









## **HGUMC Announcements**

**HGUMC MISTLETOE MARKET** ~ Hazel Green United Methodist Church is preparing for a joyful evening filled with holiday cheer, shopping, food, and fun — and we need your help to make it unforgettable! 🎄

**We're looking for cheerful volunteers to help with:**

-  Vendor setup
-  Food/refreshment tables
-  Greeting guests and spreading Christmas cheer
-  Santa Letter Station – help children write and send their special letters to Santa!
-  Ornament Decorating Booth – assist kids (and grown-ups!) with festive craft fun!
-  Reindeer Food Station – help kids mix magical reindeer food to take home for Christmas Eve!
-  Santa Photo Attendants – assist families as they visit Santa and capture their holiday memories.

Your time, smile, and holiday spirit make this event so special for our church and community. ♥

 **Date:** Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

 **Time:** 5-8 (vendor set up at 4)

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Mary Rodgers at [marodgers03@gmail.com](mailto:marodgers03@gmail.com) or [office@hazelgreen.org](mailto:office@hazelgreen.org).  
Let's share the magic of Mistletoe Market and celebrate the joy of Christmas together! 🎄👪🎅

**TOYS FOR TOTS 2025** ~ Starting November 2nd, HGUMC will be 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. The last day to donate is **December 10th**. Please contact Kelley Hawkins at [office@hazelgreen.org](mailto:office@hazelgreen.org) for more info.

**PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE** ~ You will have an opportunity to adopt an angel by purchasing a gift(s) for a child whose parent is in prison. We will be set up in the Fellowship Hall between services with the names and information of the children. Please return gifts to the Fellowship Hall by Dec. 7th. For more information on adopting an angel, contact Cassie Robinson at (256) 679-4393.

**PLEASE JOIN US** ~ If you have been connected to this amazing congregation for some time, and ever thought about taking the step to join the church, we invite you to consider **November 23rd** as a possible day to do so. That day is Christ the King Sunday, and the last Sunday before we begin the holy season of Advent. It is also a day when we will celebrate folks who have joined our church in the past year. We may as well make it Join the Church Sunday too! Please give prayerful thought and consideration to taking that 'official step'. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rev Matt Smith. It is a great blessing to be together at Christ's holy church at HGUMC!

**ADVENT SEASON AT HGUMC** ~ Join us as we celebrate the Advent season!

Sunday, December 14

Christmas Cantata – 10:30 AM, Sanctuary

Most Sunday School classes will not meet.

“Christmas in Bethlehem” – 4:00 PM, Gym

Presented by our Children's and Youth Ministries. Reception to follow.

Wednesday, 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 Saturday, December 14 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!

**CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM** ~ HGUMC Children's and Youth Ministries will be performing "Christmas in Bethlehem" **December 14th at 4 PM** in the gym, with a reception immediately following. For more information, contact **Mary Ann Smith** or **Mary Rodgers**.

**A CHANCE TO GROW, HEAL, AND BUILD FOR THE FUTURE** ~ Our Annual Conference has invited our church to participate in the Ministry Transformation Lab. It's an opportunity for a small group within our church to develop healthy and effective new ministries. If you are not currently involved in a ministry or mission within the church, this could be an exciting way to re-imagine what our church can do.

**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!

**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 **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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 **December 18th**.

**COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** ~ Normally Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. Due to the holidays, the next meeting is **December 7th**.

**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Contact the office or [cody.mccreary@hazelgreen.org](mailto:cody.mccreary@hazelgreen.org) for more information.