

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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Resting In Him

A few months ago, my life seemed to get busier than before and I began feeling like I just couldn't keep up. It started about the time our daughter, Amelia was born and seemed to grow from there. I thought I was just trying to accomplish the normal tasks of daily life, but I felt like I was just surviving life rather than thriving. Have you ever felt like that? Maybe you feel that way now. You are busier than you've ever been, you see no end in sight, and you feel you are spending a lot of time and energy accomplishing little. I can tell you that all the things I am doing are good things, but how will I take the time to enjoy this season of life? Am I to enjoy any fruit of my labor? Is there any rest for the weary? Recently, I came across a devotional from a 1994 edition of *Our Daily Bread*. After reading it, I had to pause and consider my daily routine and how rest fits into my life. Here is the story below:

According to a Greek legend, in ancient Athens a man noticed the great storyteller Aesop playing childish games with some little boys. He laughed and jeered at Aesop, asking him why he wasted his time in such frivolous activity.

Aesop responded by picking up a bow, loosening its string, and placing it on the ground. Then he said to the critical Athenian, "Now, answer the riddle, if you can. Tell us what the unstrung bow implies."

The man looked at it for several moments but had no idea what point Aesop was trying to make. Aesop explained, "If you keep a bow always bent, it will break eventually; but if you let it go slack, it will be more fit for use when you want it."

People are also like that. That's why we all need to take time to rest. In today's Scripture, Jesus prescribed time off for His wearied disciples after they had returned from a prolonged period of ministry. And in the Old Testament, God set a pattern for us when He "rested from all His work" (Gen.2:3).

Shouldn't we take His example seriously? Start by setting aside a special time to relax physically and renew yourself emotionally and spiritually. You will be at your best for the Lord if you have taken time to loosen the bow.

Do you set aside any time to rest and allow your body and mind to be renewed and enjoy all the blessings God has given you? Do you allow the opportunity for your soul and spirit to rest in the Savior? There are so many good things in life to choose and focus on, but God wants us to rest in Him so He can direct our paths to the things He is calling us to. He knows our best better than we do. Don't forget to rest in Him!

Be Blessed,

Sam

Pastor Sam



From Our Director of Music & Worship: Hope Horkavy



TO GOD BE THE GLORY



Fanny Crosby wrote more than eight thousand hymns and used more than two hundred pen names. Under contract to a music publisher, she wrote three new hymns each week during much of her adult life. The fact that she was blind didn't diminish her productivity. She would formulate an entire song in her mind and then dictate it to a friend or a secretary.

Written by Fanny Crosby probably in 1872, this song was taken to England by Ira Sankey, who led the singing for Dwight L. Moody's evangelistic campaigns. The hymn immediately became popular in England and remained well-known there. But it was published in only a few American hymnals, so it was relatively unknown in the United States and Canada. During their 1952 British crusade, it was introduced to members of the Billy Graham team and soon became Billy Graham's British crusade theme hymn. The words they said, expressed their praise to God, who was doing wondrous things in Britain. A short time later, Graham introduced the hymn in his Nashville crusade, and it became as popular in America as it had been in England.

- From The Complete Book of Hymns by William J. and Ardythe Petersen, ©2006 Tyndale House Publishers, pp 94 & 384.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory— great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing though Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Great Night of Music

August 12th at 6:30 pm



Once again HUMC will be filled with the sound of music as we host the Towns-Union Connectional Group of UM churches in the "Great Night of Music."

Each of the churches will send representatives to give God glory. We'll enjoy choral music, blue grass, handbells, old hymns

and new praise songs.

Plan to come early and help welcome everyone. Be sure to carpool so that we have enough room for all of our guests. It's always a great time!

Going Solo Ladies Supper

August 3rd 6 pm to 8 pm

All single ladies plan to attend and bring your own sandwich. This month we are going for an evening cruise on the lake! Make your reservation by emailing Hope Horkavy. We meet on the first Friday of every month at 6 pm for food, fellowship, and growing in Christ.



Happenings on the Hill



We are on Facebook as
Hiawassee United Methodist Church.

Big Thank You!

Thanks to Tom and Cheryl Knott for organizing a very successful fundraiser for Red Bird Mission. The dinner and play, Catie's Country Cooking Corner, was a great success. We have collected more than \$ 2,400.!

