

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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OVERFLOWING WITH THANKSGIVING



Believe it or not, I do like food! Often times 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 parent’s 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,

Sam

Pastor Sam





From Our Director of Music & Worship: Hope Horkavy

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!

The facts about worrying:

- 40% of the things people worry about never happen.
- 30% of our worries are related to past matters, which are now beyond our control.
- 12% of our worries have to do with our health, even when we are not actually ill.
- 10% of our worries are about friend and neighbors and are not based in evidence or fact.
- Only 8% of our worries have some basis in reality, which means that over 90% of the things we worry about never happen.



With that information in mind, try picturing the Christian prayer life in this way: The Christian prayer life is composed of three circles. The first is the Worry Circle, in which the word *nothing* is written because the Bible says, "Be anxious for nothing." The second is the Prayer Circle, with the word *everything* written inside because the Bible says, "In everything let your prayers be known to God." The third is the Thanksgiving Circle, with the words *all things* written inside because the Bible says "be thankful for all things." When we live within those three circles, we overcome the stress that comes into our lives.

From The Jeremiah Study Bible, by Dr. David Jeremiah, P.1663

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7*



I am grateful for all those who faithfully add to the worship ministries of this church. Our special musicians are usually mentioned in the bulletin every week, but there are folks whose names rarely come up, and who should be thanked.

Our Audio/Video folks make us sound clear and good, show videos and give us our words to sing and our scriptures to read, hopefully without you noticing that they are there: James Fagin, Aaron Hamby, Mike Henderson, Irene Kirchner, Tommy Kirchner, Preston Perren, John Whitaker.

The Praise Band rehearses most every Sunday evening to lead worship once a month: James Fagin, Mike Henderson, Linda Irvine, Tommy Kirchner, Dawn Lamade, Tayo Leduc, Kim Perren, Roy Perren.

The Handbell Choir meets weekly to practice so that they can present special music most every month: April Emmert, Irene Kirchner, Dawn Lamade, Betty Leduc, Ron Miller, Carol Simpson, Dan Simpson.

The Choir meets weekly and sometimes more to be prepared to lead worship almost every week, and also for holiday presentations. How grateful I am for your support and friendship!

Give thanks to God for these folks!



This month we are having an old-fashioned hotdog roast! All single ladies are welcome to attend. Call Pam Allen or Hope Horkavy with questions. We meet on the first Friday of every month for food, fellowship, and growing in Christ.



Going Solo Ladies Supper
November 2nd 6 pm to 8 pm



Fall back to Standard Time
Sunday, November 4th!

Chili Supper, Friday 11/9
11:30 to 7 p.m.

sponsored by HUMM.

- * Have you signed up to help?
- * Have you purchased tickets?
- * Have you invited your friends & neighbors?

Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Desk.
We need everyone to participate in this important fundraiser.



URGENT PRAYER LINE



We are setting up a One Call group for urgent prayer requests. This will only be used when you have an **immediate, urgent prayer request for you or a family member**. You will need to sign up to have your phone number added to this group. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or you can send an email to the office.

Mark your calendars for the following December events:

- 12/1 Church Decorating
- 12/8 Holiday Luncheon & Program
- 12/16 Christmas Musical

Volunteers Needed.....



The Food Pantry is hosting a dinner on November 10th for the families in our county who receive assistance. To volunteer, please contact Sandi Bradshaw @ 706-897-8214 or email: sandibradshaw4@gmail.com



- 11/4 All Saints Sunday
- 11/6 @ 2 pm Finance Meeting
- 11/9 Chili Supper
- 11/11 Last day for Shoeboxes
- 11/14 @ 2 pm Worship Meeting
- 11/15 @ 2 pm Admin Council Meeting
- 11/18 Celebration Sunday
- 11/22 Thanksgiving—Office Closed

Weekly:

- Tuesdays @ 11 am Bell Choir
- Wednesdays @ 11 am Ladies Prayer
- Wednesdays @ 6 pm Bible Study
- Wednesdays @ 7 pm Choir Practice
- Thursdays @ 9 am Men's Prayer
- Thursdays @ 10:30 Bible Study

HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

- A Friend Invited Me - 86%
- Organized Visitation - 6%
- Invited by the Pastor - 6%
- Advertising - 2%

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Sunday 11/11, is the last day to return your filled shoeboxes to the church. The amazing journey of a simple shoebox begins with you!



