

HGUMC Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ We're looking for fun-loving folks to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy at our Trunk or Treat on **October 31st at 6 PM!** No experience necessary—just a trunk, some treats, and a willingness to make kids smile (and possibly sugar crash). Let's fill the parking lot with faith, fellowship, candy, and maybe a few inflatable dinosaurs!

CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ Our annual Charge Conference for Hazel Green United Methodist Church will take place on **Sunday, November 2**, on All Saints Sunday. We plan to hold the business portion of the Charge Conference during our Sunday School hour. Everyone is welcome to attend. Actually, we encourage everyone to attend. The location is TBD, though it will be in either the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Hall. The Charge Conference is an important time to look back on the previous year. Though it is, even more, a time to look ahead to the future which God calls us. We hope to see everyone there!

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SEMINAR ~ Starting on **Nov. 7th**, Willie Brunetti will be hosting a three part Comfort for Caregivers Seminar on **Fridays at 6:30 PM** in our conference room. For more information, contact Gracie Crouch. Brochures available in our lobbies.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING ~ We are very excited to share about this year's stewardship program, Consecration Sunday! On **November 16th** we will have a guest speaker and a church wide Celebration Meal on that day, following the 10:30 AM worship. Stay tuned for more information coming your way!

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!

We have awesome opportunities before us to grow and serve in our community, throughout God's world. Though it take all of us working together to truly be the church!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ~ We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support you've shown toward the **McCreary Healthcare Assistance Fund**. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we've raised **over \$20,000** to help provide vital assistance for Cody and his wonderful family. What a beautiful reflection of Christ's love! Your giving is a powerful testimony of compassion and faith in action. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

CANDY ALERT! ~ Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is coming, and we need **CANDY**. Lots of it. Like, "if a dentist saw it, they'd faint" levels. Can you help? Please bring individually wrapped goodies to the church lobbies or by the office during office hours by October 26th and help us sugar up the kids (and maybe the volunteers too)!

HGUMC's "THE CHOSEN" VIEWING PARTY – SEASON 2 ~ Join us in the Conference Room October 19th at 6:00 PM for the last episode of The Chosen – Season 2. Bring a friend and come be part of the conversation and fellowship! For more information, please contact David Hayes.

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



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 **November 2nd**. 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 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 **October 16th**. Starting on Nov. 7th, Willie Brunetti will be hosting a three part Comfort for Caregivers Seminar on Fridays at 6:30 PM in our conference room. For more information, contact Gracie Crouch. Brochures available in our lobbies.

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ meets on 4th Sundays of the month at 2 PM in the Conference Room. Next Meeting will be **October 26th**.

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>