

ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



UMW Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 12, 2011 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall \$12.00 per person

Please see Dell in the Church office to make your reservation. Deadline for reservation and dinner cost is due by Monday, December 5th.

May Lily McCurry Group Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 5th 7:00pm Cateechee Golf Club

Sojourners News

Sojourners Christmas Luncheon is Wed. December 7th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your unwrapped gift for the UM Children's Home.

The Sojourners will go for dinner at *The Red Shutter in Iva* on Fri, Dec. 9th. The bus will leave the Church at 4:00pm. Please see Jane Neil to make your reservation. Bring gifts UNWRAPPED before, but no later than our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wed, Dec. 7th.

Sunshine Club

Will have their Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 8th at 12Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

2nd Helping Dinner

"Whose Neighbor Will You Be?"

The Dinner is planned for Thursday, December 15th from 4:30-7:00pm in the gym. Haleigh Lewis is heading this up again this year. The goal is again to bring people in the community together in fellowship & to share a hot meal. We would like to serve 500 people. In order to reach this goal the church family is being asked to help with donations, items needed and volunteers to help serve and do other things the night of the meal. More information will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks. To volunteer, call the church office or sign up on the sheet that is on the table in the office.

Let's all help out and make this the Most successful Christmas Dinner yet!

2012 Calendars

The Mission Team is selling the beautiful **2012 God's Creation Calendars** again this year for \$6.00 each. These calendars make perfect inexpensive gifts. We only have about 6 more left in the church office.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Has your life been touched by cancer? Perhaps yourself, a family member, co-worker or friend? Every person's experience with this dreaded disease is different but we all hold a common thread... We ALL need love and support. Please join our group on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00p.m. in the Church library. **Next meeting is Dec. 8th.** This support group is open to everyone in the community and ALL are welcome to attend. Joanne and Jim DeWeerth are facilitating the group. If you have any questions you may email them at hfumc.csg@gmail.com or call the church office at 706-376-3164.



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Return Service Requested

The deadline for the Jan. newsletter is Dec. 14th.
 Please have requests in writing. Thank you.

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY GREETERS: David Turner, Richard Frady
REGISTRATION STEWARD EACH SUNDAY: Clint McCollum

OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR 12/04/11

USHERS: David Turner, Ronny Weaver, Melinda Loggins
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Mike & Jennifer O'Barr
NURSERY: Linda Manning,, Carole Acosta
ACOLYTES: Ayers Honiotes, Lauren Robinson

OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR 12/11/11

USHERS: Luanne Burgess, Buck Chapman, Brooks Page, John Rhodes
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sheri Gordon
NURSERY: Gail & Tom Manter
ACOLYTES: Caroline Page, John Gordy

OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR 12/18/11

USHERS: Bill Beasley, Allen Lesseur, Sara Lesseur, Charles Rice
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Emily Davis
NURSERY: Carolyn Wise, Pam Quinn
ACOLYTES: Rachel Tellano, Ben Tellano

OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR 12/25/11

USHERS: John Milner, Ben Moore, Clive Smith, David Turner
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: No CC today
NURSERY:
ACOLYTES: Samuel Garringer, Dylan Gordon



Military Addresses Needed The church office is in the process of compiling a list of addresses for our military. We will make the addresses available to anyone wishing to send special Christmas greetings. Christmas is a hard time to be away from loved ones, so we would like to let them know we are thinking of them and appreciate their sacrifices. Please turn in the names and addresses to the church office or email to dellskelton1@yahoo.com by Monday, December 5th. Addresses will be available after December 6th.



Hartwell First United Methodist Church

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December 2011

Advent

"Like strong coffee, our conversations with John the Baptist will open our eyes. John calls us out of our comfort zones and into the truth that the Savior brings. Listen . . . "

Mamoo and Daddy would let me drink coffee on some mornings when we had breakfast before school. . . .

My memories of growing up have always included breakfast with my grandparents to start every day. Sometimes my grandmother (Mamoo) would prepare my eggs, bacon, and toast with jam and sometimes my grandfather (Daddy) would cook. Menus were simple but varied, including pancakes, fresh sausage, oatmeal, etc. The smells of the morning would often wake me up alone. There was always the consistency of our time together in the morning to start the day. There were times that "I did not feel like being spoken to," And there were others when I could not stop talking about my day or dreams. I am still amazed at their patience! This is the reason that I have always prepared the morning meal for our family since Tracey and I have been married. It's a connection that I have with my loved ones and a good tradition to carry on. Back to the coffee.....



