



The COMPASS

HICKORY FLAT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CANTON, GA

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Calendar Items

July 2007

- 3:** Golf Night 5:30pm
- 4:** Independence Day; Office closed
- 4-12:** SERV Mexico Mission Trip
- 6:** Altar Rail Offering; GAKAC school supplies due
- 8:** Sunshiner Mtg. & Luncheon 10:30am
- 10:** Golf Night 5:30pm
- 11-19:** Youth Mexico Mission Trip
- 12:** Homeless Ministry 1pm
- 17:** Golf Night 5:30pm
- 19:** UM Men's Breakfast, Family Tradition Restaurant 7am
- 21-26:** Mississippi Mission Trip
- 24:** Golf Night 5:30pm
- 30-Aug. 2:** Youth Outreach/VBS in the Community
- 31:** Golf Night 5:30pm

JUST SAY... "THANK YOU!"

Thank you... for all the many acts of kindness and wonderful ways that you have greeted and shared with our family as we enter into this new place of ministry with you. Thank you to Herzon Andone for his gracious gentle spirit and for his helpfulness in making this a smooth pastoral transition. Thank you to all the wonderful Hickory Flat staff who have been so very helpful and understanding as we enter this new season of ministry together. Thank you to the members of the SPPRC as they worked behind the scenes to make this time of transition a seamless endeavor. Thank you for making our family feel welcome in the Hickory Flat family!

I especially appreciate your prayers on our behalf. Our family has been praying for each of you as well. René Watson gave us a printed directory with all your names listed. Denise and I opened that directory and read each name of every family and person listed, and as we read the names we prayed for each person by name. We did not know what your specific needs were or any circumstances in your life at that moment, but we know that God does! We thanked God for each of you by name!

"That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the Christians, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for Christians, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!"

Ephesians 1:15-19

I have much to be thankful for as we begin this new year of ministry together. Some places in our lives are often considered "points of reference." These are places that point us to other places, people, times, events, etc. They change our thought references simply by being there. For example, we celebrate New Year's day as a point of reference. What I mean is that New Year's day points to other new years and the memories that are attached. I experience my arrival here at Hickory Flat in the middle of the calendar year as a "new year" because it is a time of new beginnings for all of us.

I am reminded of the following story about new beginnings;

A new arrival in Heaven was met by St. Peter. The saint toured the newcomer around heaven. Both of them walked around side by side inside a large workroom filled with angels.

St. Peter stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all the petitions to God said in prayer are received." The newcomer looked at this

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Our Mission: To help people *discover and develop* a living relationship with Jesus Christ!

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Need Prayer?

Contact the Prayer Chain!

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Your prayer request will be sent out
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section and saw it was terribly busy with many angels sorting out petitions from people all over the world.

They walked again until they reached a second section, and St. Peter explained, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, all the graces and blessings are packed for delivery to the people who asked for them down on earth." The newcomer saw how busy it was. There were more angels than the newcomer could count working on packing and delivering blessings to Earth.

Finally, they came to the farthest corner of the room. The newcomer and St. Peter stopped in front of this section. To the surprise of the newcomer, there was only one angel and the angel sat there idly, doing nothing. St. Peter said, "This is the Acknowledging Section." The newcomer asked "How is it that there is no work here?" "That's the sad thing," St. Peter answered, "After people receive the blessings they asked for, very few send their acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessing?" asked the newcomer.

"Simple," St. Peter answered, "Just say, thank you, Lord!"

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NRSV)

When it comes to prayer, we are quicker to ask than we are to thank. We know about prayer. We believe in prayer. We know how wonderful prayer is and what a blessing it can be. We frequently hear sermons about how wonderful prayer is. But

when was the last time you stopped to thank God for all He has done in your life?

What will you do with the gift you have been offered? God knows what we need and is faithful to provide in His time and in His way!

Prayer is an indescribable privilege! What is so amazing is that you can speak with the all-powerful, all-wise, Creator of the Universe...anytime night or day, 24 hours a day—no appointment needed. No voice mail, no e-mail, just knee-mail. If we'll pray—God hears!

Will you join me in continuing to pray as we celebrate our new beginning together by giving God thanks and remembering the privilege we enjoy through prayer? I thank God for you! I invite you to take an accounting of your life and I trust you will see that God has given you His best gift in Jesus Christ. I invite you to give the best of yourself back to God, for He has blessed us with much!

I'll see you here on Sunday as we gather to *thank God* in worship and the study of His Word!

