

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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OVERFLOWING WITH THANKSGIVING

Believe it or not, I do like food! Oftentimes I am told I need to eat more or put on some weight. At this point in my life, I am not concerned because I can tell my metabolism is beginning to slow down and the pounds will begin to find me. The truth is that Thanksgiving Day is the most exciting “food” day of the year for me. I have wonderful memories of the aroma of Thanksgiving food cooking when I was growing up. We had great family time around the table while we ate turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, hot buttered rolls, and all the cakes and pies you can think of. We never went hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Now, I have my own family and we continue to gather around the family table and celebrate Thanksgiving Day with lots of food and fellowship. If we are not cooking at home, we are traveling to our parents’ homes to gather around their tables. With these traditions alone, we have a lot to be thankful for.

Well, there is a lot more to Thanksgiving than family traditions of food and fellowship. While we celebrate a holiday each year called “Thanksgiving,” we are actually called to live lives of thanksgiving. We should continually give thanks for the salvation we have through Jesus Christ. We should also give thanks as we share Christ with others. 2 Corinthians 4:14-16 says, “*Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*” This is a thanksgiving that should continue throughout our entire lives. No matter how old we are, we can have thanksgiving overflowing in us to the glory of God.

Most of us remember that the mission of the Church comes from the Great Commission given to us by Jesus. We are to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ in all places. We can also phrase this mission another way. We could say that every Christian is called to know Christ and to make Him known. Are these two things not the keys to overflowing with thanksgiving as Paul describes it in 2 Corinthians 4? We know that Christ is raised from the dead and will raise us up too. In other words, we are sure that we have salvation in Jesus Christ. We also know that God’s grace given through Christ is for all. In other words, God’s grace is reaching more and more people. The result of this kind of living is an overflow of thanksgiving.

What if everyone that claims to be a Christian really practiced this kind of living? What if every congregation sought to continually know Christ and make Him known? What kind of difference would this make in our world? If you find that you are having a hard time giving thanks, check yourself to see if you know Christ and are making Him known to others. Don’t miss a lifetime opportunity to overflow with thanksgiving.

Be Blessed,

Pastor Sam



From Our Director of Music & Worship: Hope Horkavy



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

	COMPUTER	MIXER
Nov 5	John Whitaker	Mike Henderson
Nov 12	Preston Perren	Tommy Kirchner
Nov 19	John Whitaker	Mike Henderson
Nov 26	Preston Perren	James Fagin



Praise Band Update

We have had some personnel changes that I am sure you have noticed. God is so good, He continues to encourage folks to share their time and talents to help all of us enter into worship. This takes some pressure off Joan and Mary Lee.



Praise Band

- Linda Irvine, Piano
- Dawn Lamade, Keyboard
- Kim Perren, Flute
- Tayo Leduc, Vocal
- Mike Henderson, Guitar
- Roy Perren, Bass
- Tommy Kirchner, Percussion
- James Fagin, Sound Tech
- Paula Daniel, Substitute Pianist

We practice on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. If you have musical ability God is calling you to share, join us!



GOING SOLO

Friday, November 3rd
6 pm to 8 pm
Fellowship Hall

Great time to get together for Fun, Fellowship, Mission Projects, Spiritual Growth, Prayer!

Giving Thanks

For You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Some people may say, "You wouldn't be able to give thanks to God if you had the problems I have." Well, consider the story of Henry Smith, the man who wrote the worship song "Give Thanks." Despite a degenerative eye disease, Smith made it through college and even through seminary, but soon he was declared legally blind. Unable to get a pastorate or any long-term employment, he went back home and worked at various odd jobs to support himself.

What did the future hold for Henry Smith? He says, "I remember being extremely thankful, and I remember my pastor quoting 2 Corinthians 8:9, that Christ, though He was rich, became poor for our sakes that we might become rich in Him. So Henry wrote a song about the situation: "Give Thanks."

Today Henry runs a recording studio and plays bass for his church worship team. Because of his lack of eyesight, he depends on his memory to get the right chords. Regarding his blindness, he says, "It slows me down, but it doesn't stop me." Give thanks.

