

## **HGUMC Announcements**

**HGUMC SUMMER BASH** ~ We're excited to share that our Summer Bash is happening on **Saturday, May 30th** from **Noon – 6:00 PM!** It's going to be a fun-filled day for all ages with a vendor market, car show, live music, food, treats, and prize raffles. Be thinking of friends, neighbors, and family you can invite to join us for this special day of fellowship and community outreach. We'd love for this to be a big, welcoming event for everyone! If you're interested in being a vendor, please contact the church office for more details.

**COMBINED SERVICE AND POTLUCK** ~ We will be having a combined service on **May 31st in the gym** with our potluck immediately following.

**SENIOR SUNDAY** ~ Join us as we celebrate and honor our graduating seniors on **Sunday, June 7th!** This special day is dedicated to recognizing their hard work, achievements, and the exciting journey ahead. We'll take time during the service to pray over our seniors and show our support as a church family. If you have a graduating senior in your family, please let us know so we can include them in this meaningful celebration!

**SAFE AND SOUND IN GOD'S SANCTUARY** ~ One of the great strengths of our connectional system is the amazing people who serve as resources for our mission and ministry. And, among the many resources our United Methodist Church is a shared commitment of our Child Protection Policies, or, Safe Sanctuaries. While we have always done a fine job with this, we have the blessing of many new folks in our church, and many who want to help with our youth and children's ministries! With that in mind, we will be having a Safe Sanctuaries Training session on Sunday, June 28th at 5:30 PM. (tentatively in the Fellowship Hall). Rev Amanda Rochelle will lead us through the policies and procedures to make sure we are current and compliant on our Safe Sanctuaries policies and procedures. It is imperative that each and every adult who hopes to work with youth and/or children's ministries have Safe Sanctuary training and background checks (don't worry, if you can't make it, there is a way to complete an online version). This event will be a great way to meet our requirements, and to learn about our commitment to keeping everyone safe and cared for! Thank you so much your willingness to be part of our amazing team to lead our cherished resources--our youth and children!

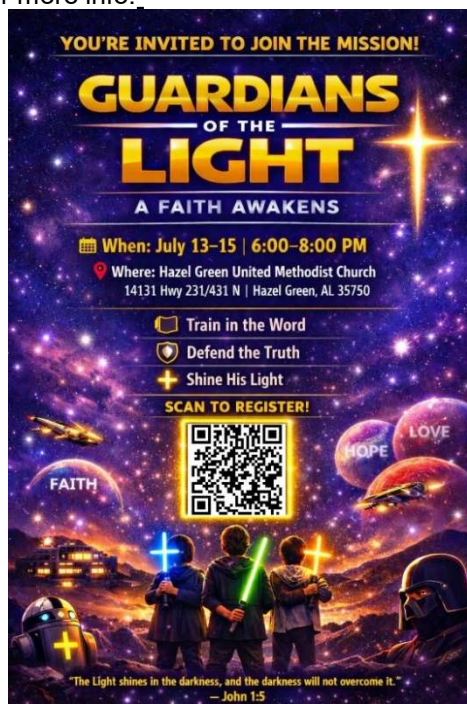
**CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION...WITH JESUS!** ~ It is a long standing tradition of the church to offer and encourage young people of a certain age the opportunity to make a public profession of their faith and baptism--a process called confirmation. The young people (at/around the time of 6th grade) experience a period of study (biblical studies, theology, church history, and more), fellowship, service, and an fun outing or two! If you know of a young person at this exciting time in their life, please contact Rev Matthew Smith. The classes will likely begin in the fall, though we want to begin planning the rest of the journey now! Stand by for...Confirmation and Baptism Sunday!

**HGUMC CELEBRATE RECOVERY** ~ We are excited to share that Celebrate Recovery will meet every **Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Gym**. 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!

**THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER** ~ When a team pitches in to make the place look great! We are looking to (re)form a group a 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!

**DEEP DIVE** ~ A serious study of God's Word should be the part of every disciples journey of faith. We offer a **Wednesday evening Bible study at 6:30 PM**, affectionately known as The Search Committee! Soon, we will begin an amazing journey through the New Testament. It's a 'short term' version of the original Disciple Bible Study series, with a video component, lively discussions and lots of New Testament study. If you are interested in coming along for the journey, it would be a great blessing to have you! If you have questions or want to learn more, contact Matt Smith.

**VBS IS COMING** ~ Check out the flyer for more info!



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

**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!

**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!

**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 **June 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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) 656-8725. Next meeting will be **May 21st**.

**COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **May 24th**.

**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Contact the office or [cody.mccreary@hazelgreen.org](mailto:cody.mccreary@hazelgreen.org) for more information.