

Hiawassee United Methodist Church



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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY:
9:00 a.m. Prayer
9:30 a.m. Integrative Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

WEDNESDAY:
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice



Our Mission:

*Worship Jesus Christ;
Grow as Disciples;
Serve Others*

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Let Us Pray!

There is a lot going on in our world today! Or maybe it just seems like a lot because we have so much information in our faces every day. With the entire world's information funneling into our personal computers each day, most of us just try to keep up. I have tried to keep up with the entire world's information and have quickly realized that the result is being overwhelmed and stressed out. Staying on top of the information is not the answer to a successful or happy life. It is impossible to keep up! Many Christians follow the ways of the world and wonder why our lives seem empty and unfulfilled. Maybe our answer is not in the collection of information, but in daily conversations we keep missing. Have you prayed today?

As the Bible teaches us to pray, we see at least 4 areas to focus on in prayer. Many people know this model from the acronym ACTS. If you can remember the word ACTS, then you can remember how to spend time with God in prayer. Let me share these 4 points with you using a Scripture reference for each one:

Adoration: When Jesus taught his disciples to pray in Matthew 6, he began by saying, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed is your name." These are words of adoration for God because Jesus is acknowledging that God's name is Holy and is to be magnified and glorified. You can spend time adoring God too by just telling God how wonderful He is to you. As you do, your attitude toward prayer will begin to conform to God's will.

Confession: As we continue to pray we want to spend time confessing our shortcomings to God. He already knows, but we need to know what we have done wrong and acknowledge that before God if we are to have a right relationship with God. Denying or excusing sin only builds a wall between us, God, and others. 1 John 1:9 says, "But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

Thanksgiving: During our prayer time, we want to give thanks to God. This acknowledges that God deserves our thanks and praise because all good comes from God. We move from being selfish and boastful to recognizing that God deserves all the credit. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Supplication: Through our prayer time we also share the needs of others and our own needs with God. The Bible tells us that God already knows our needs before we ask, but we are to continue to ask anyway. As we intercede for others and talk to God about our own needs, God can change our attitude concerning those needs and maybe even show us how we can be involved in the solution of meeting some of the needs. Philippians 4:6 says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

If you haven't spent time with God in prayer today, take some time now. You can use the model above to get started. After that, just let go and let yourself have a real conversation with the only God that loves you more than you will understand.

Keep Praying,

Sam

Pastor Sam



From Our Director of Music & Worship: Hope Horkavy



HYMNSTORY: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

In October of 1517, Doctor Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenburg Church as discussion points concerning the corruption within the church. Eventually he was excommunicated from the Roman church, but the Lord used Luther's faithfulness to further His kingdom. This month we celebrate 500 years of **Protestant Reformation**.

Among the many things that Luther accomplished was a translation of the Bible into German. That, combined with the new technology of the printing press, enabled regular people to read the Word of God for the very first time ever.

Luther once wrote: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits ... A person who ... does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God ... does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs."

Along with reformation, Luther worked on restoration of worship. He wrote and taught songs for all to sing and encouraged musicians, reviving congregational singing.

Luther's most famous hymn is **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**, based on Psalm 46. It reminds us of our intense struggle with the evil one;

but **GOD'S KINGDOM IS FOREVER!**



Ministry Fair

October 29th Ministry Fair 10:45 AM

We will celebrate the ministries of the church! Great chance to learn how to get involved in our different ministries!

Heads of ministries, please start thinking about how your group can be a part of this important day.



AUDIO-VISUAL Team

OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

	COMPUTER	MIXER
Oct 1	Preston Perren	Mike Henderson
Oct 8	Peggy Jones	Mike Jones
Oct 15	Preston Perren	Tommy Kirchner
Oct 22	Aaron Hamby	James Fagin
Oct 29	Aaron Hamby	Tommy Kirchner

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Ein Feste Burg)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe-
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He-
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear! for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him-
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little Word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, to this mortal life also-
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever!



You're Invited!