From The Complete Book of Hymns by William J. Petersen & Ardythe Petersen, Tyndale House Publishers Inc., p.658.



Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of
what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks.

Henry Smith, Jr. ©1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/ASCAP
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Administrative Council ...Tom Ramsey

Our featured speaker, Dawn Lamade shared when she was ready to "retire" and she was looking at what to consider doing for the future. Little did she know at that time what God had in mind and was already orchestrating His plan for the next phase of her life. He arranged all of the right circumstances to get her ready to be a caregiver to her Mother.

And at the same time with a trip up north, He placed her in the perfect city with the correct surgeon for her urgently needed eye surgery. When we can look back at our circumstances of the past we can clearly see God working His will for our lives. You missed an amazing story of God at work.

Remember you still have time to show your appreciation for our Pastor and our Staff by sending a card and anything else you would like to do. We are to be encouragers to one another – Love one another.

We will be placing a 4X4 Banner around the Recreation Center Basketball courts, hopefully by the scoreboard promoting our church. This has already been funded and will include our name, location, web address, and phone number. This will be for one year as we evaluate renewal annually. \$200 for the banner then \$125 for renewal. The money goes to help sponsor kids who do not have money for uniforms, shoes, etc.

Reformation Sunday – 500 years - Oct. 29. That morning we will have displays showing the various ministries of our church around the Welcoming area. Coffee and Doughnuts will be served. And Nov 5th is also All Saints Day where we will remember nine of our Saints who have gone to be with the Lord.

2018 Budget is \$265,157 which is \$7,627 below last year and the lowest for the last eight years. So far we have pledged 59% of our General Budget and 78% of our Mortgage Budget. Praise God for all you do. You can still submit your pledge to the Finance Dept. We thank each of you for using your gifts and your generosity.

Pastor Sam and the Nominations Committee will be presenting the new members to our HUMC team at the November Council meeting. He will be finalizing plans for the Moving Forward meetings. He is also looking at a couple of workshops: "One Board Model" and "Get Their Name". Hopefully they will be taped for showing more info next month.

New Sign on Hwy 76: Hope will be chairing a committee to look at details of a new electronic sign for our church. If you are interested, contact Hope for details and sharing of ideas. Our sign now sits too low and is hard to see until you're close.

Young Life: If you are or know someone who is interested in having a representative of this ministry coming to Hiawassee to meet and share about the value of Young Life let us know. Contact Mark or Leigh Adams.

Chili Dinner – We still need workers for the various shifts and we need for each of us to be out selling Chili tickets to our neighbors, friends, and those retail accounts around town – the proceeds from our sale of Chili Dinners, Pecans and Peanuts goes to support the various other ministries in our county and a tithe to HUMC.

"It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God" 2 Cor3:5



Church Member Services Directory		
Massage	Contact: Geri Baker	706-896-6108
Coin Collecting Club and Stamp Collecting	Contact: Tayo Leduc	706-896-6001

Community News

Join Enotah CASA for Dancing with North Georgia Stars

The second annual Dancing with North Georgia Stars event will be held on
Nov. 4th at the Union County Schools Fine Arts Center.

The show features celebrity dancers and their experienced partner dancing all different styles of dance to music they've selected. You have an opportunity to enjoy the dancing, pre-show music by the Young Harris College Jazz Ensemble, songs by talented young people and the pageantry of the evening. The show only is \$25, but you can decide to join us for the after show gala at the North Georgia Technical College for food, dancing and get to congratulate your favorite dancers. The combo ticket for the show and gala is \$40.

Tickets are available at United Community Bank in Hiawassee and Blairsville
and the Towns County Chamber of Commerce or go on-line to www.dancingwithnorthgeorgiastars.com.

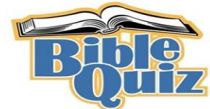
Enotah CASA serves the community by providing trained citizen advocates to speak up for abused and neglected children in juvenile court. The number of children in care of the State of Georgia rose by over 20% last year in our two counties, so our fund raising efforts and outreach to new advocates have all increased in proportion. All ticket sales go to funding the efforts to recruit, train, and supervise advocates in Towns and Union Counties.



