

Evening Worship tonight at 6 pm.

April calendar dates due into church office by Wednesday, March 25th.

UMW Meetings:

Circle I - Meets Tuesday, March 31st at 7 pm at the home of Debbie Butler.

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

Circle III - Meets Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall with hostess Pat Carraway.

Circle V - Meets Monday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm at the home of Pam Harrell.

UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat - March 27-29, at Epworth by the Sea.

New Bible Studies:

Beginning **Wednesday, April 1** we will have a bible study for **everybody** interested beginning at **6 pm** in the Akin Bennett Sunday School Class. Of special interest for this class is the community visitation we will be doing one Wednesday per month.

Our Second Study is for **Young Adults** and will begin on Thursday evening **April 2 at 6:30 pm** in the Pastor's office. We will be studying the book "The God i Don't Understand" and the cost will be \$15 per couple. A nursery will be provided if necessary.

Assisted listening devices are available in the rear of the sanctuary for anyone who needs them. Anyone who could make a donation toward the payment of these devices, please mark check "devices" and mail to the church office or put in church offering plate.

Kitchen missing big pots. If you have borrowed any of the big pots out of the kitchen we need them returned before Holy week...thanks

Sunday Morning Breakfast List

- 3-29-09 Alan & Brenda Strawn
- 4-5-09 Janice Conley
- 4-12-09 Frank Roussert & Alex
- 4-19-09 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain
- 4-26-09 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler



Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies will adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Remember a loved one or honor someone by placing a lily in the church on that Sunday. Please fill out the form below and include your check of \$12.50 each, marked Easter Lily, and put in the offering plate.

How Many _____

Given By _____

In Honor _____

In Memory _____

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amen"

Chancel Choir

SOLO

Monica Hester Hasty

OFFERTORY

Monica Hester Hasty

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Chancel Choir

†SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

SERMON

"Do You Really Want Your Light to Shine?"

Rodney Porter

†HYMN OF INVITATION

"Sent the Light"

CONGREGATION

1. There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave, Send the light! Send the light! There are souls to rescue; there are souls to save. Send the light! Send the light!

(Chorus) **Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine for ever more!**

4. Let us not grow weary in the work of love; Send the light! Send the light! Let us gather jewels for a crown above; (Repeat Chorus)

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†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

Sermon

Maybe what we're really afraid of is the fact that the wind that's blowing may be the Spirit, and instead of blowing it out, the Spirit will blow that fire out of control. Maybe our image of the church is one more of firefighter than fire starter. Are we spending more time trying to put out fires than start them?

Called By Name Candles are burning today in Honor of the following Birthdays:

Rob Stone on 3-23, Elaine McCall on 3-24,

and in Memory of Verna Hall.

Pennies to Pesos

Total Collected to date: \$753.60

Total Collected in Pesos: \$11591.10

Have you welcomed a visitor today?

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2009

PRELUDE "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" Orchestra

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Conner Coleman, Max Diaz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

†PRAISE CHORUS "Great and Mighty" CONGREGATION

Great and mighty is the Lord our God, Great and mighty is He. Great and mighty is the Lord our God, Great and mighty is He. Lift up your banner, let the anthems ring praises to our King; Great and mighty is the Lord our God, Great and mighty is He.

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†OPENING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 111 No. 832

†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.

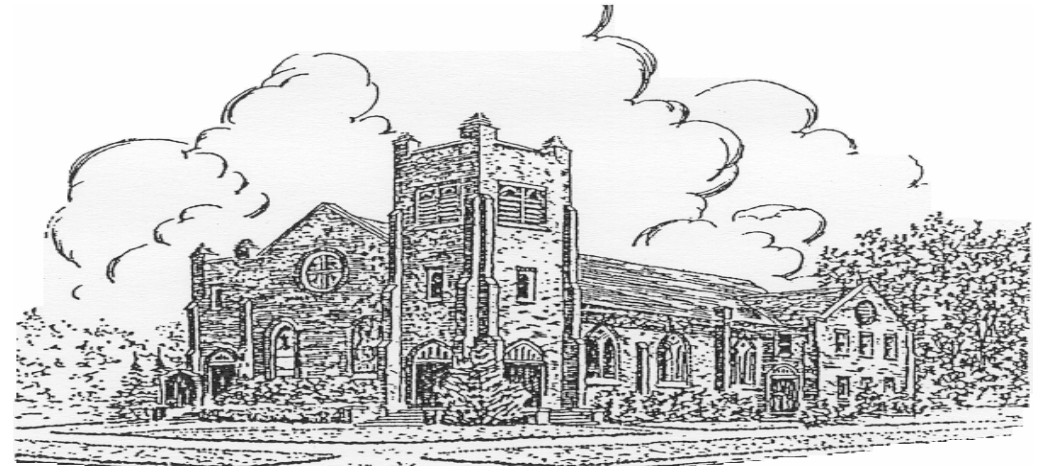
LIVING THE MINISTRY

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

First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia

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Hazlehurst 1st UMC is a
Safe Sanctuary

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

Gift Based Ministries

Children's church volunteer today - Maria Rea

Children's church volunteer next Sunday – Chuck Coleman

USHERS & GREETERS: JoAnn Deas, Brenda Merritt, Vicki Roussert, Sue Woodard

OFFERING STEWARDS: Jim Sewell, Roger Lynn



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.