

Hiawassee United Methodist Church



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SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Prayer
9:30 a.m. 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*

HUMC Mountain Messenger



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God Can Use You



When we think of the Bible, we often believe the characters in its stories were righteous saints that were special enough for God to notice and find favor with them. We consider people in the Bible such as Noah, Abraham, David, Ester, and Elijah to be some kind of special people that possessed qualities far greater than us. With that approach to the characters of the Bible, we tend to think that God used them in special ways, but doesn't look at us the same way. "How could God use me? I'm nobody special," we might say.

Consider the character of Moses in the Old Testament. He was born during a difficult time for the Hebrew people serving as slaves in Egypt. Some time had passed since Joshua died and the Israelites no longer found favor in Egypt as they once did. In fact, when Moses was born, the Pharaoh in Egypt sought to kill new male babies born to the Hebrews. However, Moses' family put his fate in God's hands when they placed him in a basket on the river. Instead of being killed, Moses was found by the Pharaoh's daughter who chose to save his life.

By God's divine hand, Moses was given to his birth mother to be nursed until he was weaned. Based on the cultural norms for nursing children, Moses would have been at least five, if not six or seven years old when he was given back to the Pharaoh's daughter to be raised as an Egyptian within the Pharaoh's household. Can you imagine being bonded to your family and being settled into your childhood only to be ripped from them at that age to experience a total life change? Moses' new life really meant that his identity was ruined. He would not have been acceptable to the Hebrews because he lived in Pharaoh's house, and he would not have been acceptable to other Egyptians because he was viewed as a Hebrew by them. Can you picture the frustration and anger that would have been brewing underneath the surface in Moses' life?

When Moses was older, he witnessed an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave. Moses must have seen this happen many times before, but this time he snapped and killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand. Later, Moses tried to break up a quarrel between two Hebrews and they called him out on the murder of the Egyptian. He knew he was in trouble because killing an Egyptian carried the death penalty. In his frustration and anger, Moses ran far away fearing for his life. He landed in Midian where there were no political ties to Egypt and tried to forget his prior existence for many years. Are you getting the picture that Moses was an ordinary person with many problems just like you and I?

One day, when Moses was tending his father-in-law's herds, God appeared to him in the form of a burning bush that was on fire, but did not burn up. Moses' life would forever be changed as God called him to go back to Egypt to lead the Israelites out of slavery and into the land God had already promised their forefather, Abraham. Moses' response to God's call is telling about whether or not he felt worthy of the task. In Exodus 3:11 Moses said, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

Moses' story can be a lot like our own stories. His life was messy and sinful, yet God came to him and called him to things only God could accomplish through Moses. God can use you too and He wants to use you for His glory. Don't let what you lack be a barrier to the relationship God wants to have with you. God is speaking. Are you listening?

Blessings,

Sam

Pastor Sam





From Our Director of Music & Worship: Hope Horkavy

Annual Conference June 14-18, 2018

More than 1600 clergy and laity attended this meeting of the North Georgia United Methodist church. Led by our Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, it was an interesting combination of business and worship.



Our theme this year is shown here,
"Moving Toward Perfection in Love."

The graphic depicts the journey each of us takes in our Christian walk, with twists and storms along the path, that we need to cover with prayer.



We met to do business, heard inspiring speakers, participated in great worship times (both contemporary and traditional), learned what others around the conference and around the world are doing to serve the cause of Christ. We said hello to new clergy and said goodbye to retirees and those who have gone on to glory. We celebrated new ministries and learned about opportunities to serve God. If you ever have a chance to attend one of these conferences, go! Check out the June Administrative Council Minutes that have been sent out by email for my complete report.



Going Solo Ladies Supper

Instead of our regular time, this month we will participate with the rest of the church at the July 4th picnic.

We normally meet on the first Friday of every month at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, and growing in Christ.



Happenings on the Hill

We are on Facebook as
Hiawassee United Methodist Church.



Celebrate THE FOURTH

4th of July BBQ
11:30—2:30

HUMM will be grilling burgers & hot dogs
Bring a side dish or dessert
Special Entertainment!

Our fun Fund Raiser for Red Bird Mission will be to vote for your favorite desserts—\$1 per vote. Vote as many times as you want!!!



- 7/4 OFFICE CLOSED—Independence Day
BBQ at the Pavilion 11:30—2:30
- 7/11 @ 2 pm Worship Meeting
- 7/19 @ 2 pm Admin Council Meeting
- 7/21 @ 9 am HUMM Breakfast
- 7/27 @ 5:30 pm Dinner & Play Fund Raiser

LOOKING AHEAD!

Plans are now beginning for a Church Yard Sale in the spring of 2019. So start getting your donations together!



If you are interested in working on the planning committee, call or email the office.

New Member



Sandi Bradshaw

Community News



Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, July 13th
5:00—8:00

At the Towns County Civic Center

Buy Tickets in advance

adult \$12, kids 6-12 \$6

Proceeds to benefit Towns County Food Pantry.



Special Thanks to Mark Glenn and Joan Crothers for volunteering to serve as greeters on the 2nd Sundays of each month.

