

HGUMC Announcements

McCREARY FAMILY HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE ~ Two weeks ago, our Youth Director, **Cody McCreary**, returned home from a business trip feeling very ill. What first seemed like a simple stomach bug quickly became something much more serious—Cody began experiencing **dizziness, balance issues, and weakness on his left side**. After an emergency room visit, Cody was transferred to **Vanderbilt**, where he is currently undergoing **plasmapheresis treatments** to address his condition. Cody does **not have health insurance**, and being out of work has created a significant financial burden for his family. The medical bills are continuing to pile up. To support Cody and his family during this difficult time, **Hazel Green United Methodist Church** has set up a **designated account** to help cover their expenses. If you would like to contribute, there are several ways to give:

- Through **Tithe.ly** (please select the designated account and add “*McCreary Family*” in the memo)
- By bringing your donation to the **church office**
- Or by placing it in the **offering plate on Sundays** (*please write “McCreary Family” in the memo line*)

Let’s come together as a church family to show Cody, his wife, and children that **they are not alone**—we are here to support them in faith, love, and action. Please continue to keep Cody and his family in your **prayers**.

TWO IS ONE MORE THAN ONE ~ As we continue to streamline and work to improve our live-stream worship experience, we will be offering online worship through Facebook Live as well as on our standard YouTube channel. If at first you don’t succeed...We simply want to be sure folks have a way to participate in our worship, whichever way fits your life best. No matter what means or method, technology or style—God is with us. Thank you again for your on-going patience and support.

HGUMC’s “THE CHOSEN” VIEWING PARTY – SEASON 2 ~ We’re back! Join us in the gym starting **August 24th at 6:00 PM** as we continue watching *The Chosen – Season 2*. Bring a friend and come be part of the conversation and fellowship! For more information, please contact **David Hayes**.

BLESSINGS ARE BACK! ~ We are excited to bring back our **Blessing of the Animals event on Sunday, October 5th!** This will be a time to celebrate all God’s creatures—and we may all! Bring your animal friends, as we worship and pray for them, have a run time and give each animal a special blessing and medallion of St Francis, patron saint of animals. We will gather in the (hopefully) cool of the evening, between 5-6P. Stay tuned for more information.

TEAM UP AND PRAY UP ~ We know that praying is an essential part of the Christian life. The scriptures are full of beautiful and powerful prayers, guides and exhortations to pray, and even examples and stories of Jesus praying! So, as people following the call of Jesus (aka, disciples) we must pray as he lead us to pray! Just as it is essential for the believer to pray, a body of believers (aka, the church) should have a regular, active way of praying. HGUMC is inviting all who have an interest in a Prayer Team, to please let the church know (by contacting the church office and our Rev Matt Smith). So let’s team up to pray up!

SAMARITAN’S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES ~ It’s shoebox time again! From **August 24th - October 24th**, we are filling shoeboxes for children in Jesus’ name. Shoeboxes will be located outside of the Gym and Sanctuary, and can be returned to the same area or to the church office. Scan QR Code below for ideas or contact Amanda Salazar by email at mrssalazar1@gmail.com



GARDEN WORK DAYS ~ We have an urgent need for help in our garden and on our church grounds. We will be having Garden Work Days **Saturdays, from 8 AM to noon**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ We need volunteers to help with recycling boxes located in our church atrium. If you would like to help, please contact Marty Robinson at (256) 656-5333.

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 **September 7th**. 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 Isshin Ryu Karate, a self defense based style of karate. Classes will resume in September and be held Mondays, 6:15- 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 **September 18th**.

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ meets on 4th Sundays of the month at 2 PM in the Conference Room. Next Meeting will be **September 28th**.

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.

HELP WHERE YOU CAN ~ We have been loving and praying and hoping with our dear friends Linda and David Fry and their family as they have bravely traveled down a tough road. We have a way to help their family love and support them too. Laura Lemley has used all her paid sick leave, though area teachers can donate sick time through the MCBOE sick bank. If you can donate some of your sick time, please let the church office know. You can also contact Laura directly through social media. Below is a link to their GOFUNDME and Meal Train also. Thank you so much for considering a contribution. It will help the whole family greatly this time.

<https://gofund.me/8b5ac63d>

<https://takethemeal.com/meals.php?t=BESX5097>