

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

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Christmas is always a very exciting as well as busy time of year for our families and for the church. Be sure to put these dates on your calendars so that you won't miss out on all that is going on.

- December 21 – during the 11 am worship service we will be celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent as well as bringing our pledge cards for the 2009 budget. I trust that you are praying as to what you can do as your pledge for the coming year. The church knows as well as anyone that times are hard. But the ministry of the church goes on. Perhaps you can do a little bit more than you did last year. Did you know that if we average only \$442 per month for each family in the church that we can meet our budget? May you continue to give prayerful consideration as we come for this very special Sunday!
- December 21 – during the 6 pm worship service we will have a very special “Blue Christmas” Service. This is not you average Christmas Service. I hope you will plan to come and be a part of this service.
- December 24 – we will have our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service beginning at 6 pm. This service is always a highlight for many of our members and we are certain that this year will be no different. See you there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We got off track for a week with our **Faith Sharing Book** study because of illness. But we will be starting back up December 16 and December 30 doing chapters 7 and 8.

Extra Parking - While construction is going on with the Youth Center, Buck Elder has been kind enough to offer his parking lot to the church for extra parking spaces.

White Christmas Fund - We are now accepting donations for our yearly White Christmas love offering which are Christmas gifts for our staff. You can place your gift in the offering plate marked White Christmas or bring your monies to the church office by Wednesday, December 17th.

Birthday Wishes - Our oldest member Holt Haley will be 99 year old on his Birthday this December 29th. Let's all wish him a happy and blessed day. Send a card or call. Address: W. H. Haley, 68 College Avenue, Elberton, Ga. 30635, Phone: 706-213-0123.

Forever Young... will meet on Friday, January 2nd at 5 pm. Place will be announced later.

Our Food Pantry has been very busy for the past two months with people being out of jobs in our community. On Communion Sunday's all the money that is left at the rail goes for this program. A **Special Thanks** to all who help out by giving money, bringing food and working in the food pantry to help with this needed program.

October we serviced 37 households, 101 persons and 31 children, over 800 pounds of food.
November we serviced 28 households, 78 persons and 27 children, over 600 pounds of food.



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



Many **“Thanks”** to the orchestra, Handbell Team, Children's Choir, the combined Chancel Choirs of Hazlehurst First United Methodist Church and Lumber City United Methodist Church, and our narrator, Ann Bookhardt, for your dedication and commitment as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and savior through an evening of special Christmas musical selections and our Christmas Cantata, **The Name...Jesus**. Wow! What an evening! **“Thanks”** to everyone who helped with the reception afterwards...it was such a nice celebration.

Reminder to all...we will be presenting the Christmas Cantata again this Sunday evening, December 14th at 7:00 P.M. at Lumber City United Methodist Church.

Chancel Choir Members...we will have our final Wednesday rehearsal for the musical this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in the choir room. We will have our dress rehearsal at Lumber City Methodist this Sunday, Dec. 14th @ 3:00 P.M. Everyone please be present!

The **Music Ministry Christmas Party** will be Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Chet and Janice Conley. Everyone involved in the music ministry is invited and bring your favorite finger foods along with a gift to exchange...man/man's gift **AND** lady/ladies gift. Spouses/guest are invited but find your favorite babysitter for the children!

Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 16th at 11:45 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Everyone come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy some good Christmas fun among friends.



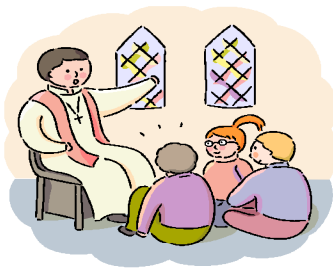
For Students and Families



The **Children's Christmas Party** will be Wednesday Dec. 17 @ 5:30. Come see Santa, Ride Mr. Stanley's Hay Ride, and build a Family Gingerbread Home! Bring a \$5 non-gendered gift for you child to swap. Supper will be provided.