We are extremely grateful to the **Sundance Grill** for their generous donation of all the food for the dinner. Roberto & Christine Romero, and brother Hugo opened this establishment on May 3, 2017. It has quickly become the favorite place to enjoy good food in Hiawassee. The Romero's relocated here from Florida. They love it here and they now consider North Georgia their home. Their son says "People here are genuine." The Romero's also own the Burgh' Bar in Punta Gorda, which has been voted "Best Burger" for the past 2 years. Be sure to stop at the Sundance Grill to thank the Romero's!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the dessert voting fundraiser at the July 4th Celebration. We raised \$262 for the Red Bird Mission!

Clothing Drive for Red Bird Mission

We are now collecting clothes for Red Bird Mission. Please bring your donations in **13 gallon white trash bags only**.

You can place your bags in the fellowship hall.

Last date for collection is Thursday, September 6th.



A separate Financial Report is now 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 financial position.



*College Graduation Party for
Alex Fagin/Perren
Saturday, 8/4 @ noon*



8/2 @ 2 pm Finance Meeting
8/3 @ 6 pm Going Solo dinner meeting
8/11 all day — Emmaus Meeting
8/12 @ 6:30 pm — Great Night of Music
8/16 @ 2 pm Admin Council Meeting
8/18 @ 9 am HUMM Breakfast
8/25 @ 1:30 pm Emmaus Meeting

The Installation Service for our new District Superintendent, Alice Rogers, will be held on Sunday, September 9th @ 3 pm at Gainesville First UMC.

Plans are now underway for a Church Yard Sale in the spring of 2019. So start saving your no longer wanted treasures for this big fundraiser! If you are interested in working on the planning committee, call or email the office.



School Supply Drive

We want our Towns County Students well prepared for going back to school with everything they need to succeed! HUMC is again collecting school supplies. Pick up a Supply List for both the Elementary School and the Middle School at the Welcome Desk. A bin is located in the main hallway for you to place your donations. **The last day for collection is Sunday, August 12th.**

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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MINISTRY FOCUS FOR AUGUST: BENEVOLENCE



HUMC has an active program to assist families in our community who need financial assistance. Most requests are for help with electric bills. On occasion we have assisted with rent, water, food, and gas. We coordinate with the 9th District and other churches in the county to provide help when needed. Funding for this program comes from your donations to the Benevolence/Altar Fund.

Requirements for assistance include:

- ♦ Resident of Towns County
- ♦ In-depth Interview
- ♦ Verification of information, which may include calls to other churches, place of employment, landlord.
- ♦ Assessment of need.
- ♦ Each case is discussed with and approved by Pastor Sam. We never give money directly, but issue checks to the service provider.

Since January we have paid \$ 3700 in assistance for 17 families. Listed below are some families who, through your generosity, we have helped this year:

- ♦ An elderly woman, age 88, receiving \$1100/month from Social Security, with no other source of income. She has a heart condition and is now on oxygen. Somehow she manages to get by, but each winter she needs help with her heating bills.
- ♦ Single woman, 35, with 4 children. She is severely disabled from spousal abuse, numerous health issues. She receives \$750/month from Social Security/Disability plus \$715 in food stamps. We helped with her electric bill.
- ♦ Single woman, age 60, living on disability of \$1250/month. She previously owned a local café, then was severely injured in a car accident with broken neck and back. We helped with her electric bill.
- ♦ Family with 3 children. Both husband and wife work in housekeeping at a local resort. They are paid \$5 per room, so their income is dependent on the number of rooms to clean. We helped with electric.
- ♦ Single woman, age 30, 2 children. She has had 7 heart surgeries, plus brain damage from stroke. Receives total of \$970 disability & TANF plus \$450 food stamps. We helped with electric bill.
- ♦ Elderly woman, 72, receives \$851/month in Social Security. Has no other income. We helped with rent.
- ♦ Mother of 2, victim of severe physical abuse. Upon Leaving Safe House, she had numerous medical bills, and needed help with an apartment, electric, furniture etc. We helped with deposit for apartment, and helped with electric.

This month HUMC is focusing on donations to the Benevolence/Altar Fund, in preparation for the numerous requests we receive during the colder months. Every dollar you give helps your community and those less fortunate among us.

Library News: Dawn Lamade



New fiction in the HUMC library for hot August reading:

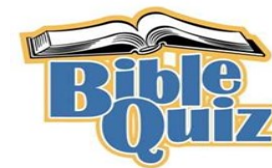
Books –

Charles Martin, **Long Way Gone**. This is a radical retelling of the prodigal son story, which takes us from tent revivals to the Ryman Auditorium to the tender relationship between a broken man and the father who never stopped calling him home.

