

**Evening Worship tonight** at 6 pm.

**Holy Week Services** are this week each day at noon.

**No Family Night** in April due to Holy Week Services.

**UMW General Meeting** - Monday, April 6th at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**New Bible Studies:**

**Wednesday, April 1** we started our new bible study on the book of Philippians for **everyone** 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 **Young Adult** study was postponed due to weather, but we will begin on Thursday, **April 9 at 6:30 pm** in the Pastor's office. We're studying the book "The God i Don't Understand" and the cost will be \$15 per couple. A nursery will be provided if necessary.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Next Saturday, April 11th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Heritage Center at the river. Everyone is invited for a picnic lunch, meat and drinks provided. Cake cooking contest.



**INFORMER** news due into church office by 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 14th. INFORMER will be emailed out on Wednesday, April 15th.

**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**

- 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
MEDITATION HYMN	"Jesus Paid It All"	Handbell's
OFFERTORY	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	Handbell's
	Violin-Kaitlyn Roussert	

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
	(There is no Children's Church on Communion Sundays)	

WOMAN AT THE WELL		Pam Harrell
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ANTHEM	"In the Presence of Jehovah"	Chancel Choir
	Soloist-Janice Conley	

†SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 11:1-11	
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SERMON	"Horse Thieves for Jesus"	Rodney Porter
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION:	Word and Table II	12
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†HYMN OF INVITATION	"Here I Am, Lord"	No. 593
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†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

**Sermon**

Your mission - and mine - will lead us into some strange situations. And even though we may not find ourselves being "Horse Thieves for Jesus" - chances are we will find ourselves doing things and saying things we would never have dreamed possible. But make no mistake - we have been called to be a part of the team.

*The Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today by Dan, Rhonda & Duke Stone in Honor of Bayne & Carole Stone's Anniversary*

**Pennies to Pesos**

Total Collected to date: \$753.60  
Total Collected in Pesos: \$11,591.10

**Communion Rail Donations**

Any money left at the Communion rail goes to our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday  
April 5, 2009

PRELUDE "Lift High the Cross" Handbell's  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Conner Coleman, Max Diaz  
PROCESSIONAL OF THE PALMS "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 280  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

God of grace and glory, blessed is your Son, Christ Jesus, and blessed is your holy name. As we bless your name and sing with joy, awaken our ears to hear your word; awaken our hearts to listen for your wisdom. As we rejoice in this day that you have made, help us hear even the hard news of Christ's suffering and death. As we celebrate your presence with palms and praises, guide us to live your teachings, even when the path is painful and difficult. May your presence flow through us and into your world! In the name of your Son, Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen!

†OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 118:14-29 No. 839

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation No. 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Assisting in Communion today - Barbara Swain

Children's church volunteer today - Communion

Children's church volunteer next Sunday – Tricia Wilkes

USHERS & GREETERS: Stanley McCall, Benjamin Porter, Alan Strawn, Jess Woodard

OFFERING STEWARDS: Bayne Stone, Dan Stone



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.