



The COMPASS

HICKORY FLAT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CANTON, GA

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Calendar Items

September 2008

1: Labor Day; Office Closed

3: Wednesday Fellowship Suppers begin 5:15pm

7: Children's Home/Altar Rail Offering

9: Sunshiners Senior Adults Meeting/Lunch 10:30am

20: UM Men's Breakfast at Family Tradition 7am

21: Beans for MUST Sunday

23: UM Women Meeting 10am

26-28: Rock Eagle Men's Retreat

28: JourneyLand kids in Heroes costumes; Acolyte Training noon; 4th-5th Grade Pizza/Bowling Outing 4pm

October 2008

4: Self Defense for Women Class 9am-1pm

17-18: *Everything for Kids* Consignment Sale 8am-1pm

"THERE IS A MOUSETRAP IN THE HOUSE!"

Why and how do we care as a Christian Community called Hickory Flat? The answer to "how" we care can be seen through the many and various ministries we take part in at Hickory Flat and beyond. The answer to "why" we care is obvious—we care because we love. We love because Jesus commands us to love one another (John 15:17). How many different expressions of caring are there at Hickory Flat?

We care because we take seriously the command to love one another. We care because we take seriously the instruction of Jesus when he said, "In as much as you have served, and loved the least of these your brothers and sisters you have served and loved me."

Here's a little story about caring:

"We care because we love. We love because Jesus commands us to love one another..."

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. Wondering what food might be in the package, the mouse was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the barnyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, then raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and yelled, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

Sympathizing, the pig said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap—alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever.

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

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Please email articles to
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by that morning.

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Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral; the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember—when one of us is affected, we are all affected. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another. (Author unknown)

Lessons to Remember:

1. Each of us is a vital thread in another person's tapestry, and our lives are woven together for a reason.
2. One of the best things to hold onto in this world is a friend!
3. If you want good friends, be a good friend!

I'll see you here in the *Caring and Sharing Place* this Sunday for small group learning opportunities and Worship!

Shalom,
Robert > < >

UPCOMING SERMONS

Here is a list of upcoming sermons and scriptures so that you may pre-read the scriptures and ready your heart and mind for God's Word each Sunday.

Sept. 7: 1 Chronicles 16:7-12, "Remember?"

Sept. 14: Psalm 25:1-7, "Remember—Don't Forget"

Sept. 21: Matthew 28:19-20, "Remember—Tell It Again"

Sept. 28: Jeremiah 31:31-34, "Remember—Just a Memory?"



SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR ALL

Join others for fellowship time in the fellowship hall between worship services, 10-11am! Missions prep work, crafts, or baking projects, games and toys, and refreshments. Spend a little time getting to know others here at HFUMC.

ALARM SYSTEM/LOCK CHANGES

The locks and alarm codes on the church building and church offices have been changed. If you need access, please contact Dana Bryant at 770-345-5969.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

KIDS IN COSTUME

Sunday, Sept. 28 is the last week of the *Heroes* series in JourneyLand. Your child is invited to dress in super hero costumes that Sunday. We have been learning with Pow and Ka-Bam how to live lives of heroes by studying heroes of the Bible.



NEW JOURNEYLAND SERIES IN OCTOBER

Oct. 5 we will start our next series, *On the Trail: A wild west cattle drive through the Exodus of Israel.*

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

We encourage families to worship together, but understand that little ones get restless. The nursery is available for children two and under; children three and up are invited to sit with their parents for a portion of worship, and will be dismissed during the service for their class. You must check your children into their class prior to worship in order for them to go with the group to class.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Children with special needs can be accommodated in our Sunday morning children's classes. Please contact Jessica Avery, Minister with Children, in advance so that your child can be best served. 770-345-5969 or javery@hickoryflatumc.org.



EXTREME TREK (ET)

ET is a dynamic ministry for children 3 years old through 5th grade that teaches God's

Word through music and bible-based activities, with groups divided by age. Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm during the school year. Check-in is at education hall.

JUMP 4TH-5TH GRADE BOWLING/PIZZA PARTY

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to a bowling/pizza party on Sunday, Sept. 28. The group will leave from church at 4pm and return in time to join the youth for worship. Pick-up time is 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Bring \$20 and a pair of socks; activity participation and medical release forms required—available online at www.hickoryflatumc.org/connecting, and then click Forms.



