



The COMPASS

HICKORY FLAT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CANTON, GA

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Calendar Items

November 2008

2: Daylight Saving Time Ends; Worship/Sunday school times change; All Saints Sunday; Prayer Event 7pm

5: Spiritual Gifts & Lay Leadership 5pm

8: Downtown Homeless Team 1pm

9: Angel Tree Info Mtg, noon; 4th-5th Grade Skating Outing 4pm

11: Sunshiners 10:30am

14: Newsletter Deadline; Upward Soccer Golf Benefit 9am

15: Men's Breakfast 7am

18: Leadership Council 7pm

24: Preschool Board 7pm

25: UM Women 10am

26: No Fellowship Supper or classes

27: Thanksgiving; Office and Preschool Closed; Meals on Wheels Outreach 8:45am

28: Office and Preschool Closed

30: First Sunday of Advent

December 2008

2: Charge Conference 7pm

7: Christmas Concert 3pm; All-Ages Christmas Party 4pm

A WALKING, BREATHING, LIVING SERMON

Can you remember the best sermon you ever heard preached? Can you remember the *last* sermon you heard preached? The greatest sermon preached every week is not preached by your pastors. It is preached by you, the members of Hickory Flat. It is preached by the way you live your life every day!

Occasionally, one of the local funeral homes will call and ask if I can offer a word of comfort for a family that has lost a loved one and has no church home or community of faith to call home. So, I am sitting here in front of the computer writing a sermon for the funeral of a fellow I never met! I will offer words of comfort from God's Word and I will repeat the memories that have been shared with me from loved ones, but how do I sum up a life without knowing how it was lived? Harry Emerson Fosdick, a great preacher of another era once said, "Live your life in such a way that others will see Christ living through you, for you may be the only

Christ some people ever see!" So... you are a walking, breathing, living sermon for the world to see!

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When your neighbors and community see you as a Hickory Flat family getting in your car to go to church, you proclaim a powerful truth about the importance of the worship of God.

As you fill your calendars, reserving first place for Sunday school, worship and other church ministries, you teach a huge lesson about Christian priorities.

When you, the members of the Hickory Flat family, greet one another with love and gladness and make a special effort to welcome, affirm and greet our guests and visitors, you deliver a powerful message of good cheer and Christian fellowship.

When the first check you write or the first e-check you make each pay period is a tithe and an offering to the Lord's ministry at Hickory Flat, you teach a tremendous life lesson in obedience and following God's directions.

When you regularly find your place in Sunday school, small groups and worship, you testify to the importance and truth of God's Word and will in your life and in our world.

In our neighborhoods and community there is a sense of "un-ness," a sense of un-connectedness, un-commitment, un-belonging, and un-knowing. Perhaps the biggest sense of "un-ness" is un-certainty—the uncertainty that is found in the question, "What will become of our world?"

Is that what our Lord has called us to? A sense of "un-ness" and fear? Or have we been called to a sense of *oneness* and faith? Romans 8:15-16—*For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry,*

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

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"Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

It was Ethel Perry Andrus who penned the words, "We learn the inner secret of happiness when we learn to direct our inner drives, our interest and our attention to something outside ourselves."

As children of God, the way we live our life demonstrates the faith we profess not only in words, but in deeds as well. As you think about the sermon that your life preaches, will it be a sermon that will be remembered?

Each Sunday provides several opportunities to live out your faith in ways that proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in a powerful and prophetic proclamation of the Gospel; each new day is an opportunity that offers distinct and different ways for you to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ and proclaim your faith. I invite you to join me in living your life in a living sermon for the entire world to see. It was Saint Francis of Assisi who said, "Preach the gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."

"...the unwelcome are welcome, the unsaved are saved, the unsavory are introduced to the sweet sound of Jesus' love, and the unidentified are identified as children of our Loving Father."

sweet sound of Jesus' love, and the unidentified are identified as children of our Loving Father. I'll see you here at Hickory Flat, for Sunday school and worship this Sunday!

