HGUMC Announcements

HGUMC OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ~ You're invited to join us for a festive Christmas Open House Dec. 10th 10AM - Noon in our conference room! Everyone is welcome to stop by, enjoy good company, and celebrate the joy of the season together. Feel free to bring a snack to share as we gather for fellowship and holiday cheer. We look forward to celebrating with you!

MISTLETOE MARKET ~ Rock around the Christmas tree at Hazel Green UMC's Mistletoe Market on **December 5th from 8 AM to 1 PM**! Score unique holiday finds while fueling up on hot chocolate and festive treats. Santa is coming to town for photos, letter writing, and holiday high-fives, so bring the whole family along. "Yule" be sorry if you miss out on the merriest community fun of the season!

TOYS FOR TOTS 2026 ~ HGUMC is now an **official Toys for Tots Community Drop Off Location**! New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the lobbies before service, or brought to our office during office hours. Let's work together with our community to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope, joy, and love to less fortunate local children. Please contact Kelley Hawkins at **office@hazelgreen.org** for more info.

CEC ANGEL TREE ~ This Christmas, we have an opportunity to share a little extra love with some of the children in our CEC family! We will have a CEC Angel Tree set up in the Fellowship Hall with angels representing children of some of our CEC teachers. We invite our congregation to stop by, choose an angel, and help make Christmas a little brighter for these sweet children. Angels can be adopted individually, by a Sunday School class, or by a group of friends working together! Every gift is an opportunity to share a little Christmas joy. Gifts may be dropped off at either the CEC office or the church office. Deadline is **December 16th**.

ADVENT SEASON AT HGUMC ~ Join us as we celebrate the Advent season!
Sunday, December 6
Christmas Cantata – 10:30 AM, Sanctuary
Most Sunday School classes will not meet.

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Open Communion – 5:00–6:00 PM, Sanctuary
Come anytime during the hour to share communion.

Candlelight Service – 6:30 PM, Sanctuary
Carols, special music, communion, and candlelit Silent Night.

HGUMC CHRISTMAS CANTATA ~ Celebrate the joy and wonder of the season at our Christmas Cantata on **Sunday, December 6 at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary**! Come experience uplifting music, the story of Christ's birth, and the warmth of worship as we usher in the Christmas season together. Bring your family, invite your friends—let's fill the sanctuary with praise and Christmas cheer!

TEACH US HOW TO PRAY ~ The early church realized that prayer was the essential foundation that held them together, and gave the church power to go and build God's Kingdom. Prayer is our foundation, and a healthy church needs a healthy prayer life. I'm certain we all pray--at home, in the car, before meals, in worship. Though I feel it is time we energize a prayer team to bath and surround our church with God's vision, power, and grace. If you have an interest in serving on our **HGUMC Prayer Team**, please let Pastor Matt Smith know. We will begin with Sunday morning prayer walks during the holy season of Advent--**beginning Sunday, November 29th**. It is my prayer (see?) that you join this important group. Thank you for all you do, and all you are! --MMS

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 **December 6th**. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Donna Daniel.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEAL TRAIN ~ Our Celebrate Recovery ministry is looking for volunteers from our church family to sign up to provide meals and help support those in need. This is a simple but meaningful way to show the love of Christ and remind others that they are not alone on their journey. If you feel led to help, please consider signing up using the link below to provide a meal. Every meal is an opportunity to serve, encourage, and share God's love with others. Thank you for being willing to serve and be the hands and feet of Jesus!
https://mealtrain.com/28zdge

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 2027 ~ Church Council meetings for 2027 will be **Feb. 8th, May 10th, Aug. 9th, and Nov. 8th at 6:00PM**

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**.

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 **Nov. 19th**.

COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **Nov. 22nd**.

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 ~ 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.