



LENT

HINSHAW HAPPENINGS

Church Pictorial Directory

On several Sundays in late March and April you and your family will have an opportunity to be photographed for our church pictorial directory. It will be different this time. Our directory will be sold to you for a nominal amount.

We will be producing the directory in house. We will be using volunteer photographers and your pictures will be taken before or after Worship on a Sunday of your choice. We hope to have at least eight if not ten volunteers taking pictures. The process will not take long. It will be very relaxed and simple. We will use relaxed head shots of your family. See the pictures found below.

Our nation is in a recession and churches are working to cut expenses. Is it right to entice everyone to spend money on a package of portraits from a national company that they may or may not really need? Our directory will not require extra trips to the church. Our directory will not require a week of heating the building for the photographic staff.

Our directory will have the same beautiful pages, a cover, activity pages, family units telephone and address listing. It will have a plastic spiral binder. When a photographic corporation does our church directory we have to do the layout and provide all the extra pictures. We do the job. They do the printing. Doing it ourselves only adds two steps to the process. Printing in the church office and collating it by volunteers. It will be super!



In preparation for the directory please let the church office know of any changes to your church membership, name, address or phone number.

**In the directory this is how your listing will appear.
If it is incorrect please call, write or e-mail the church office.**

MAF

MAF #1

MAF, as well as any adults within the church, are needed and welcome to travel to the Western North Carolina Mission Response Center in Terrell, NC. The purpose of this trip is to sort and check kits for earthquake victims. We will load the bus on Friday, March 12th at 7:30 am. We will travel to McDonalds for breakfast and on to the center. Bring a bag lunch, snacks and drinks to be placed in a cooler. Cooler and ice provided. We will work until 3:00 p.m. and return to the church by 5:00 p.m. Please call the church office by noon on the 11th of March to sign-up for this opportunity.

MAF # 2

At 11:00 am on Tuesday, March 23rd all adults are invited to meet and plan the next few months of MAF trips. Lunch will be provided. Bring your ideas and come prepared with details that are helpful to the process. Please call the church office by noon on Monday the 22nd of March to sign-up for the lunch.

MYF

The Winter Spiritual life retreat in Banner Elk was fantastic. We explored "Am I Happy?" . Scriptural based.... Searching for Happiness in Relationships, Searching for Happiness in Accomplishments, Searching for Happiness in Appearances, Searching for Happiness Despite Circumstances. Snow blew down just about all weekend and we were greeted by deep snow all over the camp.

Group members enjoyed the movie John Wesley. ASP Forms are coming in everyday and we thank everyone for supporting the Blues ASP fundraising meal! Remember Appalachia service projects helps the families we serve but it also teaches servanthood ministry to our youth!

MARCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

March 10th 6:00 p.m.

Beef Vegetable soup, cornbread, salad and pineapple upside down cake

March 24th 6:00 p.m.

Oven Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and ice cream sundaes

Call the church office 299-6330 by noon on the Monday before the meal or use the tear off slip found in the bulletin.

Food will only be prepared for the number of reservations.

Reservations by noon the Monday before the meal.

Please call the church office to reserve your number of places.

3rd ANNUAL BLUES DINNER

Help send the Youth & Adults to serve on

Appalachia Service Project

Saturday, March 20th

Hinshaw United Methodist Church

Showtimes:

1st Seating at 5:00, Dinner served at 5:30

2nd Seating at 7:00, Dinner served at 7:30

Featuring:

Not Dead Yet Blues Band

Serving:

Tossed Salad

Spaghetti

French Bread

Tea

Dessert

Door Prizes!

Tickets:

\$12.00 adult / \$8.00 twelve and under

See an ASP Volunteer

Call Sandy @ 210-5970 for reservations

Follow Hinshaw on FACEBOOK

Please Note:

Order your church newsletter by e-mail. Go to www.hishawumc.org See the left bottom of the page and select "Receive Newsletter " "Receive Bulletin" It's Great!!!!!!

Church Web Page

<http://www.hinshawumc.org/>

IT'S THE BEST!

To keep the newsletter from coming through the mail to your home all the members of your family need to sign-up for e-mail newsletter. The computer knows to help avoid family members saying "once and a while mom or dad will download the newsletter at work and bring it home". If your home and family is on e-mail make sure each person is signed up so a paper newsletter will not be generated for the others at your address.

Northeast and Greensboro District Day at Camp Guilrock

Get acquainted with Camp Guilrock as you are invited to enjoy walking trails, hayrides, music, horse rides and much more. This event will be for the Northeast and Greensboro Districts and will take place at Camp Guilrock on April 11, 2010 from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. All members of Northeast and Greensboro District Churches are invited. FREE! YES, WE SAID FREE!!!! Hot Dogs will be served for supper before the vespers service. Everyone is welcome!!!

