

The Informer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

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Do you know what your Spiritual gifts are? Have you ever wanted to do more for the Church only to feel frustrated in not knowing what to do? Over the next few months you are going to be given the opportunity to take a spiritual gift test during small group experiences within the church. This is part of the Natural Church Development process as we are working on our Gift Based Ministries during this year. The test will take you a little time – but we ask that you take it seriously and prayerfully as we work on building opportunities for us to learn and use our gifts for the Glory of the Lord. If you do not receive a test you can pick up one in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Shane & Maria Rea and brother Dylan on their new addition. Rylie Brooke Rea was born on 3-20-09, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ozs. Proud grandparents; Phil and Brenda Merritt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Bible School visitation program will be heading out on the road April 22 beginning at 6 pm. If you would like more information or if you know of unchurched in the community that you would like to visit – please see the pastor or contact the church office.

The Young Adult Bible Study got off to a great start and we will be discussing chapter 1 in the book “The God i Don’t Understand” on Thursday, April 16 beginning at 6:30 in the pastor’s office. A nursery is being provided.

House Warming Shower for Alan & Brenda Strawn on Thursday, April 16th from 6 to 8 pm in the fellowship hall.

May calendar dates due into church office by Wednesday, April 22nd.

Let's all plan to go to the **Sub-District Laity Rally** on Thursday, April 23rd at 7 pm at Philadelphia UMC so we can keep the attendance banner we won last time. Our biggest competition is always Philadelphia/Graham charge and this time they will not be able to win it as they are the host.

SAVE THE DATE! May 24th from 2:00-4:00 P.M. for a reception honoring Louis Stackley on his 90th birthday in the Social Hall. We would love to have you join us!

For anyone who may want to send a card to the Rev. Bob Dorsey Family, 1 Dogwood Circle, Valdosta, Ga. 31602



NOTES FROM JEFFERY



Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Tuesday, April 21st at 11:45 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Our special guests will be Rita Lightsey and Kendra Lott of Baxley. Everyone come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy a good time among friends.

A reminder that **Senior Adult Prayer** is each Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the choir room.

There will be no Chancel Choir rehearsal Wednesday, April 22nd. There will be no Handbell rehearsal Sunday, April 19th. Both rehearsals will resume the following week.



For Students and Families



It has certainly been a hectic few months with the progress of the new Student Center. Great news though! It looks like the contractors will be finishing the main work this week and will be doing touch ups/ clean up next week! So it looks like we will be able to begin moving in after the youth return from spring break at Panama City. In anticipation of all of this I want to share with you some dates. Some have been changed because of the building move-in schedule, so refer to these above anything previously sent out:

Friday April 17th: Movie night in the Old Youth Room (Come hang with us if you aren't going to prom)

April 20th-24th: Panama City Beach Trip 7th-12th grade

Saturday April 25th: Moving Party/ Work Day Everyone is invited to help with odd jobs from moving boxes to landscaping.

THANK YOU'S

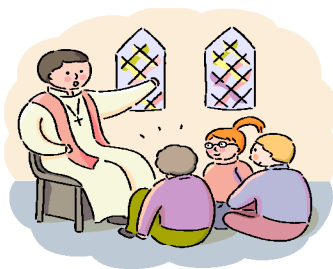
Thank You! Thank You! to Charles Dennard for the wonderful pot rack he made and donated to our kitchen. It is a priceless addition to our kitchen which is utilized by everyone in our church.

Thank You for your kindness and friendship. Your care and concern are greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. My Mother loved all of You.

The Family of Verna Hall
Bill & Gena Heldreth, Troy & Donna White and Families

NEW MEMBERS

Charles Robert Henry, 39 S. Cromartie Street Apt 5, Hazlehurst
Betty and Hubert Matthews, 306 Burkett Ferry Road, Hazlehurst



Children Church Volunteer

- 4-19-09 Lisa Jowers
- 4-26-09 Mildred Sellers
- 5-10-09 Joy Clifton
- 5-17-09 Rhonda Stone
- 5-24-09 Brenda Merritt
- 5-31-09 Roxie Crosby



Sunday Morning Breakfast list

- 4-19-09 Mary Sue Day & Barbara Swain
- 4-26-09 Gina Morris & Debbie Butler
- 5-3-09 Jane Baggett & Lenna Morris
- 5-10-09 Bro. Rodney Porter
- 5-17-09 Mary & Wendel Thomas
- 5-24-09 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 5-31-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, April 17, 2009

OFFICE CLOSED
7:15 am — Promise Keepers

SUNDAY, April 19, 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, April 20, 2009

Spring Break Week begins

TUESDAY, April 21, 2009

11:45 am - Senior Adult Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2009

10:00 am - May Calendar dates due to office
10:30 am - UMW Circle II (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm - Bible Study (Visitation)
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, April 23, 2009

10:00 am - Senior Prayer

FRIDAY, April 24, 2009

OFFICE CLOSED
School Closed, End of Spring Break
7:00 am — Promise Keepers

SATURDAY, April 25, 2009

Tea Party-Ladies 5th grade and below



ASSISTING IN WORSHIP for April, 2009

USHERS: Stanley McCall, Benjamin Porter, Alan Strawn, Jess Woodard
OFFERING STEWARDS: Bayne Stone, Dan Stone

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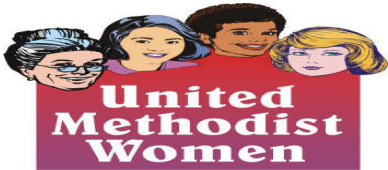
USHERS: Richard Deas, Gerry Hancock, Phil Merritt, Frank Roussert
OFFERING STEWARDS: Gerry Hancock, Chuck Coleman



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 Verna Hall
- To Jimmy & Jackie Lowe
- To Linda McPherson
- To Irene Fivecash
- To Judge Doshie H. Buford
- To Maria Ross



April 19th - UMW District Day Apart, Hagan UMC. Ladies being honored will be Iris Hennessee, Angel Kemp, Jackie Lowe and Elizabeth Sears. Van will leave the church at 1:15 pm. All ladies are welcome.

UMW Meeting:

- Circle I** - Meets Tuesday, April 28th at 7 pm at the home of Lucy Sewell.
- Circle II** - Meets Wednesday, April 22nd at 10:30 am in the church fellowship hall.
- Circle III** - Meets Tuesday, April 28th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall with hostess Louise Spann.
- Circle V** - Meets Monday, April 27th at 7:30 pm at the home of Judy Cole.

May 2nd - District Social Issues - Brooklet UMC - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Contact Mildred Sellers or Melisa Pace if interested in going.

OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Myrt Hancock, Toby Kottke (Donna Faught’s nephew), Modeen Knox, Wautine Powell, Lucille Moore, Margaret Pace, B.B. Wooten, Steve Morris, Rev. Bob Dorsey Family.

OUR PRESENCE

For the month of March, 2009
Sunday School Average.....80
Morning Worship Average134

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the month of March, 2009

General Budget Received — \$26,779.96
General & Special Accounts Received — \$29,545.57
Paid on 2009 Apportionments — \$4,000.00