Shalom,
Robert

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN NEWS

NEW DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that we announce two additions to our Preschool/Kindergarten Staff:

Tracie Jordan Schwews joined our staff as Director beginning June 2 on a part-time basis while fulfilling obligations to another school, and then joins us full time July 1. Tracie graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and then completed a Masters in Christian Education from Asbury Seminary. Tracie brings a tremendous background in leadership, ministry, and administration, having most recently taken New Beginnings Christian Academy from new start-up to licensed school.

As our Director, Tracie will work in all facets of the school but her primary role will be providing leadership and direction to the Preschool team, working as part of the church staff and Preschool Board to ensure consistency and excellence in ministry to our children and families, and working with parents/volunteers to build a school of excellence for our community. She has a heart for children and families and for developing outstanding teams and programs. Tracie has two children, a son who is five and will attend our Kindergarten, and a daughter who is eight and will attend public school.

Jennifer Dazey Medford joined our staff as Associate Director of Christian Education in June. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Kennesaw State University and began her teaching career 12 years ago. She has several education certifications and served



multiple years as a Teacher Curriculum Trainer as well as a new teacher mentor in the public school system. Jennifer's role as Associate Director will be varied, but her primary work will be specialized in curriculum selection and coordination, teacher resourcing, teacher support, accountability, and training.

Jennifer is passionate about teaching and parenting and is very excited about this new opportunity to work with teachers and parents to help our children grow spiritually, academically, and emotionally. She was asked by the church to serve on the Preschool Board and did so initially, but resigned when she realized she had fallen in love with the teachers and program and wanted to apply for a position in the school. Jennifer and her husband David have a six-year-old son.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER NEEDED FOR FALL

We are seeking a Kindergarten Teacher for our Preschool Ministry. This is a part-time position, requiring approximately 25-30 hours per week, Monday through Friday, beginning in August. Candidates must be certified, with preference given to a Masters in Early Childhood Education. Successful applicants will have a strong relationship with the Lord, have a passion for teaching and guiding children, and have a heart for families. Class size is small and a para-pro and assistant will be part of your teaching team. Resumés and salary requirements should be forwarded by email to Rev. René Watson, rwatson@hickoryflatumc.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: ONE-ON-ONE CARE

Stephen Ministry is part of the caring ministry of our church. Stephen Ministers are individuals with spiritual gifts including faith, mercy and helping, who have been trained through 50+ hours of classes to provide care and support for people in the congregation and the community. They have the opportunity to show Christ's love to those in crisis.

Every individual at some time in life needs someone to be present to listen and care. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to be compassionate listeners to persons experiencing life's struggles, such as:

- Separation or Divorce
- Terminal Illness
- Bereavement

- Job Crisis
- Loneliness or Depression
- Hospitalization
- Being Homebound
- Spiritual Crisis and many more.

Stephen Ministry is confidential. If you could use the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Becky Bulla, Ministry Assistant, in the church office, 770-345-5969, or talk to a Stephen Minister.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING STRUCTURE

Children to Attend Early Part of Service Beginning Aug. 10

In the fall, the children's ministry will no longer cancel Sunday programming on 5th Sundays for family worship. Instead, children will be invited weekly to sit with their parents in the sanctuary for a portion of worship, and will be dismissed before the sermon.

(Nursery will be available for the littlest ones for the entire worship time.) Scripture says that "one generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). Please join us in getting excited about declaring the goodness of the Lord from generation to generation as we gather to worship.

Details of the updated check-in/check-out process will follow. The new format begins Aug. 10 on Promotion Sunday.

MASTER PLANNING/NEW CURRICULUM

Our 9am children's ministry, JourneyLand, will launch a new technology-driven curriculum on Aug. 10. Children will learn the Word in a way that is culturally familiar to them through a mix of live acting and animation.

Cohesion with Youth Ministry

In order to increase cohesion and direction to the whole of ministries to our families, the children's and youth ministries have outlined a "core curriculum" that will be taught in addition to the 9 and 11 am curriculums for children. The goal is to prepare a strategic spiritual foundation for the children that will equip them for

continued growth in youth ministries and beyond.

Please make it a priority for your children to be in attendance on Sunday mornings, and to teach spiritual truth in the home at every opportunity so that children grow up firmly rooted in their faith.