On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more"
(Isaiah 2:4, NIV).



This month's quiz is on the gospel of John, the 4th book in the New Testament. If we examine the text, we see the primary theme to be life. In fact, John captures 47 times where Jesus refers to life. In addition, John basically tells his readers - listen friends, this is not hearsay, I was there, I ate with Him, I walked with Him, I touched Him - He is real and He lives.

1. Whom does this gospel refer to as "the disciple whom Jesus loved?"
 2. Jesus turned water into wine at Cana in _____.
 3. In Cana, the miracle was performed at a bar mitzva, birthday party, a wedding or a Yom Kippur celebration.
 4. In John 17, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Who were the two sisters of Lazarus?
 5. True or False. This gospel has 25 chapters.
- Bonus: The last verse of this gospel ends with the statement, "I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." To what was John referring?



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>



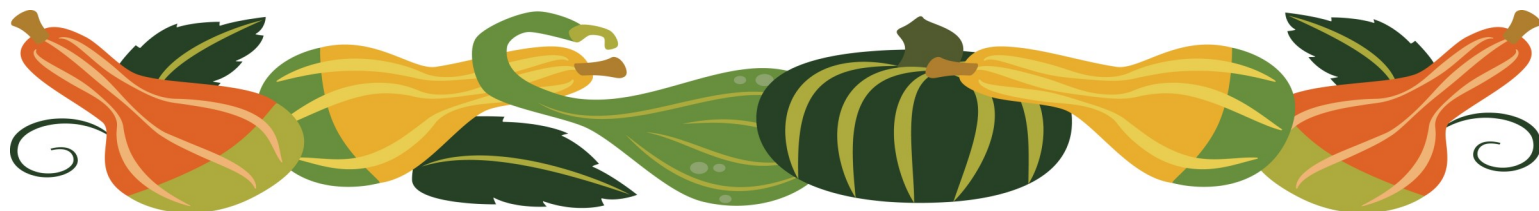
From Our Lay Leader: Dale Gardner



I am sure, like me, you have probably heard a bunch of excuses about why someone can not attend church. Well, I'd like to share with you this month a letter to God in which the writer explains why it is not possible for them to attend church.

Dear God, I'm sorry You made Sunday when you did. You see, it's like this: we could attend church more regularly if your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we are all tired by that time. Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night. Saturday evening, you know, is the one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves. We go to the movies or a party and often it is after midnight when we get home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School, especially when they have to go so early. I mean no disrespect, dear God, but You must realize that You picked the day on which we have the biggest dinner. Then, too, You must think of John, who works hard all week, and the regular chores on Sunday morning are no different. He likes to catch up on odd jobs that have been pushed off all week. It's really his only chance to tinker with the car and mow the lawn. You know, "You have to make hay while the sun shines" occasionally. I think You get the point. Then he's in his old clothes and his hands are all greasy. You couldn't expect him to get off to church. I am telling you these things, dear God, because I want You to get our viewpoint. It is not our fault that we are unable to get to church on Sunday morning. We would like to go and we know that the real reason we cannot go is because You have chosen the wrong day. If You will select another day, we shall be glad to go to church and Sunday school and be more faithful. Sincerely yours, I. M. Busy.

Perhaps this brought a smile to your face, but really, it is not very funny and it may be somewhat overstated but it still rings true. People make excuses - what if God did?



3 Years!



October 2nd marked three years for me here in Uganda, Africa. I remember days when visiting Uganda was just a thought, a mere dream, but now this is my reality, my life. I still remember how far away and how impossible Africa seemed. I remember the days of praying, planning, and dreaming even when there was still two of us. And then how even more impossible this seemed after Jeff's passing. But God was so clear in what He communicated to me in His still, small voice, "My purpose for you has not changed." I even remember picking up the phone to call one of the directors of Helping Hands a million times and hanging up before he answered because I was so afraid. Once I finally kept the courage to call, my foot took that first step on this amazing journey and never once have I regretted it!!!

