

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, January 18, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED

6:45 am — Promise Keepers

SUNDAY, January 20, 2008

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship

6:00 pm — Evening Worship

MONDAY, January 21, 2008

6 pm — Finance (Parlor)

7 pm — Council (Choir Room)

TUESDAY, January 22, 2008

9:30 am — UMW Circle 3 (Social Hall), (Eleanor Faust)

5 pm — UMW Circle 2 (Social Hall)

WEDNESDAY, January 23, 2008

10:00 am - Calendar dates due for February

6:00 pm - Children's Program

6:45 pm - All Youth

7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 24, 2008

10:00 pm - Senior Prayer (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, January 25, 2008

OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, January 27, 2008

9:45 am — Sunday School

11:00 am — Morning Worship

6:00 pm — Evening Worship

MONDAY, January 28, 2008

7:30 pm — UMW Circle 5 (Pam Harrell)

TUESDAY, January 29, 2008

10 am - 3 pm — UMW Mission Study (Statesboro/Pittman Park)

7 pm — UMW Circle 1 (Carla Coleman)

Meetings:

Finance	Monday, January 21st	6 pm	Parlor
Council	Monday, January 21st	7 pm	Choir room

UMW Meetings

UWM Circle 1 - Meets Tuesday, January 29th at the home of Carla Coleman at 7 pm.

UMW Circle 2 - Meets Tuesday, January 22nd at 5 pm in church social hall.

UMW Circle 3 - Meets Tuesday, January 22nd at 9:30 am in the church social hall with hostess Eleanor Faust.

UMW Circle 5 - Meets Monday, January 28th at 7:30 pm in home of Pam Harrell.

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The Informer
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZLEHURST, GA

Wednesday, January 15, 2008



Who are we?

We are congregations in south Georgia who meet 3 times a year for laity rallies.

What do we do at the rally?

At the rally we share a meal provided by the host church (cost is \$4.00), have a business session and enjoy a variety of programs which are also arranged by the host church.

We always take up an offering for needs both near and far away.

Sub District Laity – January 24, 7 P.M.
Melton's Chapel United Methodist Church
Van leaves the parking lot at 6:15 P.M.

OUR PRAYERS

Please Pray For: Rev. Hamp Watson, Barbara Pace Carter, Ruby Antwine (Lynn Spell's Mother), Walter & Ruby Jo Hinson, Gravin Vickens, Wilbur Walker.

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, January 13, 2008

Sunday School.....86
Morning Worship126

OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP REPORT For the week January 13, 2008

General Budget Received — \$2,833.00
General & Special Accounts Received — \$3,242.00
Total Paid on 2007 Apportionments — \$38,346.00

LIVING MEMORIALS

To Jimmy Lowe by Gerald & Jeannine Smith, Jimmy & Shirley Maley, Buddy & Louise Spann, Ollie Wilson, Marilyn Sayles, E.M. & Patricia Wilkes, Joe & Barbara Swain.

To Bickie Malacalan by Carroll & Gloria Girtman, Marilyn Sayles.

To Minnie Ruth Smith by Carroll & Gloria Girtman, Modeen Knox, Marilyn Sayles.

To Thelma Tillman by Stanford & Barbara Tillman, Jimmy & Shirley Maley.

To Wayne "Toots" Powell by Anne Owens.

To Louise Ryle by Virginia Mills, Buck & Jane Elder, Joe & Barbara Swain.

To Lanell Claxton by Virginia Mills, Marilyn Sayles, Joe & Barbara Swain.

To Hiley McNeal by Marilyn Sayles, Joe & Barbara Swain. .

To Edith Doran by B.B. & Margaret Wooten.

To Rowena Buford by Buddy & Louise Spann.

To Holley Hobbs by B.B. & Margaret Wooten.

To Marlene Hand by Joe & Barbara Swain.

To Helen Swain by Joe & Barbara Swain.

To Rudolph Kelly by Joe & Barbara Swain.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP January, 2008

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

OFFERING STEWARDS: Carroll Girtman, Buddy Spann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2007 Apportionments

We would like to offer a special thank you to the entire congregation as we announce that Hazlehurst FUMC paid 100 % of our apportionments this year. There are ministries all over the nation and world that depend on this money and we are thankful that our church has a heart for missions as we continue to give to our Conference askings.

Special Service

Our District Superintendent, Jimmy Cason, will be preaching during the morning worship service on January 27.

UMM Valentine's Banquet

The UMM will once again be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Banquet. It will be held Thursday, February 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Jeffery is planning a great program and the meal will be steak, potato and grilled onion. The cost for the event is \$30 per couple and you can begin signing up now by contacting the church office or placing your check in the offering plate marked "Valentine's Banquet."



Children Church Volunteers

1-20 Chuck Coleman
1-27 Tricia Wilkes
2-3 Communion
2-10 Lisa Jowers

Sunday Morning Breakfast list

1-20 Jane, Lenna & Fonda
1-27 Frank Roussert
2-3 Wendel & Mary Thomas
2-10 Steve & Mildred Sellers



Notes from Jared

The Untouchables Sunday School class will be beginning a book study! We will be using Brennan Manning's *The Ragamuffin Gospel*. If you are not involved in a Sunday Class then we would love to see you here this Sunday as we begin this exciting study! We have a few extra copies or you can bring your own.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chuck and Carla Coleman on their new addition. Ava Caroline Coleman was born on January 9th, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ozs., 20 1/2 inches long.

NOTES FROM JEFFERY

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity extended to Lynn and me in attending the music conference in Orlando, Florida last week. It was very refreshing to enjoy some of the music presented by other choirs and musical groups...in addition to seeing firsthand available church music and musicals for the coming year.

*Weekly rehearsals resume for:

Chancel Choir - Wednesday, Jan. 16th @ 7:15 P.M.

Handbell Team - Sunday, Jan. 20th @ 4:00 P.M.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming rehearsals.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of the Church members for their prayers, acts of kindness, comfort, and words of condolence during this difficult time. Jimmy was very fortunate to have known each of you and he was very thankful to have been a member of the Church family. During his illness he took great comfort from the many visits, prayers, generosity, and support each of you offered. He truly loved being a member of the Garrett-Lynn Sunday School Class, attending the Sunday morning services and especially enjoyed the many beautiful offerings of the choir.

To the Garrett-Lynn Sunday School class, thank you for serving as Honorary Pall bearers during the services. We would also like to thank the members of the Church Choir for their contribution to the service; the choir always held a special place in Jimmy's heart. And to Brother Jeffery, there are no words that can truly express our gratitude for the beautiful testament of Jimmy's life that you presented during the service. The selection of the music, the prayer, and the graveside service was very touching and special for all of us.

To Brother Rodney and Brother Jeffery we would like to extend a special thank you. During this sad and difficult time we have found comfort in the devotion you have shown our family. During the worst of times we always knew you would be there with us offering your support and encouraging words of prayer. Your presence meant more than words could possibly express.

It has been very difficult for us coping with the loss of Jimmy but we know that he is in a better place, free of pain and suffering. We have found much comfort knowing how many of you share our beautiful memories of the life that Jimmy lived. The love, support, and sorrow each of you shared with us are a true testament to the legacy Jimmy has left behind.

Thank you for everything each of you has done for our family during this most difficult and sad time

Love,
Jackie Lowe & Family