SINGLE LADIES

GATHERING

Friday, October 6th, 6 pm to 8 pm
Fellowship Hall
Bring a "sack supper" with you!

New and Improved WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running. Check it out!



www.hiawasseumc.org



It's time to get out the chili pots! The HUMM sponsored **Chili Supper** is scheduled for **Friday, 11/10**. Please sign up as to how you can help (forms at the Welcome Desk).

Orders are now being taken for **Pecans & Peanuts**. They are the same price as last year, \$11 per pound. To order, contact Ron Miller, Conley Carter or Howard Watkins.

Operation Christmas Child Campaign begins Sunday, Oct. 8th.

Pick up your shoebox after the Fellowship Luncheon. Packing instructions are in the box. Return your packed shoebox to the church by Nov. 12th and don't forget to include \$9. for the cost of shipping. If you have any questions, contact Pat Lee.



This month's quiz is on Luke, the third of the so called synoptic gospels. Luke was apparently born in Antioch based upon his numerous mentions of this city, but he later adopted Phillipi as his home, remaining behind to shepherd the young church while Paul went on to Corinth. Paul identified Luke as a physician and tradition identifies him as a Gentile - most likely a Greek.

1. True or false. Luke contains the most text of all the gospels.
2. Name the other book written by Luke ----- and name the book that follows Luke-----.
3. In Luke 13, Jesus calls Herod a -----.
4. True or False: The thief on the cross is pardoned only in Luke's gospel.
5. True or false: The Emmaus Road incident appears only in Luke.

Bonus: The Sermon on the mount, found in Matthew 5, has a parallel sermon in Luke 6. It is called The Sermon on the _____.

Moving Forward: Pastor Sam recapped the direction we are looking at as we seek God's will for us. We are exploring the possibility of having a Saturday night service - a few are meeting to continue this discussion. Starting small group home Bible Studies, and encouraging our becoming involved in mentoring programs along with other ideas.

Finance: **Celebration Sunday** is for our **Pledge Campaign on October 1st** - **bring** your **Stewardship Pledge Card**. Dawn Lamade has agreed to become the Chairman of the Finance Committee and we thank you, Dawn, for your commitment. See the article on Finance for all details - **THANK YOU** for your **Faithfulness to the ministry of your church**. The Audit Committee completed the 2016 audit on September 12, 2017 and reported that the Treasurer's report, balance sheets, bank statements, and all funds were found to be handled in a very professional manner. **THANKS Finance team!**

Happenings on the Hill

This Month at HUMC

- 10/1 World Communion Sunday
- 10/1 Celebration Sunday
- 10/1 @ 4 pm -Charge Conference
- 10/6 @ 6 pm -Single Ladies
- 10/8 @ noon -Fellowship Luncheon
- 10/8 Kickoff for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- 10/11 @ 2 pm -Worship Meeting
- 10/18 @ 2 pm -Finance Meeting
- 10/19 @ 2 pm -Admin Council Meeting
- 10/21 @ 9 am -UMM Breakfast
- 10/29 Ministry Fair
- 10/31 Halloween



Administrative Council ...Tom Ramsey



Laura Hamby was our featured speaker as she shared how she and Sam met at college and a year and half later he felt the call to ministry. Today, she leads a Home School group of 27 families and many more kids. The original plan was not to be a home schooling teacher; however God had a different plan which turned out to be the best for the Hamby family. It was also a great fit with her gift of administration and hospitality with all of the organization and planning needed. She is the encourager and grounder, who keeps the family focused on the important things that need to be done, while also supporting Sam's ministry in many areas and especially when he needs to be gone to support a need to our church membership. Laura is **very appreciative** for the love and nurturing from our congregation.

Trustees: Bill Scoggins submitted a report stating that the budget for 2018 would remain the same as this year: \$37,389.

With the aging of our facility and equipment and the potential for more breakdowns and repairs; we are keeping the same budget but adjusting some of our dollars from one category to another. We are still looking for a company that has adequate insurance and the proper equipment to pressure wash the steeple. **The CPR Course for September 30th** has been cancelled due to a conflict in the instructors schedule - we will notify you of a new date as soon as possible.