Answers. 1 & 2 are true; 3 is false; 4 and 5 are true. The bonus question is false. Nero was the emperor but Peter was executed, he did not commit suicide.

Church Member Services Directory

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

**NOVEMBER MINISTRY FOCUS:
THE MINISTRY OF THANKFULNESS**

**November 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.” 1Thes 5:12-13

Throughout the year we have many opportunities to express our gratitude for the outstanding contribution that Pastor Sam brings to our congregation by teaching and preaching His Word; the dedicated work that Hope, Mary Lee and Linda bring to our music ministry each Sunday and to Betty who always brings a cheerful and extraordinary attitude to serving each of us and keeping our office running so efficiently. November is the month dedicated to taking the opportunity to acknowledge their service by expressing our appreciation to all of them for their continued dedication to all of us.

Here's how we can show them our appreciation. As all of us know, we appreciate acknowledgement and this can be expressed by giving 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 monetary gift 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 how you want the offering distributed on a separate piece of paper (please do not place designated names on the check itself) and just drop it in the offertory plate on Sunday. The offertory plate gifts will be accumulated and given to them individually the first week of December. May God lead you through prayers how you can show your expression of gratitude.

We are all so blessed by their service and may God continue to bless everyone through our obedience to His Word at HUMC!



Irene Kirchner
SPR Chairperson

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

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



COMMEMORATION
of the
**FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

Colleen Hoodenpyle
Mae Lamade
Jack Kilgore
Debra Sofield

**2019 Pledges and Celebration Sunday
November 18th**



Through September and October, we have focused on the ministry of Giving, of time, talents, and treasures to God. This can take many forms. We are asking you to consider your giving to HUMC for 2019.

If you see a place in the church where you would like to share your efforts, your skills and/or your money, please know that you would be most welcome and let us know where you see yourself in the life of the church.



We are asking that you give us an idea of what, with God's help, you plan to give during 2019 in the way of treasure. This is not cast in stone, but helps you and the church to plan budgets. A letter and a pledge card was sent to everyone at the end of October asking for your best prayerful idea of what you hope to give to HUMC in 2019. If you did not receive a letter, please let us know and we will get one out to you.

Please return your pledge on or before November 18, either by mail or in the offering plate. We will celebrate God's blessings for the coming year on Celebration Sunday, looking forward to all that He has in store for HUMC and for you.

REMINDER: You may give anytime during the year in the offering plate or online at the HUMC website. If you are blessed with funds at the end of the year, please consider a year-end gift to HUMC by December 31.



A separate Financial Report is available at the Welcome Desk after the end of the month. Be sure to pick up your copy.

Library News: Dawn Lamade

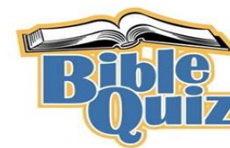


New titles in the HUMC library:

The Apocrypha. This New Revised Standard Version of the Apocrypha is an authorized revision of the Revised Standard Version of 1952, itself a revision of the 1611 King James Version. (Reference)
Yoder, Wes. **Bond of Brothers.** Beyond the sports and weather chatter and silence that characterize many male conversations, there is brokenness. Emptiness. Shame. Yoder calls disappointed, disenchanting, and lonely men to authenticity. (Family and Relationships)
Yancey, Philip. **Destiny and Deliverance.** Spiritual insights on the life of Moses from some of today's leading Christian communicators. (Bible Study)
Cymbala, Jim. **Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire.** This book is for anyone seeking to live at the center of God's purposes, through experiencing the power of his Spirit. (Ministry)
Wood, J. A. **Perfect Love.** Plain things for those who need them concerning the doctrine, experience, profession and practice of Christian holiness. Reprint. (Theology)
Harper, Steve. **Prayer and Devotional Life of United Methodists.** This is intended to foster growth in the strengthening and actual practice of your devotional life. (Methodism)
Blanchard, Ken. **The Servant Leader.** Reveals the meaning of servant leadership modeled after Jesus Christ.