Boston Butts are on Sale for \$20, to be picked up Dec. 19th from 3-5pm at the church Social Hall. To order yours call the church office or see the youth this Sunday after the AM service. Proceeds will go to local mission projects.

New Years Eve Bash! in place of the ski trip local youth groups are teaming together to have a joint New Year's Eve party. Mark your calendars and watch for details to come soon.



Children Church Volunteer

- 12-14 Brenda Merritt
- 12-21 Roxie Crosby
- 12-28 Maria Rea
- 1-13-09 Chuck Coleman
- 1-20-09 Tricia Wilkes
- 1-27-09 Lisa Jowers



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 12-14 Bro. Rodney Porter
- 12-21 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
- 12-28 Mary & Wendel Thomas
- 1-6-09 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 1-13-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport
- 1-20-09 Alan Strawn
- 1-27-09 Janice Conley

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, December 12, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED
7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, December 13, 2008

6 pm — Hazlehurst Christmas Parade
UMW Fundraiser & Youth/Free Hot Cocoa

SUNDAY, December 14, 2008

9:00 am — Orchestra Rehearsal
9:45 am — Sunday School (UMW Honor)
11:00 am — Morning Worship
4:00 pm — Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm — Christmas Musical (Lumber City FUMC)

TUESDAY, December 16, 2008

11:45 am - Senior Adult Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm — Faith Sharing Book Study (Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2008

10:00 am — Calendar dates due for January 2009
5:30-6:30 pm- Children’s Christmas Party
6:30-7:30: Youth Program
(Game room opens at 6 pm & closes at 8 pm.)
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Christmas Party (Janice Conley)

THURSDAY, December 18, 2008

10:00 am - Senior Prayer Christmas Party (Nancy Wagner)
6:30 pm - Youth Christmas Caroling & Party (meet at church)

FRIDAY, December 19, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 am — Promise Keepers
3-5 pm - Youth Boston Butt Sale

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for December, 2008

USHERS: D.L. Jump, Bayne Stone, Alan Strawn, Jess Woodard
OFFERING STEWARDS: Jimmy Maley, Alan Strawn

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for January, 2009

USHERS: Mary Sue Day, Richard Deas, Frank Roussert
OFFERING STEWARDS: Buddy Spann, Carroll Girtman

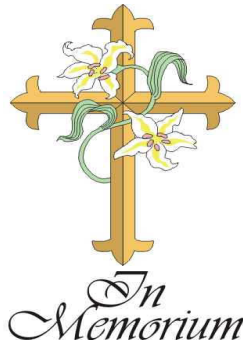
ASSISTING IN COMMUNION in January, 2009

Alan Strawn

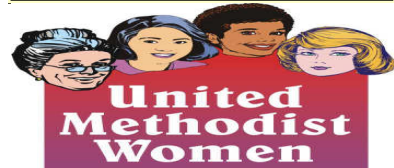


LIVING MEMORIALS

- To Evelyn Woodard
- To Angel Kemp
- To Irma Collins
- To Fred Johnson



UMW MEETINGS



- Circle I** - Christmas Party, Thursday, December 11th at the home of Rhonda Stone at 6:00 pm.
- Circle III** - Meets Tuesday, December 23rd for Christmas Brunch at 11:00 am in the home of Nancy Wagner with hostess Nancy and Gwen Thomas.
- Circle V** - Christmas Party, Monday, December 15th at 6:30 pm at the home of Janice Conley.

December 27th - Un-Hanging of the Greens/General Meeting



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.

OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Wayne Ussery, Betty Balliew (Lynn Spell's Sister), Myrt Hancock, Toby Kottke (Donna Faught's nephew), Robin Middleton, Modeen Knox, Wautine Powell, Lucille Moore.

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of November, 2008

Sunday School Average.....73
Morning Worship Average93

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of November, 2008

General Budget Received — \$21,764.58
General & Special Accounts Received — \$24,699.08
Paid on 2008 Apportionments — \$21,000.00