Lay Leader: Dale Gardner and Bob Savage will be **looking to start a new outreach program** to our community. They are just starting to brainstorm ideas and could use your assistance. We are considering opening up our doors earlier in the day or evening for people to come in and pray, talk, have a bible study, or just find out how we could assist and support. Give them a call to share your ideas as they continue to plan for this new ministry.

PPR: Irene Kirchner reported that goal setting and staff salaries will be discussed at their next meeting.

Worship: October 1st is Celebration Sunday and World Communion Sunday and on October 29th Reformation Sunday - the 500 year Celebration. Thanks to those who agreed to help with Ushering - see Bill Scoggins if you can help. See Wanda Gray to join the Greeting Team. We can always use ushers and greeters. It's a GREAT way to meet new people.

Ladies Supper Ministry: Hope Horkavy announced that this program will now become a monthly ministry. It will be the first Friday of the month. It's for all women who are in the **single** season of their lives! It's a light meal, encouragement, and a video presentation. Contact Hope to reserve a place at the table and fellowship with others.

Remember: "He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it" 1 Thes 5:24 NKJ



Open letter to all at Hiawassee United Methodist Church

Our Mission.....
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You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching us unaware of the passing years. It seems like just yesterday that I was young, newly married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But here it is, going out is good but coming home is better! You realize you are never going to be good at golf and what used to be freckles are now liver spots.

Where do we go from there, or is it here? We at HUMC have many good thoughts on how we can help overcome some of these rushing thoughts.

We can help you put your affairs in order, with suggestions, and in many situations actually get it done with you.

Questions:

- ◆ Do you have a will? Have you thought of your children, your church, the state?
- ◆ Do you have investments, where, and instructions on how they should be cared for?
- ◆ Do you understand how your IRA'S work, i.e. when and how to take those dollars?
- ◆ Do you know how to take all the Tax Advantages possible on you tax returns?
- ◆ Do you know about donating appreciated stocks creating double benefits for you?

These are just some of the thoughts that rush through our brains from time to time, and you know what, we all have them and we all seem to procrastinate putting together a plan.

Would you like to have a professional from the GA United Methodist Church Foundation come and discuss this in an open forum at our church? Explaining clearly in English, something we can all understand?

If that even sparks a single yes, please respond to this letter. Drop a "yes" to it in Sunday's offering plate, call the church office with a "yes" (706-896-2818), send an email (humc@hiawasseeumc.org), just let us know.

We are trying to remove some of the burdens we all face in our later years.

Please remember our mission is to;

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May God bless you and We Thank You!

The Finance Committee



Finance: Joan Whitaker



Financial Report as of September 16, 2017 Year to Date Figures

General Budget Income	\$ 155,797
Debt Retirement/Mortgage Income	64,050
Total Budget Income	\$ 219,847

General Budget Expenses	\$ 142,974
Debt Retirement/Mortgage Expense	56,355
Total Budget Expenses	\$ 199,329

Present Net Gain \$ 20,518

Outstanding bills to pay in September:	
(General Expenses)	\$ 2,650
(Mortgage Payment)	3,851

Still in a Positive/Net Gain status as of 9/16 (year to date) with one more Sunday of tithes and offerings.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER

- We continue to be in a Positive/Net Gain position year to date.
- We still have more than 7 mortgage payments in our debt retirement account with increased giving to the Mortgage this past month.
- The balance in our General Checking Account is \$27,494.97 and the balance in our Debt Retirement/Mortgage Account is \$27,853.
- No unusual expenses were noted for the month.
- Our Conference Offering to UMCOR for hurricane relief totaled \$2,700.



