

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.**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOX ~ HGUMC has kicked off our Samaritan's Purse Christmas Box ministry! You can support this ministry in a variety of ways: take home a box and fill it with gift items, donate to the ministry for purchase of filler items and shipping expenses, share extra items you purchase with others, or build a box online. The deadline to drop-off filled boxes with the \$10 processing fee is **Sunday, November 1st**. Please contact Amanda Salazar by email mrssalazar1@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT ~ Mark your calendars for **October 31st!** We're excited to host our annual Church Trunk or Treat and invite everyone to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and community! We are looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy, as well as candy donations to help make sure we have plenty of treats for all the kids. If you'd like to participate by providing a decorated trunk, donating candy, or helping with the event, we would love to have you be a part of it! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors, and let's make this a fun and memorable night while sharing God's love with our community.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ~ We are excited to bring back our Blessing of the Animals event on **Sunday, October 18th!** This will be a time to celebrate all God's creatures--and we mean all! Bring you animal friends, as we worship and pray for them, have a fun 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, **4 PM**. Stay tuned for more information.

THE HOLY ROLLERS.. STRIKE BACK ~ Thanks to Major Coleman Grider, cap'n of the last Holy Roller excursion, the first men's gathering at Stars n Strikes was a success! Now, we're ready to take the strikes to new heights! We're looking to meet again at (the very same) **Stars n Strikes on Thursday, October 8th, starting around 6:30 PM**. Calling all men folk, of all ages, for some good, clean, fun—or whatever! All Christian fellowship is GOOD Christian fellowship! (For more info OR to RSVP, please contact the Church Office or contact (pastor/rev/dude) Matt directly. Don't miss out fellas!

HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRAINING SESSION ~ We're excited to invite all interested volunteers to an upcoming training session designed to provide helpful information, guidance, and resources for serving through the Huntsville Assistance Program. It will be held **October 16th in the conference room 9-11:30 AM**. All interested volunteers are encouraged to attend and participate. Thank you for your continued commitment and support of the Huntsville Assistance Program!

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!

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 **October 4th**. 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.**

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 **Oct. 15th.**

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **Sept. 25th.**

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.