PROMOTION SUNDAY AUG. 10

Students will move up on Aug. 10. Preschoolers who will be three years old before Sept. 1, 2008 will be

promoted up to Adventure Island at both 9 and 11 am. Children entering Kindergarten will be promoted from Adventure Island to JourneyLand at 9am. Children entering the 6th grade will move from children's programs into youth. 11am Sunday school will promote up into the older classes on Aug. 10, as well.



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Youth, if you are interested in volunteering to work with the children's ministry, see Jessica for an application. We would *love* to give you an opportunity to serve and put you on the schedule. JourneyLand volunteers must be 7th grade or older.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Jessica Avery, Minister with Children, is currently putting together volunteer teams for fall. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact her (770-345-5969, javery@hickoryflatumc.org). Teams are needed for administration, greeting, prep work, check-in/out team, shopping/materials gathering, acting, puppetry, teaching, small group leadership, decorating, audio/visual, seasonal events, and more!



AN EASY WAY TO SERVE

Do you have a few spare hours once a month? The newsletter is mailed monthly to members and to guests who have visited HFUMC recently, looking for a church home. Helping hands are needed to help collate pages, fold and seal the newsletters. Bring a

friend and pass the time chatting. It's a simple way to help reach out to those who are on the same path or still searching. Easy evangelism! Contact Becky Bulla at 770-345-5969.

HFUMC THURSDAY EVENING GOLF

Everyone is welcome! Tee off any or every Thursday evening between 5:30 and 6pm. \$18 per player at Bradshaw Farm.

- Bring kids (over 10 years).
- Bring beginners—our fun scrambles are perfect for those just starting or those who don't play often.
- Most important, bring your friends! Just come out and play!

Contact Linton Davis for more information.

OUTREACH & MISSIONS NEWS

JULY ALTAR RAIL OFFERING—CHEROKEE FAMILY VIOLENCE CENTER

Each first Sunday of the month we celebrate The Lord's Supper with communion, and designate a specific ministry for any donations left at the altar rail. On July 6 we will designate these funds for the Cherokee Family Violence Center.

A note from Meg Rogers, Executive Director:

I am delighted to hear that Hickory Flat UMC will be doing a special collection for our agency. This comes at such an important time as our county continues to grow so we are trying to help more families with fewer resources. For general information about our agency you may want to visit our website at www.cherokeefamilyviolence.org.

Last year we sheltered 42 women and 26 children. *[Note: The shelter is only a 12-bed facility. Last year there was a fire in a unit which wasn't repaired for the entire year, which left only seven beds. The center provided hotel accommodations for a number of women and children during that time but those numbers are not included above.]* In addition, we assisted 462 women, 780 children and six men with our other support services such as emergency protective orders, transitional housing, support groups, counseling and emergency financial assistance. We currently have 69 women and 168 children living in our three-year transitional housing program. In total we provided 20,508 services to 1,305 victims of domestic violence. Through our 24-hour crisis line we answered 6,644 crisis calls and made 11,479 referrals to other community resources.

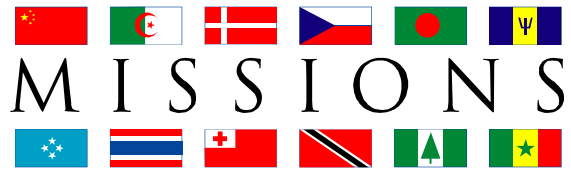
Thank you again for thinking of us in this very special way.

Meg Rogers
Executive Director
Cherokee Family Violence Center

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you would like to keep up with some of our mission trips as they occur, check out the SERV blog site where teams post updates and those at home can post notes of encouragement.

You can follow the link from www.servintl.org. When you get to the blog, scroll down to the team you wish to follow.



REGISTER ONLINE FOR MISSION TRIP TO MISSISSIPPI

A team will head to Mississippi on Monday, July 21 through Saturday, July 26 to lend a helping hand again as the state still attempts to recover from Hurricane Katrina, which occurred nearly three years ago, in 2005. Adults and youth (15- to 18-year-olds, accompanied by a parent) are welcome. Experienced or willing to learn, all are needed! The cost is \$50 but could be waived if you cannot afford to pay. Register online at www.hickoryflatumc.org, hit Calendar, hit Open Registrations.

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS: PRAYERS NEEDED

Here is a list of the upcoming mission trips which are sponsored by HFUMC or by SERV Ministries. Please keep these teams in your prayers as they minister to the world around us.

July 4-12: Mexico (SERV)

July 11-19: Youth mission trip to Mexico

July 21-26: Mississippi

MUST CHEROKEE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Drivers Especially Needed



The MUST Summer Lunch Program provides lunches for kids across Cherokee County who qualify for hot lunches during the school months but may not get fed during the summer. Last year 1,100 lunches were delivered per day, for a total of 46,298 lunches!