It didn't take long for me to fall head over heels in love with the people of Uganda. If I could use one word to describe them it would have to be "welcoming". They love visitors, they love for us to visit their homes, they love to just say, "Hello, how are you?" And they never miss an opportunity to sit and talk. They will always shake your hand, most often in the "Ugandan way". (A secret handshake like we used to do with our friends when we were young.) Yet, "welcoming" is not all they are. They are the most joyful people I have ever met in my life. Their smiles are as wide as the ocean from shore to shore. Their eyes light up, no matter their circumstances. They live without much, basically the clothes they have on their backs, and food—maybe just enough for today, and a shelter made of dirt and straw, but it is enough. Do they long for more? I am sure, especially when they "sleep hungry". But that doesn't stop the smiles, nor choosing life and joy, nor the genuine love they share. They are and have always been such an inspiration to me!

So this past week one of my dear friends came and brought a mission team here to the Village of Eden. They got to experience exactly what I am talking about. They served at Esangalo, visited families in the village of Namuwombi and attended a church service Sunday morning. They kept saying to me, "What a sacrifice for you to be here serving." What they said seemed so extremely odd to me. I pondered that statement. What I have learned is that when we are where we are supposed to be, doing what we are supposed to be doing, God fills our hearts to overflowing with exactly what we need. Being here is no sacrifice at all, it is my blessing! It is my pure joy to be here to share the love of God that He so graciously pours into my life.



AND ... God doesn't just stop there. Last week one of my lifelong dreams was fulfilled!!! When my friend said she was coming to Africa to visit, one of the things she invited me to go and do with her and the team was to go on Safari! What is so funny, well, so God, I had put a picture of a giraffe as my desktop background on my computer and had been praying and asking God to provide me that opportunity. And He did. I got to experience God's creation like never before. I am so blessed. His Word is true,



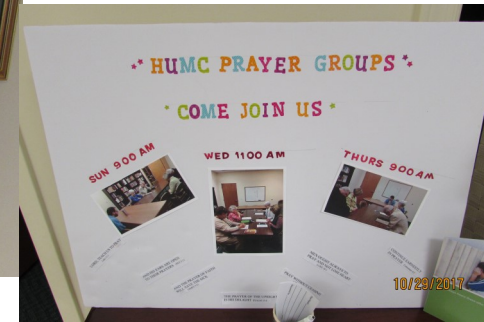
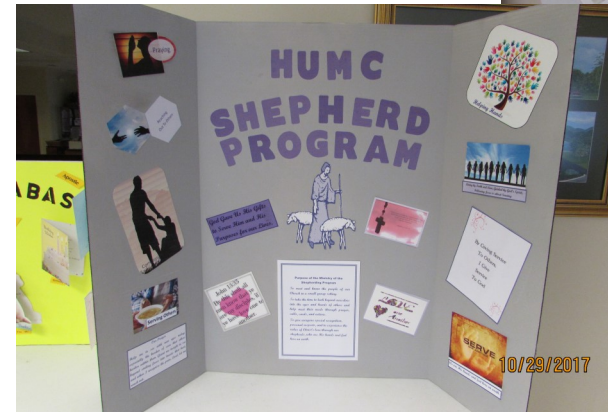
*"Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart."
Psalm 37:4*

Happy 3 years, Uganda!!!

