Tuesday, October 7th**, Circle II and Circle III will be in charge that night.

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for September, 2008

USHERS: Lisa Jowers, Andrew Maley, Stanley McCall, Buddy Spann

OFFERING STEWARDS: Stanford Tillman, Jay Woodard

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for October, 2008

USHERS: Lauren Mathews, Aaron Conner, Matthew Morris, David Porter

OFFERING STEWARDS: James Carter, Richard Deas

ASSISTING IN COMMUNION in October, 2008

Stanley McCall



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.