BABYSITTING/CHILDCARE DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED

If you wish to remain on the Babysitter/Childcare Directory or want to be added to it, please contact Connie, cklements@hickoryflatumc.org. If you provide in-home daycare and would like to be included, please contact Connie as well.

UPWARD SOCCER DEVOTIONALS

Needed: Many people to give mini-devotionals (3-5 minutes long) during half-times of Upward Soccer games at HFUMC. Some children and their parents will only know Jesus' love through your witness! Games held on Saturdays for 8 weeks starting the end of August. Contact Lynn Nash to volunteer or for more details.



THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

We are currently in the Liturgical season of Pentecost. Pentecost is traditionally referred to as the birthday of the church, and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and followers of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem as promised (Acts 2). The season of Pentecost continues until Advent, which begins on Nov. 30 this year.



GIFT TO THE NURSERY MINISTRY

IN HONOR OF GAVIN & CORY RAMPLEY

BY CATHERINE PORTARO

GIFT TO MISSION FUND

IN HONOR OF RONNIE & JUDY HOLBERT

BY TODD & DALE MORRISSEY

HOW TO PROMOTE YOUR MINISTRIES



MINISTRY TABLE

Beginning in September, we'll have two new ways for you to promote ministries and share valuable information with the congregation. First, we have made a resource available for scheduling on our church calendar called "*Welcome Center Ministry Table*."

The table can be reserved by Sunday school and Bible classes, mission and ministry areas, and small groups. To reserve, complete a calendar request (www.hickoryflatumc.org and click Forms). The table resource will be listed under *Worship/Gathering Spaces* in the form.

The table will be set up for your group just outside the Sanctuary in the welcome center and can be used for advertising and ministry awareness or registration (no fundraising). The best way to use the table is to have one or two folks stationed there before and after services to answer questions and share information.

WORSHIP TESTIMONY

The other way we invite you to get the word out about your ministry is to make a reservation to share a testimony in worship. You can either have your testimony videotaped by our media team or you can do it in person. Either way, you'll need to contact Melanie Williams, Minister of Worship Arts, well in advance, at mwilliams@hickoryflatumc.org or 770-378-7509 to schedule a testimony. Melanie will be happy to help you prepare your testimony for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that we will no longer have "announcements" during worship other than planned testimonies and those announcements that appear on the screens both in worship and at the welcome center. To have your announcement added *in print or on screen*, you may submit information to vnorris@hickoryflatumc.org by the Tuesday prior.

We hope that these changes will enhance both our ability to share information with one another as well as focus our worship time.

Need Prayer?

Contact the Prayer Chain!

prayerchain@hickoryflatumc.org

Your prayer request will be sent out to all of our email subscribers.

CHILDREN SERVING GOD:

ACOLYTES

ACOLYTE TRAINING

SESSION PLANNED

There will be a 30-minute Acolyte training session on Sept. 28 following the 11am worship time, for children 3rd grade and older.

Acolytes assist in 11am worship by lighting the candles at the beginning of worship and extinguishing them at the end, serving on a rotation basis. (Once every 4-6 weeks.) If interested, contact Melanie Williams, mwilliams@hickoryflatumc.org or 770-378-7509.



ACOLYTE COORDINATOR NEEDED

Thank you to Cheryl Rogers for serving as our Acolyte Coordinator for the last few years! Everyone in 11am worship sees the children lighting candles each week; Cheryl has been the person behind the scenes training, coordinating and guiding these young people in their service to God and HFUMC.

Cheryl is ready to move to new areas of ministry and we are in need of a new coordinator for our acolytes. Duties include training new acolytes, preparing the schedule, and overseeing this ministry under the guidance of Melanie Williams, Minister of Worship. If interested, contact Melanie at mwilliams@hickoryflatumc.org or 770-378-7509.

CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING SEPT. 7

When you support the United Methodist

Children's Home, you're feeding children who might never have had someone care enough to—or be able to—provide

a healthy, nutritious meal for them. You're helping a child in their foster care program find a family who will love her as their own. You're helping to provide healing therapy and spiritual nourishment for youth who desperately need someone to care. Your support—financially, prayerfully and in action—is needed now more than ever to help children and families in times of trouble. When you give to the Children's Home, you're being the hands and feet of Jesus.