Eugenia Price, **St. Simon's Trilogy: Lighthouse, New Moon Rising, The Beloved Invader**. Ms. Price writes of the lives of long-deceased St. Simons residents following the American Revolution using historical fiction. Eugenia Price, **Georgia Trilogy: Bright Captivity, Where Shadows Go, Beauty from Ashes**. This trilogy follows Georgia residents who left England for America after the War of 1812 through the start of the War between the States.

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 we are visiting two short books, both of which were written by Paul. Both of these books were more or less counseling books, one

to a young pastor and the other to a wealthy (presumably) land owner. Let us begin!

1. Who was the young pastor and where was his ministry?
2. Paul advised this young pastor to appoint _____ in every city.
3. Philemon was an escaped slave. True or False.
4. Onesimus was the young pastor. True or False.
5. Titus was a wealthy land owner. True or False.

Bonus: Where was Paul when he wrote Philemon?

Nonsense bonus: Which book sounds like a Jamaican ordering steak?

Trustees: Conley Carter

On July 19th the Administrative Council approved the following two new policies as recommended by the Board of Trustees:

1. "No food or beverage, with the exception of water, will be allowed in the Sanctuary."
2. "No personal for profit money transactions are allowed anywhere inside the Church Building and no transactions whatsoever in the Sanctuary. Any pamphlets or flyers soliciting for profit sales are to be placed only on the bulletin board in the class room hallway.

This policy obviously does not apply to tithes or offerings received during worship services nor to administrative money matters in the office."

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Missions MinistryRobin Broom

Faithful, HE is Faithful!

My first newsletter of 2018 I shared a huge burden that I carry for the youth of our community and asked you to join me in prayer. The burden is that of many young people truly desire to walk in His ways, but are struggling to hang on. I long to help our youth grow, to want for more, to dream that they CAN do more. My passion is helping them to hope by growing in their relationship with our LORD. Meanwhile, they are hungry and they are desperate for practical ways to try and survive. I shared a story of perseverance of one young man who worked so hard to make it through secondary school (high school). And I also shared how many stories do not turn out the same. Many drop out, become hopeless, and end up making desperate decisions. This is quoted from that January Newsletter, *“The solution to this problem is so much bigger than I can even begin to solve. And then I recall the scripture — “do not depend on my understanding” from Proverbs 3:5. I am trusting God to show us, to show me what is next. My desire is to invest in the young people of this community not only spiritually, but physically and practically as well.”* Finally, it is my great honor to share with you the start of our new internship program called **“Huli Mulukendo”**- which is translated ... **On the Journey!**

This program is for youth who have left school (for various reasons) and are in need of some direction for the next steps of their journey called life. We have four young men who have begun this six-month internship to help give them hope and guide them into their future. We will provide the interns with teaching, experience and mentorship in three basic areas: Christian spiritual growth, vocational development, and work ethic. Christian spiritual growth—Each intern will be assigned a mentor who will spend time with the intern throughout the duration of the internship. This mentor will teach and encourage Biblical principles, cultivating spiritual disciplines so the intern can effectively grow in their relationship with God. This mentor will also help the intern to recognize and cultivate their God-given spiritual gifts. Vocational Development—Each intern will be taught specific trades/skills and will be given opportunities to put into practice these skills through completing these tasks within the appropriate areas. Work Ethic—Each intern will be closely monitored and evaluated to ensure proper work ethic is taught throughout the duration of the internship.

We will teach trades or skills such as carpentry, painting, welding, restaurant management/cooking, grounds/maintenance, vehicle mechanics, making tin stoves, shoe repair, computer, bicycle repair, agriculture, farm animals, fishery, plumbing, etc. We will also teach practical life skills such as money management, basic office skills, store management, job acquisition skills, social work assistance, health education, etc. We also have godly men who are serving with the Village of Eden who have agreed to mentor these young men and some of our team will be teaching Biblical principals such as Biblical Work Ethic, Finding our Identity/Purpose in Christ, etc. My zealous hope is that during this internship the interns each grow in their walk with the LORD, discover their personal strengths, God-given talents, and what they actually enjoy doing in order to begin a career in this area. Whether they work to try and pay for some additional education/training in this field or they begin a small business in a particular trade, either case, they have been given a renewed hope to be able to sustain themselves as God leads them.