This is not the "un" place! It is one place where the unwelcome are welcome, the unsaved are saved, the unsavory are introduced to the

Shalom,
Robert

NEW WORSHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

On Sunday, Nov. 2 we begin our new Sunday morning schedule to allow less time between worship services and to synchronize start-times for all classes. Here is the new schedule:

9:20am Contemporary worship, and all first session classes begin

11am Traditional worship, and all second session classes begin



Our Faithfulness

No. of members: **1,252**

Average attendance at
9am worship in
September: **291**

Average attendance at
11am worship in
September: **223**

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Almost a year ago a team with representatives from various ministries completed a study on how we can strengthen relationships and enhance spiritual formation through our Sunday morning activities. The “Common Unity” study made recommendations to the Leadership Council and the following modifications have been approved for adoption:

- Bring children into the sanctuary for worship so that families can worship together
- Enhance hospitality and parking efforts to make it easier to get to worship/classes
- Remove gap between worship services and coordinate all Sunday school start times

Work has been underway already to incorporate these recommendations into our Sunday morning culture. First, we reworked the children’s ministry program to allow the children to attend the beginning of each worship service. This facilitates the opportunity for families to experience worship together, giving parents the awesome opportunity to be significant role models for their children as they express their own love for Christ in worship.

Limited space has continued to be a challenge and we are doing all that we can until such time that we are financially capable of building. But we are making progress trying to better utilize every bit of space that God has provided! As part of the facelift in the education wing, the hallways were freed of clutter and a new check-in alcove was created to allow for smoother flow into the children’s area. In the months to come, we will also incorporate the same check-in system used by our nursery staff to further improve check-in times for parents.

A significant concern with space has been our parking lot. To help improve safety and traffic flow, we have reworked the entrance, adding a second exit lane and a police officer to direct flow to and from the parking lot. We will also continue to monitor parking needs and look for creative solutions for parking challenges.

Our Hospitality Team, which has always done an outstanding job, will be given better tools and information to help visitors and members alike find their way to classes and worship each Sunday.

And finally, we will adjust the Sunday morning schedule so that all classes start and end consistently and there is a shorter gap between worship services. Beginning Sunday, Nov. 2, the following schedule will be adopted:



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| 9:20am | Worship (Contemporary) and Sunday School (All Ages) |
| 11am | Worship (Traditional) and Sunday School (All Ages) |

By reworking the schedule, we pray that it will make it easier for many of you who have not been able to participate in a Sunday school class to do so. Much can be gained through the relationships that are built and the spiritual growth experienced through participation in a Sunday school class. We want to do all that we can to encourage and support you in that endeavor.

The Leadership Council would like to thank the members of the Common Unity Team as well as all who participated in providing information to make this study possible. Special thanks to Linton Davis who led the team and worked diligently to make sure we continued to move forward with the process.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Nov. 2

On Sunday, Nov. 2 at both worship times we will celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have departed this life and gone to our spiritual home—heaven. Family members of those of our congregation who have passed in the last twelve months will light an altar candle in memory of their loved one’s life and Christian witness in the world. Please plan to attend this special time as we remember Tom Barnett, Greg Jarrett, Steve Pendleton and Pat Schake.

CHARGE CONFERENCE TUESDAY, DEC. 2: ALL MEMBERS INVITED

At the annual Charge Conference we lift up our ministries in prayer and praise, and appoint leaders to committees and leadership teams for the coming year. All members are invited to attend. This year’s Charge Conference will be on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7pm in the sanctuary. Our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Ed Tomlinson will preside.



A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

As we shared with you in a previous message, the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee has been conducting an extensive search for the “right person” for Minister of Discipleship and Connections. This position, in its prior form, has been unfilled since June. We are pleased to announce that Jay Barr has been selected and he has accepted our offer to join the staff team effective Monday, Oct. 27, 2008.

Jay will provide direction and leadership for the discipleship and spiritual formation ministries of our church. He will oversee and develop adult discipleship ministries including reviews of curriculum to ensure consistent Wesleyan perspectives and the proper alignment with HFUMC’s core values. He will also develop and work with our ministries to welcome and connect guests and our new members into the life of Hickory Flat United Methodist Church.

Jay is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in Psychology and of Bethel University with a Masters in Divinity. He has served as Student Ministries Pastor, First Baptist Church in Willmar, MN; Associate Church Planter, Horizons Church in Blaine, MN; Church Planter, Riverwood Church in Cannon Falls, MN; and Lead Pastor, Lighthouse Church, Orland Park, IL. Jay resides in Canton with his wife Marci and their three children.