On Sunday, Sept. 7 the Altar Rail Offering will be designated for the Children's Home. Since 1900, church members have been asked to contribute one day's pay to the home. Thank you for your generosity toward those who can't help themselves!

NEWS ABOUT WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

SUPPERS

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS RESUME!

Fellowship suppers resume on Sept. 3, 5:15-6:30pm. \$6 for adults and kids over 8, \$3 for kids 8 and under, family max. \$24. Sign up by the Monday prior online at www.hickoryflatumc.org, use the tear-off in the bulletin, or call the church office, 770-345-5969. Proceeds go to various missions/ministries.



The menu for Sept. 3 is pork loin, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, peach cobbler/ice cream and tea or lemonade. The meal will be prepared by Kindred Spirits Sunday school to benefit Angel Tree Ministry, an annual outreach to provide needy children with Christmas gifts.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER COMMITTEE

If you're interested in serving on the supper committee, organizing suppers and supporting those who are cooking and serving, please contact Karla Preston. Many hands are needed to offer this meal and time of fellowship to families each week, and we count on your help.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER COOKS NEEDED

If your group would like to raise funds for missions/ministries, consider cooking and serving Wednesday fellowship suppers! Contact Karla Preston or Melanie Williams at mwilliams@hickoryflatumc.org.

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. Please post the list below near your phone.

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
Dean Ferrell 770-929-5133

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN NEWS



EVERYTHING FOR KIDS CONSIGNMENT SALE

Closets stuffed with outgrown kids' clothing? Are the kids' bedrooms better stocked than the local toy stores? Here's your chance to simplify and earn some cash! Everything for

kids, infant through junior sizes: clothing, toys, nursery items, even furniture. Get rid of all that clutter (but only high quality goods accepted). Sellers keep 70% of sales.

The consignment sale will be Oct. 17-18, 8am-1pm. Set-up for the sale is Oct 15, 7pm-9pm, with drop-off on Oct. 16, 8am-1pm.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact the preschool office to volunteer your time or with any questions, preschooloffice@hickoryflatumc.org, 770-345-9354.

FUNDRAISING

Please help the Preschool with their continued fundraising opportunities. They are collecting the following:

- Box Tops for Education
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Old cell phones
- Newspapers (place newspapers in collection bin at back corner of parking lot)



Puppets Needed!

- Blocks (wood, Lego—small and medium-sized)
- 18"-28" orange traffic cones (15)
- Puppets
- Medium to large beads

ITEMS NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL

Preschool is in need of few items to help out in our classrooms:

CLASS OPENINGS

We have a few openings in our 3- and 4- year old classroom and one slot in our young 2s class.

REFERRALS—EARN TUITION CREDIT!

If a preschool family refers a family to us and they enroll, the currently-enrolled family will receive a \$50 credit toward one month's tuition. Be sure the referred family mentions your name!



MISSIONS AT HFUMC

SERV MINISTRIES

INTERNATIONAL OCTOBER TENT PROJECT

SERV Ministries is currently accepting registrations for a Tent Project to be held near Monterrey, Mexico in conjunction with the Pan de Vida congregation. Project dates are Oct. 10-19 and the cost will be \$650-700.

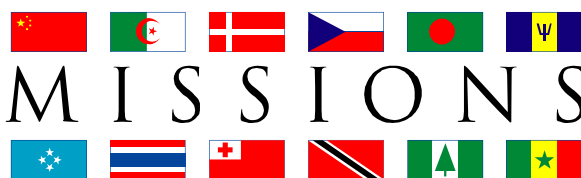
A Tent Project is a short-term medical/food outreach/evangelism project. No experience required.

To register, go to www.servintl.org and follow the link to the Registration Page. Note that a \$100 registration fee is now required and is applied to the total trip cost.

For more information, contact Randy Saxon.

MUST SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM UPDATE

The MUST Ministries Summer Lunch Program, 45 days long, fed 1,100 children in the community for a total of 43,060 lunches. MUST Cherokee would like to say thank you to everybody who helped with



MISSIONS

the program through donations, lunches, or volunteering. For some of these children, the lunches provided were the only meal they received all day.

