

**Evening Worship tonight at 6 pm.**

**UMW Circle One Lasagna Lunch** today at noon.

**Church Office** will be closed Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day.

**Faith Sharing Book Study** - Our next meeting will be October 14th at 6 pm in church parlor.

**United Methodist Men** - Meets Tuesday, October 14th at 7 pm in fellowship hall.



**INFORMER** for October will be ready to e-mail out on Wednesday, October 15th. If you have any news or announcements, please get them to the office by 10:00 am Tuesday morning October 14th.

**Christian Ladies Fellowship** - Meets Tuesday, October 14th at 12:00 Noon at Hazlehurst Church of God. Eva Hiers will be the guest speaker with music provided by Pam Smith. All ladies invited to attend.

**Saturday, October 18th**, UMW Conference Annual Meeting - Janice Conley will be going to this UMW Conference in Americus. Three South Georgia Mission Agencies have requested the following resources to aid them in their mission work. If you would like to donate any of the items please bring them to the Social Hall. Janice will take our donations with her. Below is a list of items:

OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HOUSE: Men's and Women's gloves, hats, and thick socks.

THE VASHTI CENTER – School Supplies, low cut (ankle) athletic socks, boxer shorts (size 12 – 36”), books for teens.

WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTERS – Children's books (appropriate for ages 1-4) that recognize diversity (i.e. ethnic groups, special needs).

Thank you, Mildred Sellers

**Sub-District Laity Rally** - Thursday, October 23rd at 7 pm at Baxley First United Methodist.

**Sunday Morning Breakfast list**

- 10-12 Bro. Rodney Porter
- 10-19 Mary & Wendel Thomas
- 10-26 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 11-2 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport



**2008 Flower Calendar**—One Available date: November. 11-16. If you would like this Sunday, please call the church office at 375-4555.

CHORAL RESPONSE	“Amen”	Chancel Choir
HYMN OF PREPARATION	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	No. 397
OFFERTORY	“He Keeps Me Singing”	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).		

SOLO	“I Can Only Imagine”	Jimmy Maley
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†SCRIPTURE READING	Exodus 32:1-14	
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SERMON	“Anticipation – It's Making Me Wait”	Rodney Porter
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†HYMN OF INVITATION	“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”	No. 462
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†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

**Sermon**

**Not only does God forgive our idolatry, but also God gives us courage for our anxiety. We do not know the future, but we trust that God holds the future in divine hands. The people of Israel wanted gods who would go before them. We have a Savior who went before us. Our Lord Jesus went before us to the cross. Christ not only provides for our salvation, but also teaches us how to be vulnerable. In Christ we can trust in God's future, even if it seems hazy to us.**

*The Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary Today,  
by Roger Lynn, Cheryl Lynn & Hazel Harrell  
in Honor of Carolyn Lynn's Birthday*

**Children's church volunteer today** - Marie Rea

**Children's church volunteer next Sunday** – Chuck Coleman

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

**OFFERING STEWARDS:** James Carter, Richard Deas

**Pennies to Pesos**  
**Total Collected to date: \$625.30**  
**Total Collected in Pesos: \$6631.93**

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
October 12, 2008

PRELUDE "Sweet By and By" Orchestra  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Conner Coleman, Max Diaz  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

**Gracious God, when the world's political noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom, and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

†PRAISE CHORUS "Sing Unto the Lord" CONGREGATION  
**Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. For God is great and greatly to be praised. God is great and greatly to be praised. O sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth.** (CLLI-1134089)

†OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" No. 369

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 106:1-6, 12, 19-23, 47-48 No. 829

†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

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.