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

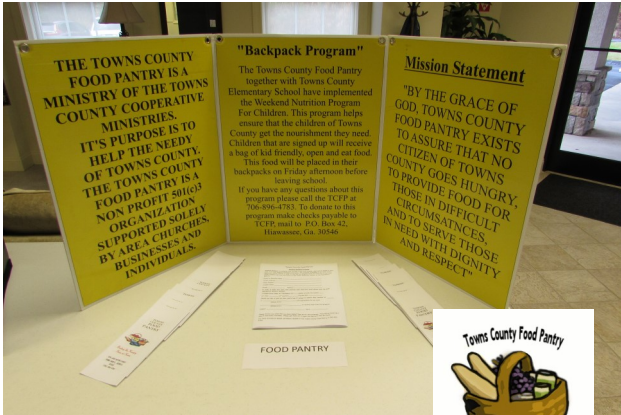
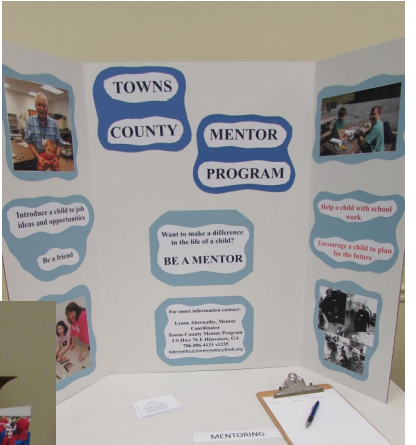
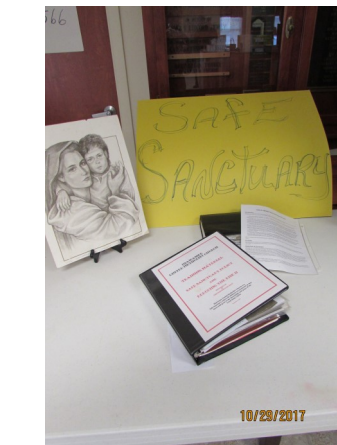
Financial Support can be mailed to: Answer God's Call Ministries
215 W. Mesa Ave. Gallup, NM 87301
(Please include a note for Robin Broom-Africa)

Our Ministries

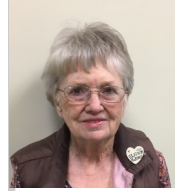




Celebrating



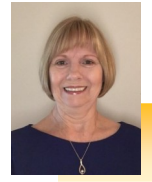
Jail/Prison MinistryElaine McEver



One of the women wrote on her Facebook Page this week: "Loving a drug addict is the hardest thing you will ever have to go through." If you have not gone through this yourself, you probably know someone who has. A good friend of mine lost a very young great-granddaughter to an overdose this month. Sometimes there is just nothing anyone can do except pray. It is time that the body of Christ unites to recognize the problem and pray. The sad thing is watching families lose everything and some even their lives to this lifestyle. The girl who is living with me received permission from the court for her family to adopt her daughter which will help her to reconcile after she graduates from Drug Court. She has been told that it is possible she will finish early due to her compliance with requirements. The Van has been sold to one of the other girls at a reduced cost which made her very happy. She said it was the first time she owned a vehicle in 6 years.

We met with the pastor from McConnell Baptist Church for lunch at Ms. Elaine's House to discuss the possibility of working with the Foster Care Program. A woman from North Carolina came to the Almost There, Inc. Board meeting to ask for advice on how they could start something in that state. They have nothing for men or women to help with the increasing epidemic of addiction to drugs. Since I visit the Clay County Jail, it is possible I can help or at least pray/encourage. We are so fortunate that our local and state lawmakers are being proactive with the Drug, Family, and Mental Health Courts. We investigated the possibility of applying for a State Grant and plan to be ready by next year to become eligible. Work books for classes were ordered from New Beginnings on Relationships, Budgeting, Job Readiness, and Job Skills 101 with the possibility of having these classes available.

We thank you for all you do. Basic needs right now are for a Bookkeeper and Secretary. Right now I am filling in for Secretary. In Christ's love and mine,
Sincerely, "Ms. Elaine"



Finance: Joan Whitaker

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER

Financial Report as of October 18, 2017 Year to Date Figures

General Budget Income	\$ 173,897
Debt Retirement/Mortgage Income	66,885
Total Budget Income	\$ 240,782
General Budget Expenses	\$ 160,815
Debt Retirement/Mortgage Expense	60,206
Total Budget Expenses	\$ 221,021
Present Net Gain	\$ 19,761
Outstanding bills to pay in October:	
(General Expenses)	\$ 2,687
(Mortgage Payment)	3,851

- ◆ 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/Mortgage account.
- ◆ The balance in our General Checking Account is \$28,944 and the balance in our Debt Retirement/Mortgage Account is \$30,688.
- ◆ No unusual expenses were noted for the month.
- ◆ Our Offering for Gideons International was \$1,000.
- ◆ 2018 Proposed Budget has been approved by the Finance Committee. During our recent pledge campaign, 59% of our General Budget Expenses and 78% of our Debt Retirement/Mortgage Expenses were pledged.