GIVE A KID A CHANCE UPDATE

GAKAC (Give A Kid A Chance) 2008 is over, by all appearances the biggest outpouring we have ever had. Thanks to all who assisted this cause with their time and donations. Here are some of the final numbers:

- 1,559 backpacks with supplies handed out—454 more than last year!
- The Health Department gave 185 immunizations and saw 400 people at the Boys & Girls Club, saving families \$100 per person.

- The Canton Rotary offered balloons and goodie bags for the children, and funded the delivery charge for Moonwalks, which were provided rent-free by Jumptastic.

- His Hands ministry provided 120 vision screenings, 122 hearing screenings, 140 hearing/vision screenings in the county health department room, and 350 dental screenings. They gave away 350 toothbrushes and 220 tubes of toothpaste.
- Special thanks to Bon Vivant Salon. They closed the salon and brought all seven stylists to the event to provide 300+ haircuts.

Finally, 606 volunteers were present to guide, pray over, feed, laugh, cry, counsel, and show the everlasting presence of God among us. Brings to mind the litter bearers in Mark 2:1-12, who carried their ailing brethren to the everlasting salvation Jesus offers.

In God's work,
Mike and Miriam Hale

"LIVING LIFE AS A SON OF GOD" MEN'S RETREAT

MEN'S RETREAT

The 46th Annual Men's Spiritual Retreat weekend at Rock Eagle in Eatonton, GA on Sept 26-28 is sponsored by the United Methodist Men of the North Georgia Conference. Over 1000 men will gather for spiritual renewal and fellowship. One hundred men from Hickory Flat will attend this event this year, if past years are any indication. When 1000 men are

singing the great songs of the church, it is an amazing sound. With the renewing power of the Holy Spirit the men attending will be re-energizing to be the men of God that they have been called to be! Lives will be changed, with men accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior for the first time.

All men are invited to join in. Bring your sons. You and they will return changed.

Steve Wood, Sr. Pastor of Mt. Pisgah UMC, is keynote speaker, with music provided by Wild at Heart (Rev. Herzen Andone's band), Ralph Freeman, Liberty Hill

Praise Team, and the UM Men's Choir. Exceptional workshops led by clergy and laypeople, Cross & Flame Walk/Run, ropes course, fishing, tennis, basketball, swimming, mini-golf, pre-retreat Golf Tournament at Indian Creek, pre-retreat Prayer and Fasting at Collinswood, and much more.

If you would like to learn more, visit www.ngcumm.com. If you are interested in registering, contact Scott Klements, Cary Loesing, Mark McDougald, Ronnie Holbert or Mike Pearman. Pastor Robert Brown will attend Rock Eagle, and the men of HFUMC expect to have a wonderful time.

The Bulletin Board

Do you have trouble hearing in church? We have an assisted listening system. Check with an usher prior to the worship service.

Audio Files and Sermons To hear a sermon again, share with a friend, or subscribe to our podcast, all for free, visit www.hickoryflatumc.org/sermons. A CD of sermons can be ordered at the Info Desk for \$5.

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, cklements@hickoryflatumc.org.

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

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.

Third Sunday is 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, Sept. 20, 7am at Family Tradition restaurant on Highway 140. If you would like more info, contact Mark McDougald.

Men's Weekly Prayer Breakfast Men meet every Wednesday 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 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.

UM Women's Meeting The United Methodist Women's group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited.

Mission Team Needs Small Soaps and Shampoos! The Downtown Homeless Mission Team is in need of small, hotel-sized bars of soap and bottles of shampoo. If you travel, please donate your unused hotel soaps and

shampoos to the team. There is a drop-off container outside the mission trailer, C1, on your right as you drive around the church.

Church Office Hours The church office is closed on Tuesdays from 10:45am–2pm, while the staff meets, worships, plans, prays and shares a meal together.

On Fridays the office closes at 1pm. If you need to pick up keys or see someone at the office, please do so prior to that.

Pastoral Care

Emergencies Emergency situations can occur at any time. If you have a pastoral care emergency need when no one is answering the phones at the office, please call the church using the usual number, 770-345-5969, and when you get voice mail, dial 3 for further instructions.



Parents of Children Two and Under To enhance your worship of God, a nursery is available for infants through two-year-olds. The nursery is to the right of the sanctuary.