Mamoo had a coffee container that was a little silver jar that contained Maxwell House Coffee. It said Coffee in pressed out letters on the side. There was a little spoon attached and you would use this little spoon to dip the coffee out. They were not picky coffee drinkers and Maxwell House was fine to them. I guess WWII and City Hall coffee had dulled the senses. With their help, I would place a small rounded spoonful of the magic crystals in my glass and then Daddy would add the boiling water from the whistling kettle off the stove. There it was, magic crystals dissolved, coffee. Sugar was added, three heaping teaspoons full, and enough milk to drown a cow, coffee..... Boy how things change!!! Sometimes they would spice up my morning treat with vanilla, cinnamon, or at Christmas time, eggnog (the wonderful Christmas milk from the descendants of the cows that were in the manger with Baby Jesus, I assumed). Remember, I was a simple kid.....

Well, today my coffee tastes have changed. I prefer a venti White Chocolate Mocha, skinny, with no whip. But the magic is still there. Christmas magic transcends the senses as we are catapulted back to a simpler time where we all are children again. We are anticipating the arrival of the Christ Child. We proclaim with the prophet Malachi ". . . the Son of righteousness will rise with healing in its (His) wings." Malachi 4:2b. Merry Christmas Hartwell First family! We haven't seen anything yet..... God bless you all!

Faithfully, *Alla*



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

A Ministry of Christ caring for people through people.



Memorial Gifts as of November 21, 2011

Opening Doors

In memory of **Olin Johnson** given by: Lynne & Jule Adams; Charlotte & Jimmy Milford; James, Alice & Margaret O'Neal; Robert & Mimi Payne; Families of Kristie & Pat Borrows, Mary & Ron Norman, Karen & Orlando Martinez; Burch, Crooms & Co. LLP; The Anderson & Voltz Families; Nancy Berninger & Family; Toni Myers; Phyllis & Phillip Webster; Robert & Nancy Clark; Buck & Rita Chapman; Jim & Jane Neil; Mary Lou Mewborn; Allen & Tracey Stewart; Ed & Barbara Weaver; Joyful Sunday School Class; Thursday Morning Bible Study; Johnny, Paula, Alan, Kim, Cory, Jennifer, David & Misty Dickerson; Kathryn Telford; Bobby & Jo Banister; Barbara Kelley; Bruce & Bonnie Leicht; Joel & Melanie Black and Maryleene Bassinger; Kay & Lilliane Chapman; Joyce Hilliard; Mike & Hughie MacNabb; Ed & Carol Smith; Jimmy & Montelle Adams; Pat Moorhead; Janice O'Brien; James & Carol Spencer

In memory of **Sam Hilliard** given by: Franklin Co. Historical Society; Buck & Rita Chapman

In memory of **Eugene Mull** given by: Mary Lou Mewborn; Robert & Donna Madkiff

In memory of **Lewis Certain** given by: Buck & Rita Chapman

In memory of **Harry Holding** given by: Buck & Rita Chapman

In memory of **Palmar Blomberg** given by: Buck & Rita Chapman

In memory of **Charlotte Teasley** given by: Buck & Rita Chapman

In memory of **Willis Peek** given by: Jim & Jane Neil

In memory of **Randy Scott** given by: Allen & Tracey Stewart; Mike & Hughie MacNabb

In memory of **Robert & Nell Howell** given by: Dale & Connie Thrift

In memory of **Mary Packard** given by: Steven J. Kyle; Bovis, Kyle & Burch, LLC

In celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Joe & Nancy Wroblewski** given by: Jim & Jane Neil

Bowers Fund

A donation has been given by The Charlie Green Class

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

Thomasine Bowman & family in the death of her nephew, Richard Stoddard;

Phyllis Burns & family in the death of her mother-in-law, Willie Burns;

The family of Mary Packard, in her death.

Report for 2011

2010 Receipts..... ..\$ 156,818

Loan Amount to Date \$1,168,639



Thank You
Notes

Dear Church Family,
We are very blessed and thankful to our church family for the prayers, cards, calls, meals, and many kindnesses shown us during Chris's recovery from surgery. We are truly humbled by your expressions of love and concern and are so blessed to be part of the HFUMC community of faith.

Love, Chris & Ed Walker

Our family expresses sincere gratitude to the members of our church for their love and support. Your cards, kind words, and donations have humbled us. We would like to especially thank Care Group 1 and the choir for the after service reception. Olin loved this church, and you have all shown your love in return. Thank you. The Johnson Family



Everyday, find a way to read the Bible and Pray!