Our VBS children collected food and made sandwiches for the Summer Lunch Program in June. See the *VBS Wrap-Up* article in this newsletter.

Individual volunteers and groups are needed to pack and deliver lunches this summer, and lunch donations for July are needed: ham, turkey, bologna, cheese, sandwich bread, and individually-wrapped snacks for kids.

This year the most critical need is for drivers, even for a one-time delivery to cover for vacations of regular volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact Jordan Hoffman at MUST Cherokee, 770-479-5397 ext. 3107.

OUTREACH AND MISSIONS, CONTINUED

5TH ANNUAL GIVE A KID A CHANCE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are gearing up for the biggest school supply drive this church has ever seen! Our annual participation in the GAKAC event, to be held on July 19 this year, reaches the poorest of children in Cherokee County. Many churches participate but HFUMC has a reputation as the focal point of the school supply drive.

This event is so much more than the school supplies, though. GAKAC will offer the children free hearing, eye, dental, and chiropractic exams; used clothing; new socks and underwear; live music and food for the entire family and, most importantly, God's free grace!

Look for the collection box in the fellowship hall wing. Items needed:

- Backpacks
- 12-pack colored pencils
- glue sticks
- Safety scissors
- 1-subject college- or wide-ruled notebooks
- College or wide-ruled filler paper
- Black, blue or red ballpoint stick pens
- White school glue
- 1-½ inch 3-ring binders
- Packages of #2 wooden pencils
- 12-inch rulers
- Yellow highlighters
- 2-pocket portfolios

Order School Supplies in Bulk

Shopping a hassle? You can order school supplies in bulk at a discount, online, at <http://dollardays.com/giveakidachance/wishlist.html>. Orders will be shipped to Liberty Hill UMC (central collection site).

Regarding monetary donations, HFUMC supports this project through our missions budget, so by giving to our general budget, you'll be funding this vital project!

Donation Deadline July 6

Please have all donations in by Sunday, July 6 so that the team has time to assemble backpacks full of supplies. If you have any questions, please call Mike or Miriam Hale.

MUST MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY RUNNING EMPTY

MUST Ministries is in need of your immediate help! Food supplies are nearly depleted due to a record drop in donations and an increase in those in our community who are hungry. Could you help by donating items from the list below?

- Canned foods: Beef stew, mixed vegetables, fruit, tuna, chicken, ham, salmon, refried beans, pork & beans
- Pantry items: Oatmeal, Ramen noodles

Items can be taken directly to MUST, 141-B W. Marietta St., Canton 30169, or left in the missions donation bin outside Trailer C1. You can make a difference in the life of someone in our community.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP REPORT

This was my third trip to Puerto Plata. The first trip in October 2004 was a whirlwind of activity. On the second trip, April 2007, I developed relationships with many of the people. On this most recent trip, my love for the people of the Dominican Republic was deepened more than I thought possible. They are poor in so many ways, but so rich in spirit. The spiritual leaders pray and worship, always asking and seeking God's will in their ministries and in their personal lives. Much work is yet to be done, but much has been accomplished by the Dominican people themselves with support from others.

Not only did I receive many blessings from the local people, but I received so much from my mission teammates. A great team—small in number, large in spirit! Mayra (short and sweet), Josh (preacher-in-training), and Dehlia (sweet spirit) were the best. We prayed, we wept, we laughed. The strong leadership

of Pastor Joey Hatchell [Faith UMC Smyrna] gave all of us the confidence it takes to feel secure so far away from home—even when he was driving.

Everyone asks when you get back from a trip, "How was it?" It was wonderful, so wonderful that I pray that everyone I know could experience a trip like this.

I would like to thank Pastor Joey for falling in love with the people of the Dominican Republic. And also to thank SERV Ministries for supporting the DR ministry which brings places of worship, job training, schools for children unable to attend otherwise, medical clinics and the love of Jesus Christ to such deserving people.

Debra King (Member, HFUMC)

NOTE: Registration is open for the next DR trip, Aug. 24-29, at www.servintl.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008: A WRAP-UP

VBS POWER LAB—LIFE CHANGE IN PROGRESS

Our theme for VBS week was *Power Lab*, where the kids discovered Jesus' miraculous power. Our youth really stepped up to decorate the church the week before VBS. Those who were at church on the Sunday following VBS surely noticed the large sign in the sanctuary saying WARNING—LIFE CHANGE IN PROGRESS.

