

Evening Worship tonight at 6 pm.

Mexico Mission Trip meeting will be Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Graduation Sunday

Will be Sunday, May 18th. Senior's that we will be honored that Sunday are: **Olivia Crosby, Sarah Maley, Lauren Matthews, Matthew Morris & Tu Tran.**

Forever Young

Meets, Thursday, May 1st at 5:30 pm in the church parking lot to leave for Sarah Restaurant in Baxley.

UMW Meetings

UWM Circle 1 - Meets Tuesday, April 29th in the home of Lucy Sewell at 7 pm.

UWM Circle 5 - Meets Monday, April 28th at 7:30 pm in home of Barbara Swain.

Upper Room/Christian Reader for May-June are in the Vestibules. Please pick up a copy as you leave.

Sunday Morning Breakfast list

5-4 Steve & Mildred Sellers
5-11 Stanley & Elaine McCall
5-18 Melisa Pace & Megan Davenport
5-25 Jared Middleton & Alan Strawn



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. Available dates for May, June & July. 5-4, 6-1, 6-29, 7-13, 7-20 & 7-27.

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

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen" Chancel Choir

SOLO "For Those Tears I Died" Mary Hulett

OFFERTORY "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" Karen Ryles

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 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" Chancel Choir

†SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-31

SERMON "Why I Belong to the Church" Rodney Porter

†HYMN OF INVITATION "The Church's One Foundation" No. 545
Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

†(If able, please stand)

Sermon

- 1 – I belong to the church because I haven't yet reached perfection.
- 2 – I belong to the church because of the impact it can make on my life and the life of others.
- 3 – I belong to the church because I have an obligation to repay the debts to all those who came before me.
- 4 – I belong to the church because people are offered new beginnings.
- 5 – I belong to the church because of hope.
- 6 – I belong to the church because of the people in it who need reinforcing
- 7 – I belong to the church so that I can belong.

USHERS: Jane Elder, Rhonda Stone, Barbara Swain, Patricia Wilkes

OFFERING STEWARDS: Bayne Stone, Dan Stone

HAZLEHURST FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2008

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jared Middleton

†CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Search here for God. Grope for truth. But rest assured that even as we search, grope, grasp, wander and wonder God is with us, within us, and for us. God is not far away. No, God is as close to us as our very breath. For in Christ, who is God with us, we live and move and have our being. Because Christ lives, we also live. Because God loves, we also love. Amen.

†PRAISE CHORUS "Sanctuary" CONGREGATION

**Lord, prepare me...to be a sanctuary pure and holy...tried and true
With thanksgiving...I'll be a living sanctuary...for you.**

†OPENING HYMN "There's Within My Heart a Melody" No. 380

†RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 66:8-20 No. 790

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed No. 881

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

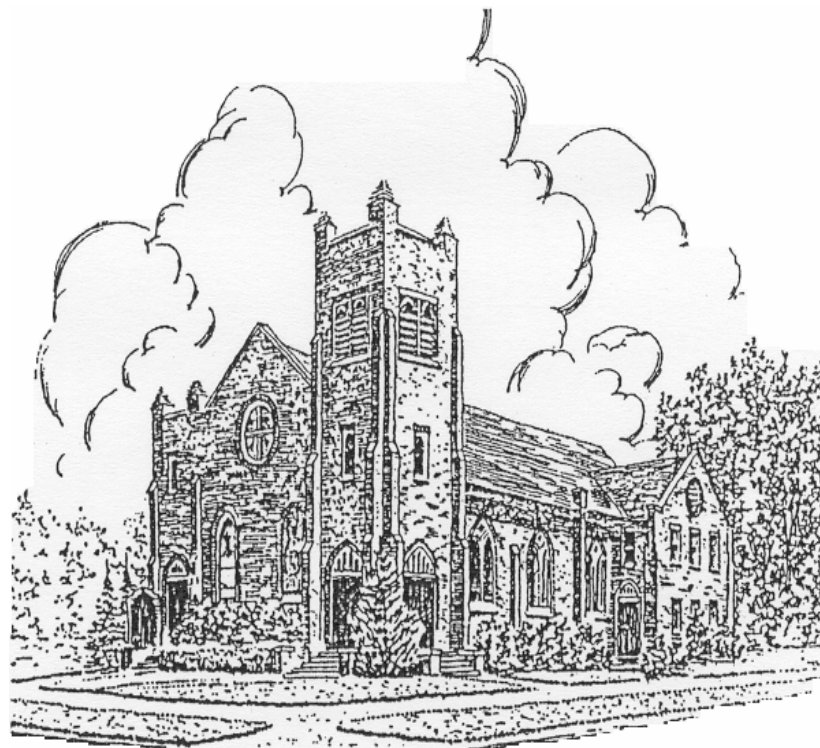
Have you welcomed a visitor today?

Children's church volunteer today - Tricia Wilkes

Children's church volunteer next Sunday - Communion

**Pennies to Pesos
Total Collected: \$464.42
Total Pesos: \$4858.06**

First United Methodist Church Hazlehurst, Georgia



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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.