

**Evening Worship tonight** at 6 pm.

**Today** from 2:00-4:00 P.M. there will be a reception honoring Louis Stackley on his 90th birthday in the Social Hall. We would love to have you join us!

**Vision Meeting** today at 4:30 pm in the pastor’s office. Members: Janice Conley, Megan Davenport, JoAnn Deas, Buck Elder, Roger Lynn, Stanley McCall, Jared Middleton, Rodney Porter, Maria Rea, Ronald Rhodes, Jeffery Spell and Carole Stone.

**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 Philipians.

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

**UMW Meetings:**

**Circle I** - Meets Tuesday, May 26th at 7 pm at the home of Elaine McCall.

**Circle II** - Meets Wednesday, May 27th at 10:30 am in the church fellowship hall.

**Circle III** - Meets Tuesday, May 26th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall with hostess Carolyn Fountain.

**Circle V** - Meets Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 pm at the home of Tricia Wilkes and **not** on the regularly scheduled Monday night which is Memorial Day.

**General UMW Meeting** - Monday, June 1st at 7 pm in the social hall.

**June calendar dates** due into church office by noon on Wednesday, May 27th.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.”

There will be a **service of healing** on Thursday, June 4 beginning at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**VBS** will be **June 7th - 11th** this year from 6 pm-8:30 pm come join us at the Crocodile Dock. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jared at the church office.

**Scholarship Applications** are available in the church office through June 30.

**Sunday Morning Breakfast List**

- 5-24-09 Anonymous Breakfast Givers
- 5-31-09 Anonymous Breakfast Givers
- 6-7-09 Steve & Mildred Sellers
- 6-14-09 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport



CHORAL RESPONSE	“Amen”	Chancel Choir
SPECIAL MUSIC		Kingdom Kid’s
OFFERTORY		Dr. Neal Lovett
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING		
†DOXOLOGY		
<i>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</i>		
CHILDREN’S SERMON		Mary Hulett
(After Children’s Sermon is over, preschool through 4th grade is dismissed for Children’s Church).		
ANTHEM	“Glory to His Name”	Chancel Choir
†SCRIPTURE LESSON	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	
SERMON	“Your Witness to the World”	Rodney Porter
†HYMN OF INVITATION	“Here I Am, Lord”	No. 593
†BENEDICTION		
†POSTLUDE		
†(If able, please stand)		

**Sermon**

- 1 – Where to Place our Faith!
- 2 – Proclaiming the Wisdom of God!
- 3 – Gifts of the Spirit and the Example of Christ

*The Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in Honor of Those Who Served our Country*

*Called By Name Candles are burning today in Honor of the following:  
Birth of Andrew McLean Wilkes III on May 6th,  
son of Drew and Adria Wilkes and grandson of Tricia and E.M. Wilkes.  
In honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of James and Merle Brewer on May 16th.*

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

7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 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)

**Almighty God, through Jesus Christ, you revealed to us a power that has no parallel. May the eyes of our heart be enlightened to this power and all it has done in our lives. Pour out your Spirit of power upon us, that we may proclaim your glory and your grace. Amen.**

†PRAISE CHORUS "Sing Unto the Lord" CONGREGATION  
**Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. (Repeat)**  
**For God is great and greatly to be praised. God is great and greatly to be praised! O sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord all the earth. (CLLI-1134089)**

†OPENING HYMN "Onward, Christian Soldiers" No. 575  
†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 1 No. 738  
†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 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.*

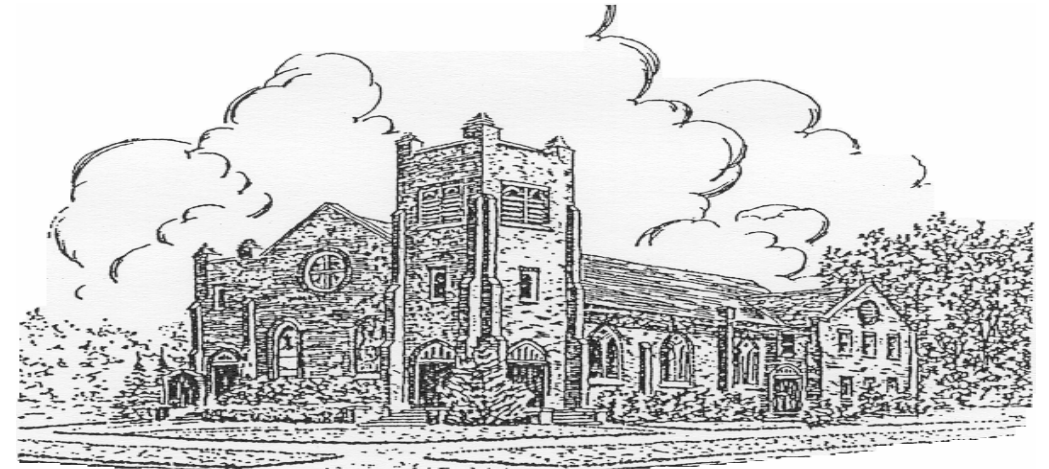
LIVING THE MINISTRY

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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## Our Church Staff

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.