Library News: Dawn Lamade



The HUMC library has a number of titles directed specifically to men. Included among these are the following:

Quiet Strength, by Tony Dungy. (Biography)

Things We Wish We Had Said, by Tony Campolo. (Biography)

What Makes a Man? by Bill McCartney (Family and Relationships Issues)

Get Real; a Spiritual Journey for Men, by Derek Maul. (Family and Relationships Issues)

Please check out your book or movie and leave the card, found in the back of the book or movie, in the box in the library on the shelf near the return box. This gives us an opportunity to find out what is being used and we can send you a gentle reminder if you have forgotten to return a book or movie.

A listing of titles in the library is now available online. Go to our website for a direct link under "News."

Book listings can be found at <http://cloud.collectorz.com/HUMC/books>

DVD and video listings can be found at <http://cloud.collectorz.com/HUMC/movies>



From Our Lay Leader: Dale Gardner



This month I will be discussing the spiritual meaning of the number 12, and this will conclude our discussion of the spiritually significant numbers 3, 7, 10 and 12.

Twelve, and multiples of twelve, seem to play a significant role in the Bible and seem to indicate that twelve is a very important number to God. The biblical twelve signifies what is finished or completed - a harmonious perfect entity. It is an expression of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) to the four "bends of the earth" (north, south, east, west) or 3 x 4 (the heavenly number and the earthly number). Without exception, the biblical number 12 is used to show completeness and or perfection. For example, there were 12 tribes of Israel signifying the completeness of the nation. There is not space to list all the times twelve is used along with the significance of each example but, here are a few:

- ◆ Jesus chose 12 disciples (later apostles) and when Judas betrayed Him, he was replaced. The number was brought back to 12.
- ◆ The high priest's breastplate had 12 precious stones embedded in it and the foundation of New Jerusalem has 12 precious stones.
- ◆ In Joshua 4:3, 12 men laid 12 stones as a monument to the Lord.
- ◆ There are 12 minor prophets in the Old Testament and 12 historical books.
- ◆ Rev. 7 , 12,000 men from each of the 12 tribes, that is 144,000 will be witnesses near the end of the present world.
- ◆ New Jerusalem has 12 gates of pearl, manned by 12 angels and named after the 12 tribes of Israel.

There are, of course, many other instances involving the number 12, you probably can think of at least one more. Even in today's world 12 seems to have importance: 12 grades in school, 12 step programs, 12 jurors and two 12 o'clocks AM and PM. Those referenced above, I believe, are convincing proof that God prescribed the number 12 to have meaning and purpose among which are governmental authority, completeness, and perfection.



Missions MinistryRobin Broom

There is POWER in the name of JESUS!

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Usually an article about a children's camp would be about children. However, my absolute blessing from this year's Esangalo Camp was the body of believers! I loved working with each different group and individuals from all over the world to make this huge event such a success. **God's power is manifested here on earth when we lay down our lives and work together so they will know HE loves them.**



We had different small teams—one from the United States, one from Germany, and then two from here in Uganda. We had our normal Esangalo team comprised of youth from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania and we also had a "Kitchen Team" who were from right here in Namuwombi. I witnessed so many miracles as they all came together, forgetting themselves, all for the glory of God. I watched members from different tribes, nations, and tongues consider others better than themselves all for the sake of the Gospel. Early on, when planning camp, we prayed and asked God to give us a spirit of unity so that others could see His power and be saved. We know that HE came in **HIS power** (translated—Amaani) and did just this. They knew we were Christians by our love—for one another and for them. And He drew others to Himself ... 454 children to be exact! (And then many adults during our closing ceremony.) As one of our leaders put it, "We know that at least 454 souls were snatched from eternal hell during camp."

And that my friends, is the power of our God!!!

THANK YOU so much for partnering with me to take the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ to the beautiful nation of Uganda!!!
With much love, Robin

Financial Support can be mailed to: **Answer God's Call Ministries**
215 W. Mesa Ave. Gallup, NM 87301
(Please include a note for Robin Broom-Africa)



Jail/Prison MinistryElaine McEver

With all the Prophecies on TV of world and local disasters to come, I found this one on the internet by Jill McKay more encouraging: "I see a world where people will help others to integrate into society (no more jails or prisons) despite their criminal pasts, and where people accept responsibility for the lives of others. I envision a society where crime no longer has a place and then when jails and prisons open up, people will join together in freedom. I see a world where violence and criminal justice is in the past. We will forgive and be gracious." This may seem idealistic but what a great and ideal vision! Because of the new government interest to save money on the cost of housing those who have broken the law, there has been an improvement in sentences for family and health related issues. Judges have seen the need for healing as opposed to someone being locked away.