Our Prayer Ministry

"The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9

Prayer Needs: Rev. Dean Kring, Kathryn Frye, Jim Dennis, Caren Rice, Jean Condict, Helen Stanifer, Stephen Ministry Care Receivers, Unspoken Request

Other Prayer Needs: Emily Brookins—Daughter of Steve & Amy Lloyd; Virginia Martin—Friend of Joanne DeWeerth; Marjorie Bannister; Rebecca Fairchild—Sister of Jim Martin; Steve Foland—Brother of Dave Foland; Fran Moscardelli—Brother-in-law of John & Carol Milner; Jackie Stewart, Robin Strand & Lila Paulk—Friends & Aunt of Scott & Laurel Farmer; Kathryn Harrison—Friend of Cindy Truesdale; Barbara Cauthern—Mother of Randy Cauthern; Patsy Creecy—Family of Meridy Wright; Gwen Aaron(former member); George Milner—Brother of John Milner; Lorraine Hetrick—Mother of Sheri Franko; Sandie Blaylock—Friend of Joan Hughes; James Ringnell—Friend of Bill & Kaye Chafin

Brown Convalescent Ctr—Helen Thornton

Hart Care—Elinor Bond, Clara Teasley

Hartwell Health Care Ctr—Gladys Woody, Rachel Chapman, Amy Phillips

Lake Point—Joe Seawright, Hazel Newberry, Myra Dunning, John Peppers, Roger Dennis, Mary Cunningham

Gables—Helen Leonard, Bob & Dee Glenn

Homebound—Stan Shaw, Maryleene Basinger, Fred Sokol, Thelma Norment, Nina Wilson, Petty Chapman, Mary Madden, Joe & Doris Gibson

Church Family in Military—Ben DeWitt—Son of Lynne Adams; Keith David & Chris David—Sons of Dale & Cindie David; Karl Lindquist—Son of Bob & Norma Lindquist; Trav George—Grandson of Travis George; Josh Black—Brother of Joel Black; Caitlin Whittington (Libya)—Granddaughter of Dottie Sisson; James Goddard—Husband of Jennifer Vickery Goddard; Edward A. Stoots, Jr (Afg.)—Son-in-law of Barbara & Ed Weaver; Sonny Chavis (Afg.) & Matt Chavis—Grandsons of Myrt & Charlie Higgins; Trevor League (AFG.), Alan League (Italy), Tristan League—Relatives of Nancy League; Sgt. Michael Swenson(Afg.)—Grandson of Rev. Barbara & Rev. Joe Stiles; Terri Duenas (Afg.)—Cousin of Stephen Giddings



We would like to welcome into our Christian Fellowship:

Kay Peppers who comes by transfer. Kay resides at 583 Winston Dr. Ext.; Bowman, GA and will serve in Care Group #6.

Family Night Suppers November Menus & Advent Study Series

Dec 7th—Chicken Pot Pie Dec 14th—Chili

Dec 21st—Fried Chicken Dec 28th—No FNS

Reservations for supper should be turned in on the yellow FNS card on Sundays or call the Church office by Noon on the Monday preceding FNS. Supper starts at 5:30pm. The program starts at 6pm.

Programs

Dec 7th—Advent study *Java with John* #3 led by Dr. R. Allen Stewart. This study is on Wednesday nights followed by the Sunday morning sermons. Allen is using a very different approach which will enhance our worship experience during this Advent season.

Dec. 14th—The Children will present *"The Great Christmas Giveaway."* You will not want to miss this awesome presentation.

Dec. 21st—Wrap-up of the Advent study and the special Service of Dark Night sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

Dec. 28th—No Program

Come be a part of our Wednesday nights... Why?... Why not!!

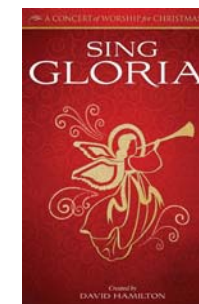
Celebrating Christmas Through Music

Hartwell First UMC

Chancel Choir & Orchestra Presents:

"Sing Gloria"

Sunday, December 4, 2011 7:00pm



"Love has stepped across our sky from the other side. God came near to us. He is here with us. The Father reaches out His hand to every child and man. Make it known: we are not alone. Like a tiny flame fanned by a winter wind, hope is born again." Our Chancel Choir Cantata's are more than a choir singing, they are a glorious message from God through song and instrumental music. Come receive the gift of our Father through the gifts of those bringing us the special cantata this year

HFUMC Children's Christmas Performance

"The greatest Christmas gifts are not always found under the tree..." Come and enjoy what our children will be giving to us through this special Christmas Musical...and may it remind us of how blessed we are with what God has given to us.



