

Family Night tonight at 6 pm. UMW Circle II hosting.

Bible Studies:

Middle/High Students, Sunday afternoon from 5:00 to 5:45 pm in the Old Youth Room.

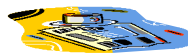
Everyone, Wednesday's at 6:00 pm in the Akin-Bennett Class Room. Studying the book of Philippians.

Young Adult, Thursday's at 6:30 pm in the Pastor's office. A nursery is being provided.

Finance Meeting - Monday, May 18th at 6 pm in church parlor. Members: Richard Deas, Carroll Girtman, Pickett Harrison, Martha Lolley, Jimmy Maley, Shirley Maley, Stanley McCall, Rodney Porter, Dan Stone, Rob Stone and Jess Woodard.

Council Meeting - Monday, May 18th at 7 pm in choir room. Members: Chuck Coleman, Megan Davenport, Richard Deas, Buck Elder, Pickett Harrison, Benny Joyner, Martha Lolley, Jimmy Maley, Elaine McCall, Stanley McCall, Jared Middleton, Rodney Porter, Angie Sellers, Mildred Sellers, Shirley Smith, Jeffery Spell, Dan Stone, Rhonda Stone, Alan Strawn, Barbara Swain, Joe Swain, Patricia Wilkes and Jay Woodard.

Our monthly **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Tuesday, May 19th at 11:45 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Our special guest will be Rev. Paul Smith the new Pastor at Satilla Freewill Baptist Church. Everyone come and bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy being among friends.



INFORMER news due into the church office by 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 19th. INFORMER will be emailed out on Wednesday, May 20th.

May 31st we will be taking the church van to Statesboro for a reception to honor Jimmy and Susan Cason who have been our District Superintendent family for the last 7 years. The van will leave at 2 pm for those interested in attending. Or you can travel by yourself. The event will take place at Statesboro 1st UMC from 3-5 pm. If you would like to donate monies for his good bye gift you can go by the church office or mark your check "Cason."

DVD's of the Holy Week services are available in the church office for anyone who may want to watch these services.

Sunday Morning Breakfast List

- 5-24-09 Anonymous Breakfast Givers
- 5-31-09 Anonymous Breakfast Givers



2009 Flower Calendar—If you would like to sign up for a particular Sunday, please fill out the form and put in offering plate or call church office at 375-4555. Sunday's available for May, June & August. 5-31, 6-7, 6-14, 6-28, 8-2, 8-9, 8-16, 8-23 & 8-30.

Sunday _____
 Given by _____
 In Honor _____
 In Memory _____

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

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| CHORAL RESPONSE | "Amen" | Chancel Choir |
| HYMN OF PREPARATION | "Near to the Heart of God" | No. 472 |
| OFFERTORY | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | Janice Cole |
| | Organ Solo | |

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 Chancel Choir
"He Grew the Tree"
Soloist: Dr. Neal Lovett

†SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 15:4-7, 13

SERMON Rodney Porter
"Endurance Brings Hope and Encouragement Brings Unity"

†HYMN OF INVITATION No. 462
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

Sermon

Simple endurance is not always a bad thing. A large portion of life is endurance. Not letting the little things get us down – not letting ourselves get too sidetracked – or worse yet, quit – because we get frustrated or angry.

*The Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today
by Conrad & Tammy,
in Honor of Aaron Conner's Graduation*

*Called By Name Candle is burning today in Honor of the new birth of
Justin Wayne Ates Jr. born on May 13th, Susie & John Reed's Grandson.*

Pennies to Pesos
Total Collected to date: \$753.60
Total Collected in Pesos: \$11591.10

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

PRELUDE "This Is the Day" Orchestra
 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Conner Coleman, Max Diaz
 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Faithful, loving God, be with us now. We have gathered to bring you our thanks and praise. We have come to learn your ways of love. You have called us to keep your commandments and to love as you love. You have chosen us to bear fruit in your holy name. Faithful, loving God, help us remember that our words and actions matter in this world. Guide us to witness to your ways. Lead us to be instruments of your love. With all that we say and do, may our lives resound with songs of joy to you! Amen.

†PRAISE CHORUS "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" CONGREGATION
 Lord, I lift Your Name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your Praises. I'm so glad You're in my life: I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth To show the way, From the earth to the cross My debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high. (CLLI-1134089)

†OPENING HYMN "Standing on the Promises" No. 374
 †RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 98 No. 818
 †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed No. 881

Leader: Let us unite together this historic confession of our Christian faith.

All: 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's church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

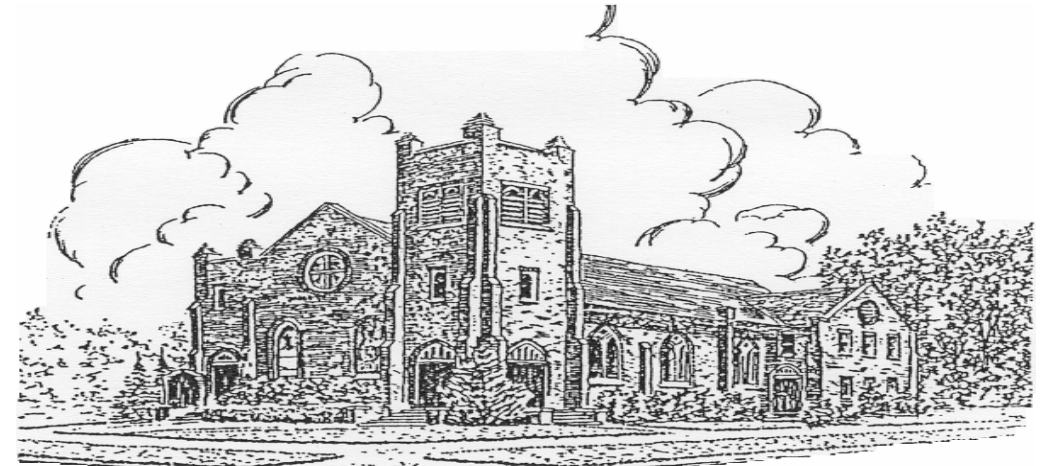
†GLORIA PATRI No. 70
 Glory be to the Father/and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost/as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be/world without end. Amen.

LIVING THE MINISTRY A Celebration of our High School Graduates

Have you welcomed a visitor today?

First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia

Services available on web site: www.hazlehurstmethodist.org



Hazlehurst 1st UMC is a
Safe Sanctuary

Our Church Staff

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| Ministers-Congregation | Organist-Janice Cole |
| Minister of Music & Senior Adults -Jeffery Spell | Custodian-Elaine McCall |
| Minister to Students and Families -Jared Middleton | Nursery-Chrystal Faught |
| Office Manager-Martha Lolley | Pastor-Rodney Porter |

Gift Based Ministries

Children's church volunteer today - Rhonda Stone
Children's church volunteer next Sunday – Brenda Merritt

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



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.