The rules for Ms. Elaine's house have changed with the hiring of the new house mother. It will now be possible to take women from Family Court as well as Drug Court. Another change would be that there will be strict rules for those who decide to live there. Two of the women that came to us before have made good transitions to their own place while only one went back to jail and ultimately to prison. This one chose prison rather than to go by the rules of Drug Court. It is a matter of choice. We are also pleased to announce that new Board members are helping tune up the legal issues and paper work that has to follow this endeavor.

While visiting the jails in Union, Towns, and Clay County, we have seen some women receive Jesus and some rededicate their lives. I do not worry about follow up because the Holy Spirit is the same "yesterday, today, and forever". Thank you for all your help and encouragement.
.....Ms Elaine



Pastor/Parish Relations.....Irene Kirchner



October is Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month

"Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." 1 Thes. 5:12-13

Throughout the year we have many opportunities to show our gratitude for the outstanding contributions that Pastor Sam, Hope, Betty, Joan and Mary Lee bring to our congregation. October is the month dedicated to taking the opportunity to acknowledge their gifts by showing them not only with our compliments, but through our monetary offerings, how much we appreciate them.

Hope continually demonstrates her gifts and expertise as our Minister of Music by following the Holy Spirit in planning, organizing, leading and supervising worship services with Pastor Sam, the choir, Joan and Mary Lee, the praise band, bell choir, and all musical/audio/video activities of the church. She actively seeks out and creates opportunities to enhance our worship experiences, drawing us into worshipping our Lord. She is very active in reaching out to the community through engaging other community churches in our activities throughout the year.

Betty repeatedly demonstrates her dedication by joyfully providing exemplary support services to Pastor Sam, Hope and others through planning and providing creative ideas and expertise administratively for our worship services, office needs and congregational communication and activities. She is typically the first contact for strangers entering our church building during the week and greets everyone with a big smile and open heart showing her willingness to serve.

Joan and Mary Lee are faithful in providing instrumental support to the musical ministry opportunities in our church including worship, life celebrations, community gatherings and weddings. They are truly masters of their gifts and spend endless hours practicing to serve us.

Pastor Sam and Laura have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord. We have watched them grow individually (and as a family) and they have assisted each one of us in growing closer to our Lord through their examples of humbling themselves for His service. Pastor Sam is truly God's servant answering his call to preach the Gospel and has always made himself available to each of us as needed, often at personal sacrifice.

Here's how we can show them our appreciation. Give them individually a card or letter of encouragement communicating what their service has meant to you, and if you are so led by the Holy Spirit, enclose your offering to them. If you would like for your offering to be part of your annual offerings to HUMC, make a separate check from your tithes to HUMC -designating on a separate piece of paper how you want the offering distributed- and just drop it in the offertory plate on Sunday. **Please do not place designated names on the check itself.** On November 12th we will make a special presentation to these dedicated servants giving them each an envelope with your contributions.

May God continue to bless us through our obedience to his Word at HUMC!

Irene Kirchner, PPR Chairperson



Let mutual love continue.
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

HUMC and Hospitality- hos•pi•tal•i•ty, noun. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

Fellowship Luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday, October 8th** following our Worship Service. Plan to stay, Bring a dish, Ask a friend. All are invited!

UMM Breakfast is the 3rd Saturday of the month. All men are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall @ 9:00 am for breakfast and a business meeting.



Answers: 1. True; 2. Acts; John; 3. fox; 4. True; 5. True. Bonus: In Luke 6:20-49 is the "Sermon on the Plain."

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