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 tackling two letters - 1 and 2 Peter and we are setting the quiz up a little differently. The Apostle Peter wrote both letters and they are relatively short.

The following statements are either true or false, all you have to do is choose which is which. Easy right? Let's see.

1. Second Peter 2 warns of false prophets.
2. First Peter 3 boldly states that baptism saves us.
3. Second Peter 1 warns us of the need to repent before coming to Christ.
4. First Peter 2 calls us to walk in Christ's footsteps and be willing to suffer.
5. In Second Peter 1, the apostle speaks of his imminent death.

Bonus: Nero was emperor of Rome in AD 64, the year Peter committed suicide.



**Are you using the new
Online Directory?**

If you need help installing the AP on your smartphone, please come by the office for assistance.



Don't discard those no longer wanted treasures! It's time to begin collecting for the HUMC Church Yard Sale in the spring of 2019.



Online Giving now available for

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



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Missions MinistryRobin Broom

There are such blessings in the unexpected! God is moving in the unseen! We just have to be willing to look. I am learning more and more when I am patient, when I am resting in our Lord, *He works*. When I am still and my mind is not clouded with a million “busy” things I need to do to accomplish something, I can hear and see Him and join in what **He** is doing. A few weeks ago I shared a prayer request for a family, very close friends of mine here in our village. The elders of that family/clan had arranged a “ceremony” and I knew that meant much darkness. So I began to pray for the family and especially for one of the elders named Ronald. I know he is not saved and has much negative influence here in our village. I was reminded even more recently to pray for him. I knew that if he got saved, it could make such an impact on our village, especially the young men. So again I began to pray fervently for Ronald.

My days went on as usual and then one Friday morning I got a phone call from a friend in the community that one of our youth and recent choir children named Wafula David had an injury to his foot. She said he was in extreme pain. He had been seen at our clinic but was referred to a larger clinic in the next town over. He was treated there and sent home. I asked her to come by on their way home. When they reached me I noticed how sickly David was. He was extremely thin and his color was not good. Also, his foot was very swollen and he was grimacing in pain. I knew that he could not return to his home in this condition. So I asked our director if it was possible for him to remain here with us at the Village of Eden so he could gain some strength and healing. She agreed. Thus began my next few weeks.

David stayed with me here in my home and my days consisted of caring for him. It is times like this when I am reminded how blessed I am to not have many logistical duties, or menial tasks to fill my days. When God puts the “one” in front of me, I can give them my all. When we realized that daily wound cleanings here at our clinic were not going to be suffi-



cient, I suggested (and the doctor agreed) we take him to CoRSU, a hospital in Entebbe for further care. We notified the family of our plan. David’s mother passed away and his father is, well, given over to the enemy, much alcohol, and abandoned David to his grandmother. She is caring for about 12 of her grandchildren whose parents have died or left. So we knew that she would not be able to accompany us to Entebbe, but we needed a family member to travel with us. We began searching and late that evening we got the call that Rose, David’s aunt would go with us. We headed out for CoRSU at 4am the next morning.

We arrived and the doctors knew immediately that David would need surgery and scheduled it for the next day. David was in much pain and I noticed that Rose would walk away when David was crying. She stated, “I cannot stay, it is too much.” I told her that is exactly when David needed her most. I told her I stayed right by his side and prayed for him. Then I noticed she would go out of the room when they were doing dressing changes for the same reason. Again, I told her, it hurt me too, but that moment was not about me and it was then that I would encourage and pray for David. As the week progressed, things changed. I am completely astonished at all God did in the course of one week. When I left a few days ago, Rose was right by his side caring for David’s every need (pictured below). I watched God begin a huge work in Rose. But not only her! Every day we would call home to talk with her family including her husband. He is so very thankful for our help, for the healing taking place in David. Well, guess who her husband is? The very man I began to pray for a few weeks back. Ronald is noticing the glory of God in David and experiencing God’s unconditional love. God is so much bigger than me, so sovereign in how He works. Please pray for David, for complete healing and strength—this will be a long healing process. Pray for salvation for Ronald, for God’s glory to be seen by all and for everything else that God wants to accomplish in His goodness! This is bigger than I could ever imagine!