Also, the entrance by the drive-under contains speakers, if you'd like to rock your baby in a quiet area and still hear the worship service.

"all for ONE" Praise Team

CDs HFUMC Praise Team CDs can be ordered at the info desk and picked up the following week, \$10 each. To order online, visit our website at www.hickoryflatumc.org, click on Calendar, and then on Open Registrations.



Congregational Care

In Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to Barb & Ron Wicks on the death of Barb's uncle, Lynn Broyles of Knoxville, TN, who passed away on July 22.

Our sympathy to Gail Barnett and her children, Rebecca, William & Shane, on the loss of their husband and father, Tom Barnett, who passed away on July 27.

Our sympathy to Bob & Susan Stewart and Bethany, at the unexpected death of Bob's sister, Beth.

In the Hospital

Please keep in your prayers Jake McGarity (James McGarity's father) at Northside Cherokee Hospital.

At Home or Known Ill

Ted & Emma Lou Atkins; Gerri Brittingham; Phyllis Clark; Clarice Cloud; Evelyn Gebhardt; Christine Mackey; Ruth Payne; Christie Pieper; Jack Rigg; Teresa Rodgers



In Treatment

Gerri Brittingham; Karen Moody; Teresa Rodgers; Clarice Cloud; Phyllis Clark

In Extended Care

John Brown and Faye Forrester at Cameron Hall, Canton; Bea Mitchell at The Oaks, Canton.

New Members

We welcome those who have joined our fellowship:

Kelsey Carson of Smyrna

Wayne & Donna Pollard of Canton

Pastor Robert, Denise, Caroline & Christine Brown of Canton

Kristy Lapham of Woodstock

Katy Larson of Woodstock

Hank & Peggy Powell and son Brian Allen of Woodstock

Karin Smuts & daughter Marlize of Canton

Zack (reaffirmation) & Donna Simons and children Wesley Johnston; Sarah Simons; Zane Simons; and nephews Curran, Dallas & JD Goodwin, of Canton

Wayne & Linda Woodall of Canton

Don & Cindy Ellett and children Steven & Elijah of Canton

Judy Warnick, HFUMC organist, of Canton

New Grandbaby

Welcome new grandbaby Emily Hicks, born July 31, granddaughter of Ken & Melanie Williams. Emily's parents are Christina & Zach Hicks.



TO OUR GUESTS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

One of the ways we get to know you is through the First Time Guest Card in the pews.

Please fill it out and drop it in the offering plate! Also, stop by the information booth (in the welcome center to the right of the sanctuary) to find out more about the missions and ministries of HFUMC.



MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

When you fill out the First Time Guest Card or the attendance sheets in worship, we add you to our newsletter mailing list. To continue to receive our monthly newsletter in the mail, sign the attendance pad each time you visit. When you stop visiting (or signing the pad), we will remove you from the mailing list.



Our Faithfulness

No. of members: **1236**

Average attendance at 9am worship in July: **307**

Average attendance at 11am worship in July: **200**





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SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

A Female's Fighting Chance presents another self defense class for women. This Level 2 class on Oct. 4, 9am-1pm, includes escapes from grabs to the hair, arms, throat, and from bear hugs; and a review of strikes. Even if you have not taken the first class you may attend this class. Cost is \$20. Register by Oct. 1 online, www.hickoryflatumc.org or use a paper form available in the welcome center.

SUNSHINERS SENIOR ADULTS MEETING

Brenda Sherer of SERV Ministries Int'l. will be guest speaker at Sunshiners on Tuesday, Sept. 9 to talk about the missions in which SERV Ministries is involved. The meeting begins at 10:30am and is followed by a luncheon. Please bring a sandwich: soup and dessert will be provided. Sunshiners is open to all those 50+. If you have questions, please contact Phyllis Evans.



AED/DEFIBRILLATOR

The church has purchased an AED/Defibrillator unit for the sanctuary, and we have staff and lay people certified to use the unit.

LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSING

The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1 in honor of the Labor Day holiday. It will re-open on Tuesday at 8:30am.



LOST TREASURES

The Lost and Found treasure box is overflowing with items! Please claim your items today. Unclaimed items will be given to MUST Ministries. The box is next to the Nursery door in the welcome center.