Q. Why is this position key to and for our church?

A. Relationship and Discipleship are two of our church’s four core values. This position will lead efforts in both areas. It is absolutely essential for the continued health and spiritual growth of our church and its members that we focus as much energy as possible on relationships (connecting) and discipleship.

Q. Will Compass Class be revamped?

A. Yes and no. Jay will have the responsibility to put together a Connections Team which will begin work immediately to “reinvent” the class we formerly called Compass. The focus and purpose of this new class will be to inform, enlighten and to connect people to the life of the church rather than serve as a requirement for church membership.

Q. Is this position in the church budget?

A. Yes. This is not a new position. It has been in our budget for a number of years. However, with our financial concerns and tightening of our church budget, we looked very aggressively for saving funds,

including utilization of our current staff and seeking a myriad of volunteers to fill the responsibilities of this position. We concluded that the work to be done requires a large investment in time, energy, training and knowledge that we feel necessitates the need of a full-time experienced staff position.

Focused intensity and leadership in the areas of Discipleship and Connections is critical to the fulfillment of our church’s mission to “help people discover and develop a living relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Q. Will our new Minister of Discipleship be in the pulpit on Sundays?

A. While Jay will be invited along with other program staff to participate in worship, his primary positioning on Sundays will be in the hallways and walkways of the church. He will visit Sunday school classes, work alongside the hospitality and welcome center volunteers, greet members, meet guests and help them connect to the life of the church.

Q. When will we meet Jay?

A. Jay was introduced to the congregation at both services on Sunday, Oct. 26. He will be visible at the Info Desk for several weeks and beyond.

Q. Is this position subject to the appointment of the Bishop?

A. No. While Jay is an ordained minister from another denomination, he has not been ordained in the United Methodist Church and is not appointed by our Bishop as a clergy person.

Q. Since Jay is coming to us from another denomination, what is his knowledge and acceptance of Wesleyan theology and practices?

A. While he was part of the Baptist church, Jay believed that his theology and practices were more closely aligned with the United Methodist Church and thus his intentional search for movement into the United Methodist Church. We have had extensive theological conversations with Jay and are comfortable with his beliefs and knowledge. As a congregation that holds Holy Scripture as the most important measure of understanding and foundation for all that we do, we believe that you will find Jay to be a wonderful teacher and spiritual leader.

Please contact Dan Houston, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Comm. Chair with questions.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

4TH-5TH GRADE SKATE/SUPPER OUTING

On Nov. 9 all 4th-5th graders are invited to a Skate Night and Supper outing. The group will leave from the fellowship hall at 3pm, and return there at 7:30 for parents to pick them up. Bring \$20 and your socks! You will also need a permission form, and a 2008 medical form if you haven't already filled one out (available on website).

JOURNEYLAND "ON THE TRAIL"

All Church Asked to Be in Prayer for Our Children

The JourneyLand children's ministry theme this month is *On the Trail: A Wild West Ride Through the Exodus of Israel*. On Nov. 16 we will present the Gospel message and invite children to follow Christ. Parents are welcome to attend with their children on that day. Prayer



counselors will be available to pray with children or families, if desired. (Meets at 9:20 or 11am.)

All church: please be in prayer for our children as they are presented with the message of salvation.

ADVENTURE ISLAND NEWS AND NEEDS

The theme this month is "It is good to give thanks." Children will learn thankfulness from Noah, Miriam, the one thankful leper, and the disabled man healed by Peter and John with the power of God.

Adventure Island Preschool Parents: Please help us stay stocked on snacks! We are in need of pretzels, Goldfish, Fruity Cheerios, vanilla wafers and Cheezits. We also need 3-5 oz. plastic or paper cups. Please drop off donations in the children's ministry workroom (first door on right, education wing).

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

50+ "MEN IN RED" ATTEND 46TH ANNUAL UMM SPIRITUAL RETREAT

On Sept. 26-28 over 50 men from Hickory Flat attended the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men's 47th Spiritual Retreat at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton. Several were first-time attendees and now know the blessings that this weekend can bring to discovering or renewing faith. Attendees included several youth, and fathers/sons of various generations.

