

## Evening Worship – 6 pm

**Family Night Supper** - Sunday, January 13th at 6 pm in the social hall. UMW Circle 2 will be hosting.

### Christian Ladies Fellowship

Christian Ladies Fellowship luncheon meets Tuesday, January 8th at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church. Speaker is Debbie Mercer and music will be provided by Natalie Beal. All ladies are invited to attend.

**INFORMER** for January will be mailed out on Wednesday, January 16th. If you have any news or announcements, get it to the office by 10:00 am Tuesday morning.

### Meetings

UMM	Tuesday, January 8th	7 pm	Fellowship Hall
Finance	Monday, January 21st	6 pm	Parlor
Council	Monday, January 21st	7 pm	Choir Room

**Chancel Choir** resumes rehearsal on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:15 pm.

**Handbell Team** resumes rehearsal on Sunday, January 20th at 4:00 pm.

### Sunday Morning Breakfast list

1-13	Gina Morris & Debbie Butler
1-20	Jane, Lenna & Fonda
1-27	Frank Roussert



### Wednesday Night Children's Program

Need volunteers for the Wednesday night Children's program. If you can help out on Wednesday's call Jared Middleton at 375-4555.



**2008 Flower Calendar**—If you would like a particular Sunday, please fill out the form and put in offering plate or call church office at 375-4555.

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 glory forever. Amen.*

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow/Praise Him all Creatures here below/Praise Him above ye heavenly host/Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

SOLO Kim Porter

†SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

SERMON "Starry Eyed Christians" Rodney Porter

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION: Word and Table II 12

†HYMN OF INVITATION "Nothing but the Blood" No. 362

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

### Sermon

- 1 – Keep the stars in your eyes when you look at yourself
- 2 – Keep the stars in your eyes when you look at the past
- 3 – Keep the stars in your eyes when you look at the Church
- 4 – Keep the stars in your eyes when you look at each other and the problems of the world.

**USHERS:** Mary Sue Day, Richard Deas, Matthew Morris, Frank Roussert

**OFFERING STEWARDS:** Carroll Girtman, Buddy Spann

**Have you welcomed a visitor today?**

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2008

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

**God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness.**

**Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free! May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives! Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN "Come Christians, Join to Sing" No. 158

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 72:1-17 No. 795

†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

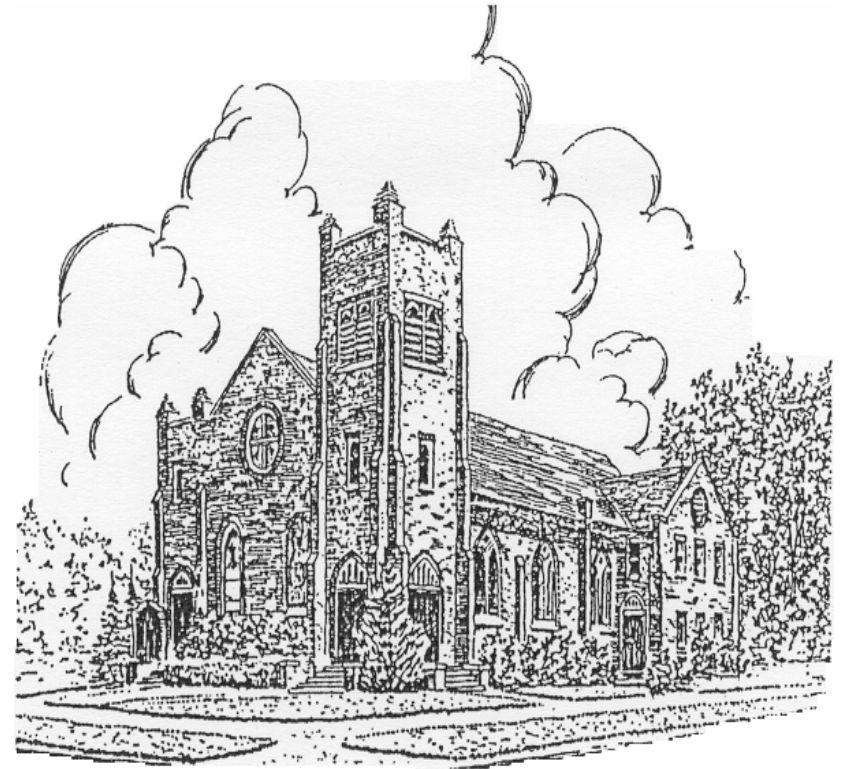
*Glory be to the Father/and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost/as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be/world without end. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mary Hulett  
(There is no Children's Church on Communion Sundays)

LIVING THE MINISTRY


**Children's church volunteer today-** Communion  
**Children's church volunteer next Sunday-** Maria Rea

# First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia



### 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-Jessica Miller
Office Manager-Martha Lolley	Pastor-Rodney Porter



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.