"The Great Christmas Giveaway"

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Family Night Supper 5:15pm Menu: Chili

A Celtic Christmas with Carroll Brown & Harry O'Donoghue

Sunday, December 11, 2011 7:00pm Sanctuary

(Because of a scheduling conflict, Mr. Brown changed the date to Dec 11th)

We have truly enjoyed having Carroll & Harry with us for several years now. Their music is wonderful and blended with wit and humor that will get you into the Christmas spirit. This will be a great evening!!

Special Christmas Services

Wednesday, December 21 6:30pm—Stephen Ministry will sponsor the Service of Dark Night. This service will be held in conjunction with the FNS/Advent Study. It will be in the Sanctuary. Christmas can be a time when many get depressed—missing loved ones or because life has changed so much during the past year. This service is one of hope, encouragement and comfort. Come, light your candle of hope and peace and let God begin to heal.

Saturday, December 24 12 Noon—Ecumenical Christmas service at First Baptist Church.

Saturday, December 24 6:00pm—HFUMC Christmas Eve Communion Service in the Sanctuary.

**Sunday, December 25 10:00am—Donuts & coffee in the Fellowship Hall
10:30am—Service of Worship Sanctuary**

**YAM meets on Thurs. nights
6:30-8:30pm at the Gym**

Young Adult Ministries

STAND YOUTH MINISTRIES

December Schedule

Tuesdays— Bible Study @ DQ 7:30pm

Wednesdays

MS Youth 6:05-7:30pm in the Gym

Sundays

HS Youth 6:50-7:30pm in the Gym

Unless otherwise specified



Scavenger Hunt

MS Lock-in

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

**Please remember to bring your canned food items
for the Food Pantry on Sunday, December 4th.**
There is a box in the back of the Sanctuary and in the area outside the Con-
temporary Worship to place the items.

Volunteer Opportunities for the Clothes Closet



The Clothes Closet Needs:

Toothpaste, small jars of peanut butter,

Cake Mix, Toiletries—Deodorant & Shampoo

Please bring these on Sunday December 4th! Thanks!



DON'T FORGET

**CAMPBELL SOUP LABEL
BAR CODES (UPC'S)!**



Campbell Soup Label-Bar Codes (UPC's) are needed anytime you can bring them
to Church. They can be turned in at the back of the Sanctuary or in the church
office. These important labels are used to help the Murphy-Harpst Children's
Center purchase new computers.



December Birthdays

- Charlie Moore December 1
- Kevin Allen December 2
- Tim Lasseter December 2
- Ed Weaver December 2
- Ruth Daniel December 3
- Ronny Weaver December 3
- Flo Brown December 4
- Bill Chafin December 4
- Chase Dalton December 4
- Barbara Peterson December 4
- Derek Glasco December 5
- Evan Glasco December 5
- Doug Poole December 5
- Lynn Betz December 6
- Joe Wroblewski December 7
- Andi Morris December 8
- Donna Herron December 9
- Bobby Lewis December 9
- Fred Spencer December 9
- Adrienne Williams December 10
- Ansley Burgess December 11
- Emily DeWitt December 11
- David Foland December 11
- Kathryn Carter December 12
- Peg Beilstein December 13
- Paul David Foster December 13
- Laurie Davis December 14
- Amanda Ayers December 15
- Jody DiMarco December 16
- Olivia Stoots December 17
- Lake Vickery December 18
- Jim Martin December 19
- Bill Telgen December 19
- Hannah Willis December 19
- Betty Barker December 20
- Lei Robison December 20
- Jasmine Setchel December 20
- John Williamson Jr December 20
- Harvey DeVoe December 21
- Barbara Rhodes December 21
- Lindsay Robinson December 21
- Morgan Beasley December 22
- Melanie Kearns December 22
- Robert Renfroe December 23
- Josiane DuVernois December 25
- Bob Athens December 26
- Cleve Brown December 26
- Derek Callaway December 26
- Blakelie Chapman December 26
- Jim Huggins December 26
- Allen Lesseur December 26
- Ed Wysong December 27
- Rachel Rice December 28
- Carol Smith December 29
- Cameron Mize December 30
- Angie Floyd December 31
- Pamela Renfroe December 31