Keynote speaker was Rev. Steve Woods, Sr. Pastor at Mt. Pisgah UMC, with his series "*Living as a Son of God*," based on Romans 8. Steve's message inspired us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, as we are called, to participate in the making of disciples.

As always, the retreat workshops were informative and inspirational. The men of HFUMC continued their traditions of the late Friday night (or Saturday morning) run to Waffle House, and the Saturday afternoon run to the Dairy Queen. After evening services we gathered

together for prayer and communion, and on Saturday gathered in smaller groups to discuss the meaning of the weekend.

We give thanks and praise for everyone's safe return from Rock Eagle in light of the bus tire blowout on I-285. Michael McArthur did a great job in steering the bus gently to a stop. Many thanks to David Bowker and Tabby White for driving the vans (and finding gas!) to pick up those of us who were stranded.

Next year's Rock Eagle will have a special emphasis on father/son relations and we encourage fathers and sons of all ages to attend. Mark your calendar now for Sept. 25-27, 2009!

Grace & Peace,
Mark McDougald

If you would like more information about the Hickory Flat United Methodist Men's group, please contact Mark McDougald.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DEC. 7

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present *Festival of Carols* on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3pm in the sanctuary. This piece is written in the style of lessons and familiar carols, with much congregational singing. Don't miss a chance to sing Christmas carols to the One who inspired them!



ALL-AGES CHRISTMAS PARTY

At approximately 4pm, following the Christmas Concert on Dec. 7, we will have an all-ages Christmas Party. Please bring finger foods to share. There will be crafts and activities for all ages.



**CHRISTMAS
EVE SCHEDULE**
On Christmas
Eve, Wednesday,
Dec. 24, we will

have three worship times:

5pm Family Worship

This will be specifically for children and families. Children will be given a picture of a Christmas character when they arrive—shepherd, sheep, angel or wise man. They will be called to the front by their pictures/roles and given a small costume depicting their character. No rehearsals needed. Just come! The Christmas story will be shared and carols sung.

7pm Contemporary Worship

The Praise Team will lead us in familiar Christmas carols. We will have a message, Communion and candlelighting.

9pm Traditional Worship

The Chancel Choir will lead us in familiar carols, and we will have a message, Communion and candlelighting.

POINSETTIAS AND BLANKETS

We adorn the sanctuary during Advent with beautiful red poinsettias, which you can purchase *in honor* of a living loved one or *in memory* of deceased loved one. You may also purchase blankets for our Homeless Ministry. The blankets will be displayed in our sanctuary during Advent, and then taken to downtown Atlanta to be distributed to those suffering through a cold winter outdoors. Poinsettias may be taken home after the service you attend on Christmas Eve.

Flowers or blankets are \$10.00 each. **Deadline Sunday, Dec. 7.** All names will be printed in a special bulletin insert on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Please make your check payable to Hickory Flat UMC, noted Poinsettias/Blankets, and place in the offering plate with this form, or bring your order to the church office.

Your Name: _____

Phone No. _____

Total no. of poinsettias (\$10 ea.): _____

Total no. of blankets (\$10 ea.): _____



Gifts *in memory* of a deceased loved one:

Poinsettia Blanket

In memory of _____

By: _____

Poinsettia Blanket

In memory of _____

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In memory of _____

By: _____



Gifts *in honor* of a living loved one:

Poinsettia Blanket

In honor of _____

By: _____

Poinsettia Blanket

In honor of _____

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Poinsettia Blanket

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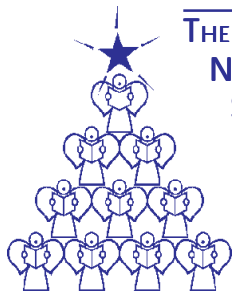
By: _____



MISSIONS AT HFUMC

ALTAR RAIL OFFERING NOV. 2

Any donations left at the altar during Communion on Sunday, Nov. 2 will go to the Good Samaritan Fund, used to help those in need in our congregation and community. Please keep our friends and neighbors in mind as the economic troubles cause financial distress for many people.



THE ANGEL TREE MISSION PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP: INFO MEETING SUNDAY, NOV. 9

The Angel Tree Mission helps provide Christmas gifts to children in the community who would otherwise go without at Christmas. In the past our church family has helped provide gifts of clothing and toys to nearly 200 children per year. Volunteers are needed not only to head this program but to assist with all aspects.