More than 200 children attended VBS, with 111 volunteers teaching, guiding and shepherding the groups.

Through song, dance, crafts, missions, recreation, Bible story, and even snack, the kids learned that Jesus gives us the power to:

- Be helpful
- Be thankful
- Be brave
- Live forever
- Tell others about God



Summer Servants

Our older kids (4th and 5th graders) are our Summer Servants, and they showed they truly have servants' hearts. They worked with Craig Sherer (Minister with Youth) and Nick Yother (Minister with Junior High Youth) to build a shed for the Haven for Two Brothers for whom the church family built a house previously. The children also delivered lunches for the MUST summer lunch program, the lunches that the younger kids put together. (See VBS missions article in the right column.) And they visited the Senior Center and the Cherokee County Animal Shelter on Univeter Road to lend a helping hand.

Thank you to Jessica Avery (Minister with Children), Craig, Nick, and all the volunteers who worked so hard and made this week a witness to the love and power of Jesus Christ in our lives.

VBS MISSIONS

Missions are a huge part of the VBS week. The children bring in donations throughout the week and participate in hands-on ministry daily. Mary Ann Laughlin served as leader for VBS Missions again this year, and this is the breakdown of activities for the week.

- Monday: Filled 1,000 bags with a juice box, dessert, and chips
- Tuesday: Assembled 1,200 bologna and cheese sandwiches
- Wednesday: Signed and prayed over 60 soccer balls that are being sent to Africa, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Honduras
- Thursday: Made 300 paper duck puppets for Honduras
- Friday: Made 350 hygiene kits for homeless people in Atlanta

Items collected during the week:

- Juice boxes 1118
- Individual bags of chips 1097
- Desserts 838
- Cheese slices 2,258
- Bologna slices 1,461
- Boys' boxers 342
- Washcloths 665
- Travel size shampoo 266

The lunches were donated to MUST for needy children in Cherokee County. MUST coordinates feeding 1100 lunches daily in Cherokee County, 46,000 over summer break. The boxer shorts were donated to GAKAC (*Give A Kid A Chance*), a community outreach that provides school supplies, new socks and underwear, along with many services such as haircuts, to needy children in Cherokee County. See related article in this issue—HFUMC participates in this annual outreach.

Stories of Faith

Has the Holy Spirit touched your life in a powerful way? We would love for you to share your experience with our community of faith. Share your

- Salvation story (how you became a Christian)
- Growth story (what God has been teaching you lately)
- Mission/ministry story (a glimpse of God's kingdom through your mission/ministry activities)

For more details about sharing your faith story, see our website:
www.hickoryflatumc.org/music.



PRAYER PAGERS

Prayer Pagers are distributed to those in our church family who are undergoing treatment and need to be surrounded by prayer. Each time you pray for one of these people, please also dial the number to their pager—they will receive a message letting them know that someone, somewhere just thought about and prayed for them.

If you have questions about Prayer Pagers, please contact Becky Bulla, Ministry Assistant, bbulla@hickoryflatumc.org, or 770-345-5969.

Current Prayer Pager List:

Gerri Brittingham	770-929-5131
Teresa Rodgers	770-929-5132
Clarice Cloud	770-929-5133
Wayne Pollard	770-929-5134

Please cut out this list and post it near your phone.



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Used Items Needed If you have working appliances or

gently-used furniture you'd like to donate to persons in need, please contact Becky in the church office, 770-345-5969. Our Outreach and Missions team will work to match up these items with needs in the community, or put them in storage until a need arises.

Email List If you're not on the email list, you're missing out on updates, reminders, congregational care notes, and prayer requests. Contact Valerie at vnorris@hickoryflatumc.org to sign up! (You can unsubscribe at any time you wish.)

New Parents Meal Ministry If you are interested in receiving meals after the arrival of a new baby, please contact Connie Klements with the expected due date.

If you would like to help provide meals for new parents, please contact Connie and give her your name, phone number and email address.

New Parents
Meal Ministry



Care Packages for Military Personnel The Unity and Fellowship Sunday school classes team up to send care packages to our military personnel. If you know of someone who would appreciate warm thoughts and a few goodies from "home," please contact Daphne Moody.

Beans for MUST Sunday On the third Sunday of the month we ask each member to bring two cans of beans (black beans, pinto beans or refried beans) for MUST Ministries in Canton, a faith-based organization dedicated to providing services to persons in crisis. Drop off the beans in the collection boxes at the sanctuary doors.