With 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)

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

The HUMM are now taking orders for Pecans and Peanuts. Please see Ron Miller or Howard Watkins, or fill out an order form, available at the Welcome Desk.



Jail/Prison MinistryElaine McEver



In 2015, Statistics by the Institute of Justice shows the number of Georgia Citizens caught up in the system is one in seventy. 43,000 are in local jails, 53,000 in State facilities, 464,000 on probation/parole at a cost of approximately \$1,000 per inmate per month. Women inmates held in local jails has grown, outpacing rates of men. Often women experience more difficulties because programs that have worked for men can have detrimental effects upon them. 80% of incarcerated women are mothers who have dependent children. Re-entry into society can be challenging for anyone as they consider how to unite with children, where they are going to live, how they are going to make a living, and facing the realities of life after incarceration. These difficulties are the reason that 68% will be re-arrested within 3 years, most with violations of probation.

Pretrial detention in local jails has caused the number of inmates to increase because of the length of time that passes between the arrest and court hearing. One of the women in Clay County was held for 2 years awaiting trial only to find the charges dismissed by the Judge. She was a strong Christian who led many to the Lord while waiting. The State of Georgia has had some success in reducing recidivism by the establishment of Accountability Courts. Almost There, Inc. works with The Enotah District Drug and Family Courts to help local women re-enter into society. Ms. Elaine's House has four women now who can stay as long as they are under the supervision of one of these courts. The House Mother only has responsibility for food, transportation and curfew requirements.

We are privileged to visit with the women in local jails once a week while they are waiting trial/sentencing or to be released. During the one hour of visitation we remind them that God still loves them and they are not forgotten. We do not ask why they are incarcerated nor can we take messages in or out. If one should tell us they have not accepted Christ or have turned away from Him, we can pray with them. There are some other county jails who do not permit ministry of any kind so we are blessed in Towns, Union and Clay Counties. If they are sentenced to prison we can write to them. One of the women graduates from a prison program called RSAT (Residential, Substance Abuse Treatment) this month. She has written to us for a place to live but our house is full. She is applying to live at SAFE house in Blairsville.

Thank you for supporting us as we try to obey God's call to visit the broken in heart.

From Our Lay Leader: Dale Gardner



Well, here we are in November, with Thanksgiving upon us. It is probable that many Americans are asking themselves “what do we have to be thankful for?” I think that back in 1620 the Pilgrims probably asked themselves the same question. While the specifics may have changed, we have many threats and challenges. They crossed the Atlantic in a ship about the size of a basketball court and nearly half of them died during the first winter. We face the problem of illegal immigrants and bitterly divisive politics.

The Pilgrims, however, understood that they were part of God’s greater plan (which we fail to grasp) and their troubles were only temporary. It would seem that keeping an eternal perspective keeps all things in the right perspective. While the winter of 1620 was hard, the harvest of 1621 was bountiful, and one of their number, Edward Winslow, voiced their gratitude this way, “God be praised, we had a good increase of corn ... by the goodness of God we are far from want.” And, he further stated, “Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling (turkey hunting), so that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labor.” You know the rest of the story, the pilgrims shared their feast.

The Pilgrim’s practice of celebrating Thanksgiving took hold and spread, becoming an annual tradition. During our war for independence the Continental Congress made eight Thanksgiving proclamations and President George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation under the U.S. Constitution on October 3, 1789, just days after the Bill of Rights was approved. Yet it was not until October 3, 1863 that Thanksgiving was made a national holiday by proclamation of Abraham Lincoln.

So, what do we have to be thankful for? How about the fact that we have freedom of religion; the right to express our opinions openly; the fact that we have free elections; a standing military to protect us; our families; our right to work on the job of our choice; the air we breathe; pure water; abundant food; but probably more than any of those things we should be exceedingly grateful for God’s mercy and His Amazing Grace. And, if that is not enough take a look at Psalm 107 which says in part, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good...For His mercy endures forever...Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.”*

Enjoy Thanksgiving and remember the One to thank.
 *adapted from “Thanksgiving in America”, www.FRC.org