There will be a short information meeting Sunday, Nov. 9 after the 11am service for all interested persons.

UPWARD SOCCER GOLF BENEFIT

On Friday, Nov. 14 at 9am there will be a Golf Benefit for the children of Honduras, sponsored by HFUMC and City on a Hill UMC, the groups that brought you Upward Soccer! The cost is \$70 per player, and the benefit will take place at Bradshaw



**GOLF
SCRAMBLE**
Fundraiser

Farm. The fee includes green fee, cart, range balls and buffet lunch. Parents, coaches and friends are welcome to this

Florida Scramble event with prizes. Contact Linton Davis to sign up.

Part-Time Positions Available

The Preschool seeks experienced persons to teach after-school enrichment classes to 3- and 4-year-olds, noon-1pm weekly in 6-week sessions. Bring your ideas! Contact Tracie Schwews, Preschool Director, 770-345-9354 or tschwews@hickoryflatumc.org.

Teachers
Needed

THANKSGIVING OUTREACHES

Thanksgiving Baskets: Donations Due *Prior to Thanksgiving Day*

It is that time again for us to do what Hickory Flat does best and that is help others. We are going to supply 150 frozen turkeys and 650 boxes of stuffing this year for MUST's Thanksgiving Baskets Outreach. We need to have the *stuffing at the church by Monday, Nov. 10* and the *frozen turkeys need to be dropped off by Monday, Nov. 24*. Drop-off points for the turkeys are at the C trailer Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights and the church office during office hours (closed Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons). Or contact me to make other arrangements if needed.



Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels: Cooked Food Due on Thanksgiving Day

Here is the scoop on the Thanksgiving feast that we have always been so blessed by. Our plans once again are to feed 400 people on Thanksgiving Day. These meals will be for Meals on Wheels clients (*MOW* does not operate on Thanksgiving), local trailer parks, and a Hispanic church in Canton that feeds workers without families.

The sign-up sheets, items needed and quantities are in the welcome center. We'll have a slightly different menu for each, but will need: turkey, dressing, rolls, sweet potato soufflé, green beans, macaroni & cheese, canned jellied cranberry sauce (bring this anytime), and unfrosted pound cake. Those who sign up to serve meals need to be in the fellowship hall at 8:45am on Thanksgiving morning. Hot food (enough to serve 12-15 people) must be dropped off in the church fellowship hall by 9am. We prepare only to-go meals; the work is finished by about 11am.

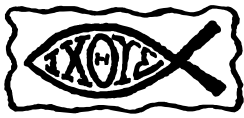


Thank you in advance for your commitment to this wonderful ministry and I am assured that we will be truly blessed again this year.

From the number-one turkey,
Steve Robinson

THE CHRISMON TREE

Chrismons (Christian Monograms) have been used throughout the ages as signs of the Christian faith. Each



Chrismon has a meaning of its own. Using Christian symbols to

decorate a tree is a way of showing the deep spiritual meaning of Christmas. In Advent (see explanation below), as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we put a Chrismon Tree in the sanctuary.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is the beginning of the Christian year, a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. We will celebrate Advent beginning on Nov. 30, the First Sunday (of four) of Advent with the Chrismon Tree. The Chrismon Tree (Christian Monograms) will decorate our sanctuary with symbols of Christ. During worship celebrations in Advent we will light the Advent wreath candles representing the hope, peace, joy and love found in the Light of the world.

This year, resolve to take some time to think about what the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ has meant to this world. Without Christ, we would know little of God's grace, mercy and forgiveness.

Find an Advent study guide or light Advent wreath candles with your family. Advent study guides and wreaths can be found at Christian bookstores. Slow down and

remember what we're celebrating; not just the birth of Jesus, but our eternal salvation through the birth, death and resurrection of God's own Son.



The Bulletin Board

If you're not on the email list, you're missing out on updates, reminders, congregational care notes, and prayer requests.



Do we have your e-mail address?

Contact Valerie at vnorris@hickoryflatumc.org to sign up. (You can unsubscribe at any time you wish.)

New Parents Meal Ministry If you would like to receive meals after the arrival of a new baby, please contact Connie Klements with the expected due date, cklements@hickoryflatumc.org.

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.