Please continue to pray for these four and the countless others that will join our internship program in the future. Over the past four years I have encouraged these youth, counseled them, rejoiced in their victories and grieved over horrible choices, failures, and consequences. I am reminded again why I do what I do. God reminded me of me and all my many chances and I’m sure you can relate too. HE will fight for us and give us endless grace and mercy, if we only let Him! I read recently in 1 Samuel 22 the story of some men who were not the chosen or the most successful. In fact, Scripture describes them as “everyone in distress, in debt, bitter in soul,” and yet God gave them a place to belong, He gave them hope and eventually they became an army for God’s chosen—King David. I believe for these youth, that they are the ones that God wants to raise up to serve Him and make an impact in this community and around the world. **Will you believe with me?**

Much Love, Robin



THANK YOU for being such a necessary part of my team!!! Thank you for your love, encouragement, prayers and support! May God bless you!

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(Please include a note for Robin Broom-Africa)

From Our Lay Leader: Dale Gardner



In a recent article in “Turning Point”, a monthly devotional by Dr. David Jeremiah, I ran into what I thought was a strange topic of discussion - garbage! I read the whole article and found a strange correlation between garbage and the gospel. It also called to mind the phrase “garbage in - garbage out” (GIGO)- a phrase generated by the computer industry in the mid-50’s to indicate information of poor quality input to the computer when processed, produced poor quality or nonsense results. The phrase has been used in other situations as well with similar meanings.

GIGO applies, I believe, when false teachers of the Word, misapply the teachings of Christ by taking things out of context; misquoting, embellishing, marginalizing and/or twisting the message to suit their own devious purposes.

The article mentioned a serious problem in the Pacific Ocean. A spot between Hawaii and California known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP). It is a floating island of waste or garbage primarily plastic bottles and jugs, broken electronics and derelict fishing gear. It is estimated to be about 80 million kilograms (if you’re not up with the metric system, each kilogram is about 2.2 pounds, so 160 million pounds) or as another research study estimated in 2015 about 5.25 trillion (yes with a T) pieces of floating debris.

How, you may ask, can this possibly apply to the Gospel? Well, this floating island of trash was not formed by one person or even one country. It was formed by multiple people from multiple countries carelessly discarding their trash along the rivers and beaches and having it driven by the winds and the currents, pulling all the individual pieces from everywhere in the world to this one spot. So let us make a leap of faith from garbage to Gospel.

Jesus, one person, started with 12, this multiplied to 120, which multiplied to 3000, which multiplied to millions. Imagine what would happen today if, like garbage multiplied to form one island of trash, we applied this multiplication principle to sharing the Word, as Jesus did, in our communities. Imagine going out two by two; imagine living our lives everyday with Jesus as our model; imagine sharing God’s Word as the Great Commission commands. What would happen? I can only imagine!!!

Jail/Prison MinistryElaine McEver



Visitations at the jails are under the authority of local elected Sheriffs of each county which requires us to have a background check. The ministry also includes a transition house for women which is named "Ms. Elaine's house." Staff and volunteers are accountable to the Almost There Inc. Executive Board which meets the 3rd Tuesday at HUMC. There are 12 local citizens who serve on the Board offering various skills and giving advice on staff, finances, rules, etc. Sheriff Chris Clinton is a member of the Executive Board. We also partner with the North Enotah Drug/Family Courts for housing each woman who lives at the house. They can stay as long as they are in one of the programs, which is about 2 years, or until they find a place of their own. This partnership keeps everyone accountable since surveillance officers monitor classes, curfews and drug test regularly. All women who live at the house must work, pay rent, perform daily chores, and obey rules of the house and their individual court ordered programs. When Diann Hall resigned, Lindsey Shubert, who had been living at the house, became the new housemother. It was an honor for her to be recommended by Court Administrator Barbara Honeaker and Judge Gunter since she graduates from the Drug Court program in August. As we are faithful to visit, pray, house and provide for the inmates, the Lord is faithful to bring many to the truth of the gospel.

Matthew 25:35-40 ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’



Answers. 1. Titus's ministry was in Crete. 2. Elders 3. False (Philemon was the land owner) 4. False (Onesimus was the escaped slave) 5. False (Titus was the young pastor) Bonus: In jail in Rome. Nonsense bonus: Philemon when pronounced "flet mon". (Sorry).