UM Men's Breakfast All men are invited to the monthly men's breakfast on the third Saturday of the month, 7am at Family Tradition restaurant on Highway 140.

Men's Weekly Prayer Breakfast Men meet weekly at Family Tradition restaurant on Highway 140, beginning at 6am, to pray, fellowship and share a meal. For more info, contact Ronnie Holbert or just show up.

GED Preparatory Classes at HFUMC! HFUMC offers a preparatory course for the GED test. Classes free to anyone over 18. Duration depends on the individual's needs and skills. Call Ronnie at 770-345-7060 for information about times and dates of classes.



Congregational Care

In Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to Jeff & Eileen Jarrett and Dylan on the death of their son and brother, Gregory, May 29.

Our sympathy to Ava & Charlie Evans on the death of her father, A.J. Price, on June 7.

Our sympathy to Aida & Byron Riebow and family on the death of Aida's father, Gamaliel Lopez, June 14.

At Home or Known Ill

Ted & Emma Lou Atkins; Gerri Brittingham; Clarice Cloud; Beth Coon; Margaret Dunn; Melissa Lamb; Elia Lopez (Aida Riebow's mother); Caroline McCullough; Karen Moody (Frances Wellborn's daughter); Ruth Payne at her daughter Jill's home; Christie Pieper; Wayne Pollard; Peggy Powell; Eula Raines; Teresa Rodgers; Bill Sollenberger (Katie's grandfather); Katie Sollenberger; Wayne Woodall

In Treatment

Beth Coon; Gerri Brittingham; Teresa Rodgers

In Extended Care

John Brown, Faye Forrester and Jake McGarity (James McGarity's father) at Cameron Hall, Canton; Bea Mitchell at The Oaks, Canton; Jack Rigg at Woodstock Nursing & Rehab Center

New Babies

Welcome new baby Eli Hansen Connelly, born May 30 to Jennifer & Kevin Connelly.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Ryan Taylor Ligon, born Jan. 1, 2005, and Catherine Elizabeth Ligon, born Aug. 31, 2006, children of Jon & Lisa Ligon, were baptized on June 15.

The Sacrament of Baptism & The Rite of Confirmation

Collin Timothy Taylor, the son of Chris & Kelli Taylor, was baptized and confirmed on June 1.

The Rite of Confirmation

Zachary Loyd Benton, son of Brad & Paula Benton and grandson of David Muse, was confirmed on June 1.

Alexa Raine Bennett, daughter of Jon & Charlotta Bennett, was confirmed on June 1.

Ashley Ann Casey, daughter of Robert & Carolynn Casey, was confirmed on June 1.

Mary Elizabeth Crumley, daughter of Paul & Elizabeth Crumley, was confirmed on June 1.

Eilen Avery Howard, daughter of Webb & Eileen Howard, was confirmed on June 1.

Zachary David Wilkins, son of David & Janet Wilkins, was confirmed on June 15.

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Thank you to Cub Scout Pack 465 for their \$500 donation to Give a Kid a Chance (GAKAC), a mission outreach that provides backpacks, school supplies and more for needy children in the community. Pack Leader is Scott Ketcham.



Our Faithfulness

No. of members: **1213**

Average attendance at 9am worship in May: **299**

Average attendance at 11am worship in May: **196**



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SENIOR ADULT NEWS

**REVERSE MORTGAGES—
WHAT ARE THEY?**

Our senior adult Sunshiners group will meet on July 8 in the fellowship hall at 10:30am. All those 50+ are invited as Art



Cramer shares his knowledge of Reverse Mortgages. Chips, drinks and dessert provided; bring a sandwich/ brown bag lunch for the meal and fellowship time following the meeting.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COME JOIN THE SUNDAY MORNING FUN!

The Nursery Ministry is in need of new faces to volunteer and help us disciple the youngest members in our church on Sunday mornings. No experience needed, and you must be at least 14 years old. Choose which service you would like to work, and serve once every 5-6 weeks. No diaper-changing!



This is *not* restricted to women and girls—dads are always welcome. And if you miss your own grandchildren, or are “patiently” waiting for some, here’s your chance to enjoy the little ones!

Our Safe Sanctuary policy states that you must have been active at HFUMC for six months before working with our children. Contact Connie Klements at cklements@hickoryflatumc.org for more info, or drop by the Nursery on Sunday.



OFFICE CLOSING

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.