Still in a slightly Positive/Net Gain status as of 10/18 with two more Sundays of tithes and offerings.



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. **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. Please note: there will be no men's breakfast in November.

Feeding Families for Thanksgiving

Help is always needed at the Food Pantry. Packing boxes on Mondays; Distribution on Tuesdays; and Backpack on Thursdays.



Thanksgiving is a time to share. A roasted turkey stuffed with care, potatoes, yams and buttered rolls are passed around in festive bowls. But first we thank our God above and share with others his great love. The dish served last is always best — a slice of pie for every guest.



—MaryAnn Sundby

Ministry Fair October 29th



New Members



Elaine Mitchell



Jean and Mark Glenn

Feeding the Football Team

On Friday, September 22nd, HUMC hosted a dinner for the Towns County football team and their coaches.



Thanks to all who helped with this community event.



Happy Thanksgiving!



The United Methodist Men

are preparing for the annual **Chili Supper** Friday, November 10th 11:30 to 7:00.

- ◆ Have you signed up to help?
- ◆ Have you purchased tickets?
- ◆ Have you invited your friends & Neighbors?

This is the UMM's biggest fundraiser. We need lots of chili, in addition to cookies, brownies & desserts. And we need many hands to help make this a success. Participation forms are at the Welcome Desk.

Pecans and Peanuts

\$11 for 1 pound of Pecans
\$11 for 5 pounds of Peanuts
Place your order now and pick up at the Chili Supper. See Ron Miller, Conley Carter or Howard Watkins.



HUMC SERVICES EXCHANGE

- ◆ *Are you looking for help?* Cleaning help, Handyman, etc. Post your request on the Services Exchange Board.
- ◆ *Do you have* a good, trustworthy, plumber, electrician, handy man (or woman), house keeper, from whom you have received reliable service? Are you willing to share them with others?
If so, please add them to the Services Exchange board for those who might be looking for help. Place their card or name on the board with your name, so that people will know who the recommendation is from, and the date when you place it on the board.

Operation Christmas Child Return your packed shoeboxes 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 at 706-896-9925.

Happenings on the Hill



Sunday, November 5th



This Month at HUMC

- 11/3 @ 6 pm Ladies Supper
- 11/5 @ 10:45 am All Saints Service
- 11/8 @ 9:30 am Trustees Meeting
- 11/8 @ 2 pm Worship Meeting
- 11/10 Chili Supper
- 11/12 Veteran's Sunday; Shoeboxes due today
- 11/15 @ 2 pm Finance Meeting
- 11/16 @ 2 pm Admin Council
- 11/19 Thanksgiving Sunday
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
- 11/26 Christ the King Sunday

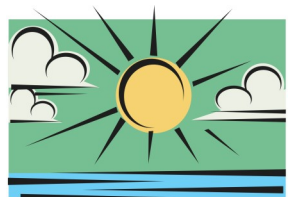
Dear Church Family,
We feel so fortunate to have been blessed by you in so many ways these past weeks since Richard's passing. Your kind expressions of sympathy through your cards, prayers, abundance of food and Food Pantry donations have overwhelmed us. Through you, God has sent His love to us. Thank you!
Sincerely, Maddie Botting



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2017

We honor and remember the lives of our church family who passed over into glory this past year:

- John Horkavy
- Jay Still
- Janice King
- Helen Mahoney
- Jim Miller
- Paul Hodge
- Richard Everhart
- Lorraine Anderson
- Bob Elliott



COMMEMORATION of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Answers: 1. John (himself) 2. Gallilee 3. A wedding 4. Mary and Martha 5. False, it has 21 chapters Bonus: The many things that Jesus did which were not written down by him [John].