

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

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We are about a month away from the completion of the Frazier Student Center and it has been amazing to see the growth taking place outside of my office window each day over the past few months. I believe that this growth is a testament to the growth that God has in store for our student ministry. Over the past few weeks I have been asked by many of you what my plans are for the new building, so I wanted to take a moment to share the vision God has given me. I believe that God desires for us to collectively minister to the students of our surrounding area.

The first big event that we are planning is a family conference to take place sometime in the late spring, early summer. This conference will be for the entire family: singles, couples, grandparents, and children. It will be a time for us to come and learn about our individual roles in the family and the kingdom. We can do this in sessions where we break into small groups and come together as a family of God.

I also believe that we should open our facility to the students of the community on a regular basis. Over the past year we have seen drugs and alcohol take their toll on our teenagers. I believe that if we provide them with a safe Christian environment we can do our part in this war on the lives of our students.

So how can you help? These are just a few of the ideas that I wanted to share with you. We need people to dream; we need people to volunteer to help put on events like the Family Conference; we need people to volunteer weekend nights to open our Student Center to the community; we need Christian adults who will bond with the students who enter our building and provide them with positive role models that they may be missing in their lives.

Above all else we need you to pray!

Bro. Jared

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW Sunday will be **March 1**. Charlene Black from Sylvania will be our guest speaker for the A. M. worship service. All babies born during the past year will be honored. If you have a baby or grandbaby who was born in 2008 please contact Brenda Merritt or Mildred Sellers. There will be a salad luncheon following the service. ALL ladies are invited to attend. A nursery will be provided for the luncheon.

Ladies – there is a table in the social hall with dishes that have been left at the church. Please check and see if any belong to you.

Assisted listening devices and **large print hymnals** are available in the rear of the sanctuary for anyone who needs them.

Found - Key ring with church key, customer cards for Winn Dixie, CVS, Food Lion.

UMM will meet Tuesday, **February 17th** in the fellowship hall.

March calendar dates due into church office by Wednesday, February 18th.



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



Attention Handbell Ringers/Spouses: Come join us this Friday, February 13th as we travel to Fitzgerald First Baptist to attend the concert of the Jabalheirs Choir and the Handbells. The Handbell and Piano prelude begins at 6:45 P.M. and the Choral Concert begins at 7:00 P.M. We are planning to take the church van and will be leaving at 5:00 from the church. Afterward...we will enjoy a meal together. Let me know if you will be able to attend.

We had a great time of singing with **Squire Parsons and Trio** from North Carolina last Friday evening. Thanks to all who came and supported this event...I believe it was enjoyed by all.

Calling all **Senior Saints**... and those that want to be Saints...to meet together this Tuesday, February 17th at 11:45 A.M. for our monthly Senior Adults Luncheon. Come bring your favorite covered dish, enjoy some great singing and good clean humor with our guest, Floyd Hunter and friends of Appling County.



For Students and Families

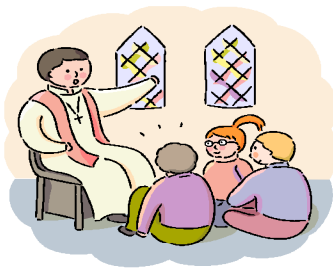


On **March 14th** we will be having our first Safe Sanctuaries training in the fellowship hall. This training is for anyone who has filled out the Safe Sanctuaries application. We will also be doing some Sunday School teacher training and round table discussion to share ideas about what is working in our various classes. Please make every effort to be here for this event. The schedule for the day will be as follows: 10am-11am Safe Sanctuaries Training; 11 am-12 am Sunday School Teacher Training; 12:00 am lunch.

THANK YOU

Thank You Church for all your love and support while I was in the hospital having surgery. I can't say how blessed I am to be able to work for and with special people like you. Thank you for the cards, visits, telephone calls, gifts and most of all your prayers.

God Bless You all,
Martha Lolley



Children Church Volunteer

- 2-15-09 Joy Clifton
- 2-22-09 Rhonda Stone
- 3-8-09 Brenda Merritt
- 3-15-09 Roxie Crosby
- 3-22-09 Maria Rea
- 3-26-09 Chuck Coleman



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 2-15-09 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler
- 2-22-09 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
- 3-1-09 Bro. Rodney Porter
- 3-8-09 Mary & Wendel Thomas
- 3-15-09 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 3-22-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport
- 3-29-09 Alan & Brenda Strawn

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, February 13, 2009

OFFICE CLOSED
7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, February 14, 2009

3:30 pm - Faught/Hartley Wedding

SUNDAY, February 15, 2009

9:00 am — Orchestra Rehearsal
 9:45 am — Sunday School
 11:00 am — Morning Worship
 4:00 pm — Handbell Rehearsal
 6:00 pm — Evening Worship

MONDAY, February 16, 2009

Office Closed for President Day

TUESDAY, February 17, 2009

11:45 am - Senior Adult Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm - UMM Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, February 18, 2009

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

THURSDAY, February 19, 2009

10:00 am - Senior Prayer

FRIDAY, February 20, 2009

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, February 21, 2009

8:00 am — Van leaving for UMW Mission Study (Millen UMC)



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for February, 2009

USHERS: Mary Sue Day, Pam Harrell, Elaine McCall, Melisa Pace
OFFERING STEWARDS: Charles Cole, Jack Cole

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for March, 2009

USHERS: Stanley McCall, Benjamin Porter, Alan Strawn, Jess Woodard
OFFERING STEWARDS: Roger Lynn, Jim Sewell

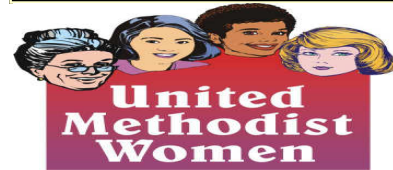


When doing your estate planning and family wills – have you been sure to include your church? Future generations of Christians can benefit from our plans we make today.

LIVING MEMORIALS

To Evelyn Woodard
To Brownlee Miller Bowen

UMW MEETINGS



UMW Mission Study-Israel and Palestine, van will leave the church at 8:00 am going to Millen Georgia on Saturday, February 21st.

Circle I - Meets Tuesday, February 24th at 7 pm at the home of Lisa Jowers.

Circle II - Meets Wednesday, February 25th at 10:30 am in the church fellowship hall.

Circle III - Meets Tuesday, February 24th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall with hostess Gloria Girtman.

Circle V - Meets Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm at the home of Mildred Sellers.

UMW General Business Meeting - Monday, March 2, 7 pm Fellowship Hall.

OUR PRAYERS

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

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of January, 2009
 Sunday School Average.....79
 Morning Worship Average119

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of January, 2009

General Budget Received — \$20,536.00
 General & Special Accounts Received — \$21,186.25
 Paid on 2009 Apportionments — \$3,000.00