

HGUMC Announcements

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! **Confirmation Sunday will be on All Saints Day, Nov. 1st.**

OFFICE CLOSURE ~ Our Office administrator will be out of office **Aug 18th - Aug 24th**. While she's away, she'll be taking a little time to relax, recharge, and give her inbox a chance to miss her! . For urgent matters, please contact **Pastor Matthew Smith** at matthew.smith@umcna.org. Upon her return, she will lovingly reunite with her inbox at that time.

HGUMC WOMEN'S APPRECIATION LUNCH ~ Women's Appreciation Luncheon – Celebrating God's Provision will be held **Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM**. Join us for a special afternoon of fellowship, special music, and inspiring guest speakers as we celebrate God's faithfulness and provision. There will also be door prizes, gifts, and many blessings! As part of our mission outreach, we will be collecting donations to provide reusable water bottles for the students at Walnut Grove Elementary School. Come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, encouragement, and giving as we bless others together! For more information, Contact Mary Ann Smith.

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.

HGUMC CHURCH BREAKFAST ~ Are you hungry? Breakfast is Served! **First Sundays between services**, we invite you to join us for our **HGUMC Church Breakfast** and fellowship. Our next breakfast will be **September 6th**. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Donna Daniel.

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

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ is scheduled for **September 16th at 6PM**. More details to follow.

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**. Classes will restart on **Aug 31st**.

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 **Aug. 20th**.

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference

Room. The next meeting is **August 23rd**.

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

Nursery Team: We have an urgent need for traditional nursery volunteers and a volunteer coordinator.

Kids in Action: looking for new volunteers and leadership

Chair Set up: urgent need for volunteers to set up chairs once a month for Contemporary Service

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!

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.

KIDS IN ACTION ~ Meet Sundays 4-6PM. Volunteers Needed.

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.