

HGUMC Announcements

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE ~ Maundy Thursday will be a simple, reflective service on **April 2nd at 6:30 PM** centered on the institution of the Lord's Supper. We will include optional foot washing, following Jesus' example of humble service. During this service, we will also "strip the sanctuary" of its colors and paraments, preparing the space for the solemnity of the days that follow.

LIGHT BEYOND THE DARKNESS ~ The season of Lent brings us to a closer look at our sin and mortality--things with which we are not comfortable. The culmination of this is on Good Friday, when we bear witness to the terrible, and yet wondrous, cross. This year on Good Friday we will gather for Tenebrae--a service of shadow and darkness. It is a powerful time to confess and hear the story of Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion. For this special time, we hope to have the story told through many voices in our congregation. If you are willing to be a reader (each part is a small paragraph), please contact the Church Office (by April 1) to let us know. The Service of Tenebrae will be held on **April 3 at 6:30 PM in our sanctuary.**

EASTER SERVICES ~ Easter ~ April 5

- **7:00 AM** – Early Morning Service in the Pavilion (weather permitting)
- **8:30 AM** – Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- **10:30 AM** – Contemporary Worship Service in the CLC

Sausage biscuits will be served at **7:30 AM**, while supplies last.

****A cross will be displayed on the front lawn of the church. You are invited to bring fresh, multi-colored flowers to place on the cross on Easter morning as a beautiful symbol of new life. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful season with you and your family!**

HGUMC CELEBRATE RECOVERY ~ We are excited to share that Celebrate Recovery will meet every **Tuesday at 6:30 PM**. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry offering hope and healing from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Life can be challenging, and we all face struggles at different times. Celebrate Recovery is a ministry where individuals can find freedom, healing, and hope through biblical principles and authentic community. If you or someone you know could benefit from encouragement and support in a safe, grace-filled environment, we invite you to join us. We look forward to what God will do through this new ministry!

IMPORTANT--NURSERY HELP WANTED ~ We have been blessed for a good long time to have Miss Fran cover the nursery during our Sunday-School hour (9:30-10:30 AM). Though she is now in nursing school and thus very busy these days, and thus...unable to cover that important time. We have also been blessed to have some amazing volunteers to cover January and February, though currently, 'the vineyard is plentiful though the laborers are few'. If you have an interest, or know someone who may, please let us know via the Front Office. Thank you for prayerfully considering a chance to help care for our wee, little, disciples!

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER ~ When a team pitches in to make the place look great! We are looking to (re)form a group of folks who enjoy working in the garden, landscaping and helping cut grass, and just any other kind of activity aimed at making our church grounds look great. If you would like to take part in our Green Team, it would be a tremendous help to the effort of keeping our church grounds looking good! Please let our new **Facilities Manager, Jason Rodgers**, or the church office know if you'd like to help cut some grass, once things start growing again!

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF PSALMS ~ The Search Committee (Wednesday night Bible Study) will start back by taking a great journey through the Psalms with a Disciple Bible Study course. Everyone is welcome. Start the new year off with a commitment to study God's Word. We meet in the Conference Room at 6:30 PM.

HELP WANTED (AND NEEDED) ~ In our continuing search to find 'a ministry for every minister', we ask that you prayerfully consider an area (or two!) where you would be willing to share your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness throughout the coming year.

Mission Team: leader, team members for local, national and international missions

Student Ministries: (youth, children, college) adult chaperones to help create a fun and safe environment for our young folks; to help them grow in their faith

Worship Team: leader and team members to coordinate with pastor and staff to create vibrant and exciting worship environments, help with planning and design

Celebrate Recovery (CR): we need folks to help us train and plan for our CR launch in January of 2026. It will be essential that we have a core team to help promote and invite our community to CR

FILL IN THE BLANK: this is an area where YOU tell us of a ministry or mission God is leading you to join...or create!

CHURCH COUNCIL 2026 ~ Church Council meetings for 2026 will be held at 6:30 PM on the following dates: **Feb 9, May 11, Aug 10, Nov 9.**

HGUMC CHURCH BREAKFAST ~ Are you hungry? Breakfast is Served! **First Sundays at 7:30 AM**, we invite you to join us for our **HGUMC Church Breakfast** and fellowship. Our next breakfast will be **April 5th**. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Donna Daniel.

KARATE / SELF DEFENSE CLASS ~ Marc Hilden is offering training in traditional Okinawan Martial Art for health and wellness. Low impact , low intensity exercise with intent and purpose. Classes will be held Mondays, 6:30- 8 PM in the gym.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS/COORDINATOR ~ We have an urgent need for traditional nursery volunteers and a volunteer coordinator. If you would like to help, please reach out to our office at office@hazelgreen.org.

CARD REQUEST ~ If you are interested in sending Rev. Billy York a card in the mail, please reach out to the office for the address. Greeting cards would really brighten his day.

SUPPORT GROUP ~ for widows, widowers and divorcees meets 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are dealing with grief or feeling a loss, consider joining us for fellowship, discussion. Contact Pauline Childers for more information at (256) 682-4114. Next meeting will be **March 19th**.

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **March 22nd**.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST ~ Thank you for continuing to keep the office updated on additions to the prayer list. Please remember to also notify us if we need to remove someone from the list as well.

CHAIR SET UP ~ We need volunteers to help with chair set up in the gym once monthly. If interested, please contact office@hazelgreen.org

KIDS IN ACTION ~ Meet Sundays 4-6PM. Please contact Mary Ann Smith for more information.

YOUTH GROUP MEETS ~ Sunday nights, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM and Wednesday Nights 5:30- 7:30. All students in 6th - 12th grade are welcome. Contact the office or cody.mccreary@hazelgreen.org for more information.