

Blue Christmas tonight at 6 pm.

Wedding - Dennard-Mosely, December 24th at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve Service – December 24th at 6 pm.

The church is in need of your gold to be turned into **apportionment dollars**. What we are asking is that if you have gold jewelry in your jewelry box that you no longer wear, or mismatched earrings, etc. – then give it to the church. We can give you a tax credit on your gift and still raise money for the apportionments. If you would like to donate – please bring your jewelry to the church office – or place it in the offering plate during the month of December with a note attached who it is from. Thank you for any help you can give in this endeavor.

Kitchen Pots- The church has big pots missing out of the kitchen. If you have borrowed them please return them to the kitchen.

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.

Birthday Wishes - Our oldest member W. H. 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 in the church parking lot leaving for McRae to dine at Southern Star.

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.

Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 12-21 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
- 12-28 Wendel & Mary Thomas
- 1-6-09 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 1-13-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport



Reminder: Don’t forget to cast your vote in the Special Election for Sheriff. Three more days for early voting, December 22-24, then the final day of December 30th from 7 am to 7 pm at your regular polling place.

2009 Flower Calendar—If you would like to sign up early for a particular Sunday, please fill out the form and put in offering plate or call church office at 375-4555.

Sunday _____

Given by _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

CHORAL RESPONSE “Amen” Chancel Choir

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Away in a Manger” CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY Piano & Organ Duet

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 Jared Middleton

(After Children’s Sermon is over, preschool through 4th grade is dismissed for Children’s Church).

SOLO

†SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38

SERMON “The Surprise of Christmas” Rodney Porter

†HYMN OF INVITATION “Silent Night, Holy Night” No. 239

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

Sermon

Consider the predicament of Jesus’ birth to Mary, we proclaim her blessed and favored. But Mary may not have felt blessed or favored. She had to accept first that all her life plans were about to changed forever. But despite all her feelings that welled up inside her heart, Mary’s response to the angel’s message is straightforward: “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your Word.”

*Called by Name Candle Burning is in honor of **Richard Peyton Sellers**, born on 12-18-09 weighting 8 pounds, 11 ounces to Ken & Angie Sellers*

Children’s church volunteer today - Roxie Crosby
Children’s church volunteer next Sunday – Maria Rea

USHERS: Mary Sue Day, D.L. Jump, Alan Strawn, Jess Woodard
OFFERING STEWARDS: Jimmy Maley, Alan Strawn

Pennies to Pesos
Total Collected to date: \$700.10
Total Collected in Pesos: \$9472.35

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent,
December 21, 2008

PRELUDE "The First Noel" Orchestra
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Conner Coleman, Eleanor Hulett
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here. As we follow in Mary's footsteps, open our hearts, that we might be filled with your goodness and your love; live in us, that we might bear the Christ light for all to see; overshadow us with your presence, that we might truly be blessed and offer your blessing of love to the world. Amen!

†PRAISE CHORUS "Let's Worship and Adore Him" CONGREGATION
Let's worship and adore Him, Let's worship and adore Him, Let's worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord.
For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.
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†OPENING HYMN "Joy to the World" No. 246
†RESPONSIVE READING Canticle of Mary No. 199
†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

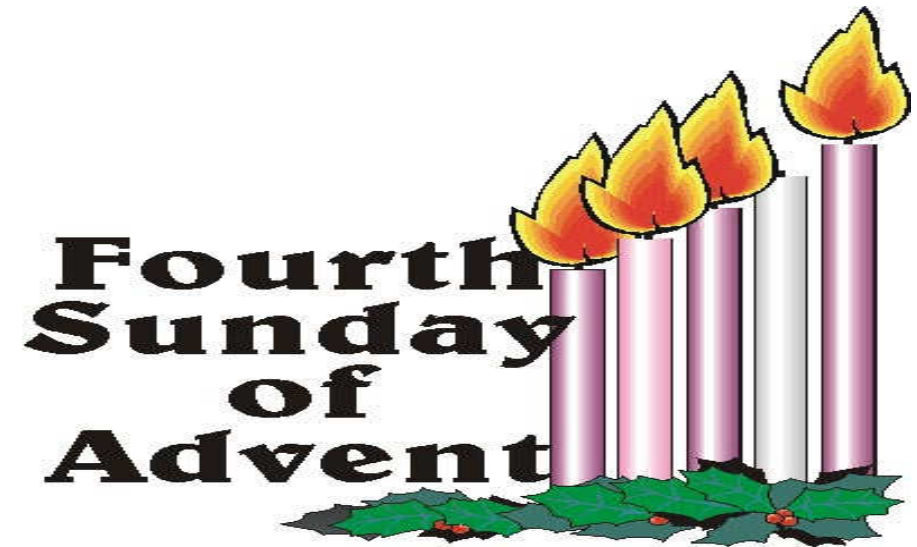
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 1st 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.