Thanks to Andrea Shockley for agreeing to be a substitute for the ushers.

Support the Towns County Food Pantry when shopping at Amazon. Once you sign into Amazon with the following link, Amazon will donate a percentage of your sale to the Food Pantry. This is no additional cost to you. Shop for great deals at smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0206686

I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION!
ROMANS 1:16

Church Member Services Directory

Massage
Coin Collecting Club and Stamp Collecting

Contact: Geri Baker 706-896-6108
Contact: Tayo Leduc 706-896-6001



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Over the years, HUMC members have actively supported Red Bird Mission, Inc. and Red Bird Clinic, Inc., which have been providing ministries in the Kentucky region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. This year, HUMC, as a member of the Union/Towns County Methodist Connectional group, has been asked to give money in support of a dental clinic for the Red Bird area during the week long mission event in September.

As a kick-off fund raising, the Worship Committee and Finance Committee are sponsoring a dessert contest during the July 4th celebration to be held at the church. All contributed desserts will be available to diners after your fill of July 4th fixin's, with the proviso that you vote with your money on which dessert you like the best. All the vote money will be given to Red Bird for the dental clinic.

Can't make the July 4th party here at the church? You will have an opportunity throughout the month to donate to Red Bird Mission. You may place your money in the offering plate or the donation box at the prayer table or online at the website with credit, debit or ACH. Just be sure that you designate wherever you donate that the gift is to go to Red Bird Mission.

Online Giving now available for :

- ◆ Credit Card
- ◆ Debit Card
- ◆ ACH transactions

Visit our website:
www.hiawasseumc.org
And click on the icon for online giving.



A separate Financial Report will now be available at the Welcome Desk after the end of the month. **Be sure to pick up your copy.** This will present a more accurate accounting of our

Monthly Ministry Focus

Each month we will be focusing on a different ministry. This month our focus is on Red Bird Mission.



A Mystery/Comedy Play
Catie's Country Cooking Corner
Friday, July 27th @ 5:30 pm
Tickets \$7 pp; \$15 family
Reservations Required by July 20th!
Donation price includes dinner prior to the play. All Proceeds to benefit Red Bird Mission

Answers. 1. 1 Timothy 2. Ephesus 3. Grandmother was Lois and mother was Eunice. (Paul encourages Timothy to have faith as strong as these two women.) 4. 4 5. Titus Bonus: 16

Library News: Dawn Lamade



Missions involves us all, whether in the States or overseas. We are missionaries when we interact with others. There are a number of items in the HUMC library relating to missions that may be of interest to you. Check them out.

Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. **Three Cups Of Tea** (Ministry and Missions): One man's campaign to build schools in the most dangerous, remote, and anti-American reaches of Asia.

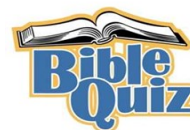
William M. Easum. **Unfreezing Moves: Following Jesus Into The Mission Field** (Ministry and Missions). Prepares Christian congregations to fulfill their basic function - to make disciples who make a difference for Jesus Christ. This book is about helping "stuck" and "unstuck" churches either become unstuck or constantly improve their ministry of making disciples.

Kennon L. Callahan. **Building For Effective Mission: A Complete Guide For Congregation On Bricks And Mortar Issues.** (Ministry and Missions). Guides church leaders through the process of clarifying and prioritizing their mission. Kennon Callahan demonstrates how to cultivate your mission with compassion and community, as well as prayer and scripture.

Steve Saint. **End Of The Spear** (Biography and DVD). Steve Saint was five years old when his father, missionary pilot Nate Saint, was speared to death by a primitive Ecuadorian tribe. In adulthood, Steve, having left Ecuador for a successful business career in the United States, never imagined making the jungle his home again. But when that same tribe asks him to help them, Steve, his wife, and their teenage children move back to the jungle.

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."



This month our quiz is on 1 & 2 Timothy. These are two of Paul's last three epistles (letters) and were probably written between 62 and 67 AD. These, along with the letter to Titus are known as Paul's pastoral letters appropriately written to young pastors.

- 1) Which of these two letters is longer?
- 2) To what city was Timothy sent?
- 3) What was his grandmother's name and his mother's name?
- 4) In which chapter of 1 Timothy does, "Watch your life and doctrine closely" appear? (3,4, 5 or 6)
- 5) Which book follows 2 Timothy?

Bonus: In which chapter of ACTS was Timothy recruited for the mission?

PUZZLE

GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

CLUES	
1. rhymes with cow	8. the tongue's job
2. opposite of sour	9. more sweet
3. pronounced "R"	10. rhymes with pan
4. rhymes with four	11. golden liquid
5. Letters create _____	12. Pleased __ meet you.
6. not too or two	13. rhymes with fly
7. rhymes with by	14. body part

WORD BANK
than you to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my

Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV



Missions MinistryRobin Broom

Thank you!!!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say just how grateful I am! I have been back home in Uganda for a few days (well most of me—I am still quite jet-lagged). My recent visit to the U.S. seems like a whirlwind, but such a special, special time. I am thankful for the time I got to spend with many of you sharing all God is doing here in Uganda and in my heart. Thank you for listening and for always encouraging me! I returned with a fresh and new perspective. My heart's desire is to walk each day in submission and complete obedience to our LORD! He is worthy!!! Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me and for Uganda!