2011





“Every good and perfect gift is from above” James 1:17



- Bill & Jana McGee
- Jack & Ana Gordy
- Randy & Dell Skelton
- Mark & Mary Stephens
- Bob & Tia Athens
- Gerry & Karen Sweeney
- Harriett & Mike Hodgkin
- Ed & Carol Smith

Happy Anniversary

- December 6 Robert & Mimi Payne
- December 12 Stephen & Kathy Carter
- December 14 Billy & Jean Kidd
- December 20 Charles & Cindy Pace
- December 22 Jerry & Judy Cannady
- December 23 Ed & Barbara Weaver
- December 28 Bill & Joanne Telgen
- December 29 Jerry & Carole Newton
- December 9
- December 14
- December 15
- December 21
- December 23
- December 25
- December 28
- December 30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Room Abbreviations: Lib.—Church Library JH—John Holland Room FH—Fellowship Hall AR—Assembly Room SMR—Stephen Min. Room CGR—Charlie Green Room</p>	<p>Weekly Sunday Schedule: 9:00am Service - Sanctuary 10:00am Sunday Classes 10:00am Contemporary - FH 11:00am Traditional - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday Classes</p>			<p>1 7:00am Men’s Prayer-Bojangles 8:00am Men’s Prayer-Bojangles 6:30pm YAM-Gym</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30am Breakfast with Santa 7:00pm Chancel Choir & Orchestra Cantata “Sing Gloria”</p>	<p>5 1:30pm Page/Wesley-AR 5:00pm Bible Study-Lib <i>Deadline to buy UMW Christmas Dinner tickets</i> BB Gym 6-9:30pm</p>	<p>6 10am/6pm Ladies BS-Lib. 7:00pm May Lily McCurry Gr. Christmas Dinner-Cateechee</p>	<p>7 10:00am Staff Meeting-Lib. 11:30am Sojourners Christmas Lunch-FH 1:00pm Prayer Group-Lib.</p>	<p>8 7:00am Men’s Prayer-Bojangles 8:00am Men’s Prayer-Bojangles 12Noon Sunshine Club-FH 6:30pm YAM-Gym 7:00pm Cancer Support Gr-Library</p>	<p>9 <i>4:30pm Sojourners go to Red Shutter</i> <i>Hart Co Christmas Parade-6:30pm</i></p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30am Stephen Ministry Meeting 12:05pm Admin Meeting - Sanctuary 6:00pm Celtic Concert-Sanctuary</p>	<p>12 6:00pm UMW Christmas Dinner-FH <i>Deadline to turn in Missions Instead of Poinsettias</i> BB Gym 6-9:30pm</p>	<p>13 BB Gym 6-9:30pm</p>	<p>14 10:00am Staff Meeting-Lib. 1:00pm Prayer Group-Lib. 5:30pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Program-Children’s Musical-FH <i>‘The Great Christmas Giveaway’</i></p>	<p>15 7:00am Men’s Prayer-Bojangles 8:00am Men’s Prayer-Bojangles 4:30-7pm 2nd Helping Dinner—Gym</p>	<p>16 <i>5:45pm Youth Gift Exchange & Lock-in—Gym</i></p>	<p>18</p>
<p>18 4th Sunday of Advent  10:45am -AR</p>	<p>19 5:00pm Bible Study-Lib.</p>	<p>20 <i>12 Noon Staff Christmas Lunch Office Closed 11:30am-1:00pm</i></p>	<p>21 10:00am Staff Meeting-Lib. 1:00pm Prayer Group-Lib. 5:30pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm Advent Study/Service of Dark Night</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24  <i>12:00Noon—Ecumenical Christmas Service—FBC</i> 6:00pm—Christmas Eve Communion Service—HFUMC</p>
<p>25 Merry Christmas <i>10am Coffee & Donuts-FH</i> <i>10:30am Worship Service Sanctuary</i></p> 	<p>26 Office Closed</p>	<p>27 <u>Office Hours 9am-Noon</u></p>	<p>28 <u>Office Hours 9am-Noon</u></p>	<p>29 <u>Office Hours 9am-Noon</u> <i>Joyful SS Class going to Red Shutter in Iva, SC</i></p>	<p>30 <u>Office Hours 9am-Noon</u></p>	<p>31</p>