

## Evening Worship tonight at 6 pm.

The **Staff Retreat** will be this week. Keep Jeffery, Jared and Rodney in your prayers as they do long range planning for the church. If you would like to donate money toward this trip you can place your offering in the plate marked "Staff Retreat."

**Faith Sharing Book Study** – Our next meeting will be September 30th at 6 pm.

### 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 5:00 pm in the church social hall with hostess Carole Stone.

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

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

**Sunday, September 28** at Claxton UMC Statesboro District Annual Meeting 2:30; **Saturday, October 18**, in Americus at Americus FUMC South Georgia Conference Annual Meeting, 9:30 registration-\$12.00 fee due by **October 4**. See Circle leaders for registration forms.

### General Meeting

October 6th at 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

**UMW Circle One** is hosting a **Lasagna Lunch on Sunday, October 12**, at noon. Plates include lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and tea for \$6.00. Eat-in or Take-Out. See any member of UMW Circle One for tickets.

### Shoe Boxes

It's time for our shoe box ministry again. Due to problems we had gaining access into Mexico last year, this year we will be filling bags instead of boxes. The bags are available today. Our goal for the church this year is to do over 400 bags. We are asking that for each bag a person does that they will pay a fee of \$1 to pay for the Spanish bibles that will go in them. The bags will be due back on October 26. Let's all keep this ministry in our prayers and lets look forward to a great year of reaching young children in Mexico for the Lord.

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

**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.

### Sunday Morning Breakfast list

9-14 Frank Roussert  
9-21 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain  
9-28 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler



**2008 Flower Calendar**—Four Available dates: September, October & November. 9-28, 10-12, 11-16 & 11-23. If you would like one of these Sunday's, please call the church office at 375-4555.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Chancel Choir  
HYMN OF PREPARATION "Surely the Presence of the Lord" No. 328  
OFFERTORY "Face to Face" Orchestra  
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

### †DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow/Praise Him all Creatures here below/Praise Him above ye heavenly host/Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mary Hulett  
(After Children's Sermon is over, preschool through 4th grade is dismissed for Children's Church).

ANTHEM "Sweet Beulah Land" Chancel Choir  
Soloist: Jane Ray

†SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:21-30

SERMON "Immeasurable Strength" Rodney Porter

†HYMN OF INVITATION "I Surrender All" No. 354

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

### Sermon

- 1 – Standing firm in the faith
- 2 – Striving side-by-side with one mind
- 3 – Strength against your opponents

*The Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary Today,  
by Dan & Rhonda Stone,  
in Honor of Duke Stone's 3rd Birthday*

**Children's church volunteer today** - Roxie Crosby  
**Children's church volunteer next Sunday** – Gay Harrison

**USHERS:** Lisa Jowers, Andrew Maley, Stanley McCall, Buddy Spann  
**OFFERING STEWARDS:** Stanford Tillman, Jay Woodard

**Pennies to Pesos**  
**Total Collected to date: \$621.30**  
**Total Collected in Pesos: \$6669.65**

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2008

PRELUDE "Come into His Presence" Orchestra

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

**God of fruitful labor, work sometimes brings out the worst in us. At home, at school, in the workplace, even in our relationship with you, we too easily question what others do and get, instead of taking care of our own business. Take away our bitterness. Teach us the art of the careful complaint. Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.**

†PRAISE CHORUS "Holy Ground" CONGREGATION  
We are standing on holy ground. And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now, We are standing in His presence on holy ground!  
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†OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 400

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 78 No. 799

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed No. 881

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

†GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*Glory be to the Father/and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost/as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be/world without end. Amen.*

LIVING THE MINISTRY Mary Thomas

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

*Have you welcomed a visitor today?*

# First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia

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## Our Church Staff

Ministers-Congregation  
Minister of Music & Senior Adults -Jeffery Spell  
Minister to Students and Families -Jared Middleton  
Office Manager-Martha Lolley

Organist-Janice Cole  
Custodian-Elaine McCall  
Nursery-Jessica Miller  
Pastor-Rodney Porter



Hazlehurst 1<sup>st</sup> UMC is a  
Safe Sanctuary



The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazlehurst is to reach out and welcome people just as they are, lead persons to commit their lives to God through Jesus Christ, nurture and encourage them as disciples and send them out to help make our community more loving and just.