May God bless you!

Much love, *Robin*

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Answer God's Call Ministries
215 W. Mesa Ave. Gallup, NM 87301
(Please include a note for Robin Broom-Africa)



Administrative Council ...Tom Ramsey

The Power of Prayer

Does prayer really make a difference in our lives? **Does God** really answer our prayers? And just **who is God?** **When** I think about being able to **talk with God**, the **Creator** of the Universe and the **Creator** of you and me, and do it on a **one-on one** basis – it really is absolutely amazing when you think about this way. **Prayer is relational**, just the two of us, and for that reason we need to relax and just share with Him – just like a friend, what is on our heart. **“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you”**¹ Peter 5:7 NLT.

He desires to hear from us - He is always available when we want to talk – He's a very good listener - He always follows through on what we talk about **according to His will for us and in His time** - but remember prayer is not a transaction with God - on our terms. Prayer is not about performance - it is simply about a relationship with the Living God of Creation who loves us.

God also offers to us a **promise** when we pray to Him: **“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”** Matt.7:7 NLT. He's inviting us to have a relationship with Him.

Those 3 words, **Ask – seek – knock** are action words accompanied by God's response for us to, **receive – find – opened**. God answers prayer: **“And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive.”** Matt. 21:22.

God desires for us His children to accomplish great things through prayer, but only when it is within His purpose. As believers we enjoy a reciprocal relationship with God. **“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”** John 15:7 NKJ - Also read John 15:1-8. A natural outgrowth of an abiding relationship with Jesus is prayer - along with a visible expression of our relationship which is seen when we show **joy and love**. Jesus said; **“... love one another as I have loved you.** John 15:12.

Jesus prayed a lot to **His Father – God**, and if we will look at the very beginning of **The Lord's Prayer** we will see the importance of prayer **according to His will**; **“...your will be done...”** and **He included us** along with Him in this prayer; **“Our Father...”** Matthew 6:9-13. Think of Jesus as a friend, **your friend**, especially when you pray. **“You are my friends....I have called you friends....I chose you....**John 15:14-17. It's easier talking to a friend.

Through the **power of prayer**, we can experience God and grow in ways we've never dreamed possible. Prayer has always been the foundation for seeking Gods will for each of us and for the direction of our church.

Our next Admin Council Meeting is July 19 at 2:00 p.m. **Kim Perren** was not able to speak at our June meeting, however she has committed to be at the July meeting as she shares what God is doing in her life and also shares some interesting information about Suicide Prevention.



From Our Lay Leader: Dale Gardner

The parable of the Good Samaritan is found in Luke 10, verses 25 through 37 and I am fairly certain you have read it and heard sermons about it and maybe even discussed it in small groups or a Sunday school class. I am going to attempt to share with you some facts that make this parable even more compelling. Luke probably did not share these facts because his immediate audience would be very familiar with them.

Jesus told this parable because some lawyer (aka scribe) was trying to trap (Matt. 22:35) Jesus. The scribe's questions and answers shows “head” knowledge but none penetrated his heart.

But, let's get to it. In a nutshell the story goes like this: a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by thieves and left for dead along side of the road. A priest and a Levite saw the man but passed on by. A Samaritan stopped, treated the man's wounds, arranged for lodging and care, paying out of his own pocket and promising the inn keeper reimbursement for anything he spent in addition.

Usually when we look at this story we ask “Why didn't the priest and the Levite stop and offer aid and/or why did the Samaritan?”

Here are some facts that Luke did not mention along with some logical (I hope) deductions that we can make. First, the Jerusalem/Jericho road was 17 miles long, it was narrow and dangerous for travelers; descending 3600 feet, with short curves providing excellent cover for bandits. It was known as “the pass (or road) of blood.” Second, the Samaritan must have been a frequent traveler on this road because of the inn keeper's willingness to care for the injured man and to agree to cover any additional expenses needed until the Samaritan returned. (Maybe this inn keeper is also someone that knows what it means to be a good neighbor for, while true he was being paid, he was also asked to go beyond normal inn keeper duties.) Third, the Samaritan was probably wealthy because he had an animal. Fourth, the Samaritan risked his life and wealth by stopping to give aid because the same thieves might still be in the area. Fifth, it is possible that the Samaritan was well known to the thieves because of his frequent travels along this dangerous road and he (the Samaritan) may have been feared by the thieves.

The priest may have been hurrying to fulfill his temple duties and the Levite also had temple duties; both may have assumed the traveler was dead and touching him would have made them unclean and they may have been afraid because of the road's reputation. But, both demonstrated that religious work does not make someone a true servant of God.

The Samaritan must have had business to be on the road but he put that aside to give aid to a Jew. Additionally, if he feared for his safety, he overcame it and he knew what it meant to serve his fellow man. Jesus could not have made his point more strongly in this parable.



BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