All men are invited to the monthly men's breakfast on the third Saturday of the month, Nov. 15, 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. Contact Ronnie Holbert or just show up.

GED Preparatory Classes 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 Nov. 25 at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited.

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.



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.

"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.

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.





Congregational Care

In Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to Linda & David Bell & family on the death of Linda's uncle, Paul Voorheis, Oct. 6 in Phoenix, AZ.

Our sympathy Robert Raines and his grandfather, Harold, on the death of Robert's grandmother, Eula Raines, Oct. 23.

Our sympathy to Lisa & Brad Mann and family on the death of Lisa's grandmother, Bertha (Ozell) Hefner, Oct. 25.

At Home or Known Ill

Ted & Emma Lou Atkins; Kelly Bends; Gerri Brittingham; Phyllis Clark; Ruth Payne; Christie Pieper; Hank Powell; Angela Rigg; Jack Rigg; Teresa Rodgers; Gaetana Rampley.

In Extended Care

John Brown; Faye Forrester; Jake McGarity (James McGarity's father); Bea Mitchell.

New Members

We welcome those who have joined our fellowship: Bob & Jenn Cloy, and sons Andrew and Grayson, of Canton; Wayne & Brenda Goodwin, of Ball Ground; Barry & Denise (Assistant Administrator) Anderson, of Canton; Marquann Hansen, Deann Hansen, Tommy & Rikilynn Taranto and children, Tori, Thomas & Tanner Taranto.

SUNSHINER SENIOR

ADULTS

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, the Sunshiner Senior Adults will play Christmas Bingo. Bring a sandwich for your lunch and stay to enjoy fellowship time. The meeting begins at 10:30am. Anyone 50+ is a Sunshiner—bring your friends! If you have questions, please contact Phyllis Evans.



November



PRAYER TEAM NEWS

**PRAYER LABYRINTH/STATIONS,
SUNDAY, NOV. 2, 7-8PM**

Just two days before our national election, and in the midst of stressful financial times, a special time of prayer is offered for us to pray and seek the face of God together.

Gather in the sanctuary at 7pm. After a short time of community prayer, everyone will have the opportunity to move through a prayer labyrinth or prayer stations.

What is a labyrinth? It is not a maze, but a path, a journey that allows you to focus your time, heart and mind on Christ.

Note: Sunday evening small groups and classes will dismiss early to participate in this prayer event.

ONGOING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Prayer Team every Sunday morning from 8:30-9am as we pray for our pastors, leaders and all those God will lead to Hickory Flat each week.

Use the monthly Prayer Guide, in the bulletin the first Sunday of each month and posted on the website at www.hickoryflatumc.org/prayer_ministry, to guide your daily prayers for HFUMC.

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

Need Prayer?

Contact the Prayer Chain!

prayerchain@hickoryflatumc.org
or bbulla@hickoryflatumc.org

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





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THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE CHANGES

On Wednesday, Nov. 26 we will not have Fellowship Supper, evening classes (Extreme Trek, Disciple. etc.), or choir practice. Join us again on Dec. 3 for supper and our regularly-scheduled classes and activities.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOV. 2

Daylight Saving Time ends for 2008 on Nov. 2. Be sure to move your clocks *back* one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, Nov. 1.

REVOLVE TOUR FOR TEEN GIRLS

Register now for a special retreat for girls in grades 6-12. Many of our girls have gone to this retreat in the past, and they and their chaperones agree that this is a must-attend event! All new sessions this year, helping girls learn about life, love, God and more. There will be live concerts and special guest speakers. The retreat is Dec. 5-7 at the Gwinnett Center. For more info visit www.revolutour.com or contact Craig Sherer, csherer@hickoryflatumc.org, 770-345-5969.



UPCOMING SERMONS

Would you like a chance to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's message? Here is a list of upcoming sermon titles and scriptures.

- Nov. 2: "What Can We Give?" Micah 6:6-8
- Nov. 9: "What Do We Have to Give?" Ezekiel 20:37-44
- Nov. 16: "Giving Your Best" Malachi 3:7-12
- Nov. 23: "Giving and Thanks" 1 Thessalonians 5:18 & Isaiah 12:4-6
- Nov. 30: "The Angel's Gift—Open This One First" Luke 1:26-35