A TOUGH YEAR, A GREAT END

What can one say about 2009? It was a year of mostly downs for many Americans. Controversial government bailouts were put in place to keep the country from spiralling into a depression. Unemployment skyrocketed to 10%. Many, if not most that were unemployed in 2008, still are. All of this and much more created an environment of uncertainty, stress and a "What happens to me if...etc.". It was a year of change. What didn't change is God - still around to comfort us, to forgive us, and to answer our prayers. And Hinshaw UMC is still around, too - 94 years young and strong with a purpose because of YOU.

We started the year running way behind our approved annual budget of \$239,542. How bad did it get? On June 21st we were almost \$33,700 behind or down 21%. Had that percentage stayed the same, at year's end, we would have finished 2009 over \$50,000 off where we budgeted to be. That would have posed some serious problems. However, your finance committee did pray about this problem. We then brought it to your attention in September and kept focus on it right through to the end of the year. Hinshaw you did something that you seem to do everytime. Along with prayer, you GAVE MORE. You helped yourself. God answered and helped us. Here is how we ended the year:

2009 Total Budget was : \$239,542
2009 Total Collections were: \$214,549
Shortfall to Budget: \$24,993
HOWEVER.....
2009 - What We Actually Spent: \$213,751

OR

In 2009, WE Actually Spent \$798 LESS Than What Was Given!!!!!!!

The story of 2009 is about keys. Here are the most critical that produced this outcome: Again, many folks prayed and asked God for help. God answered those prayers because as a church, we did much to help ourselves. Such as..... Starting in September, we STOPPED the hemorrhaging and started giving more than the "Average Weekly Need". In fact 10 out the last 17 weeks of 2009, YOU, HINSHAW exceeded the weekly budgeted need. That was critical to stop the bleeding and at the same start a blood transfusion or money infusion. We had budgeted for a full time organist (\$10,895 annual salary) but as you know we did not have one during the year. We did have temps step in from time to time but most of this we saved. Donna & Jim did a marvelous job in conservation. Our office and trustee (overhead costs like electricity, phone, general maintenance, bus maintenance, etc.) expenses together came in at around \$6,000 less than what we thought we would have to spend.

You should feel good Hinshaw, that we did all this PLUS paid ALL our UM Conference Apportioned Funds. That is something that many churches were unable to do last year.

2010 - Cautiously Optimistic

That is how we are approaching this year. Will it be as challenging as 2009? Not as challenging but still very tough. Our economy is showing signs of recovery but most people aren't convinced. Seems most folks are in a Missouri state of mind or " Show me" before I believe it. I can't necessarily say either way. But I am seeing positive signs around Hinshaw. Take a look at US in church, there are more of US. More people are checking us out. There seems to be more of an upbeat attitude. A lot more smiles. I don't know. It's a observation, a feeling. How do you feel?

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MISSIONS

Hinshaw Methodist Church's mission emphasis during Lent will continue to be FaithAction International House, God's Helping Hands Food Pantry, and Haiti. We encourage everyone and every group to participate however they can.

Our Easter Lily Mission Fund in honor of or in memory of will continue through March 29th. All funds collected will go to support the work of FaithAction. Use the form in the newsletter or in the bulletin to make a donation. Two lilies will be placed in the church on Easter, and a list will be printed for the bulletin. Also please remember FaithAction needs gently used household items such as linens, dishes, towels, pots and pans, etc. as well as diapers. Just bring them to the church basement by the office and they will be delivered.

Bring a can of food to church each Sunday to go to God's Helping Hands Food Pantry. All types of canned items – meat/fish, vegetables and fruits as well as peanut butter, mac and cheese, soups, individually packaged snacks and packaged breakfast items are needed. Hygiene items – soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoo, and washcloths are gratefully accepted. They are very thankful for our participation with their efforts to help the homeless and hungry.

Haiti will need ongoing assistance for several years. UMCOR is still accepting monetary donations for Haiti. Remember that 100% of your money marked for Haiti will go to Haiti. During Lent you might consider making an additional contribution. Many folks at Hinshaw made hygiene kits. This is an ongoing need as well. They are also asking for bedding kits and layette kits. Lists for these kits are in the narthex. Groups such as Sunday school classes, UMW circles or UMM might consider putting some kits together. These need to be completed by Sunday, Apr. 18.

Hinshaw is the pick-up point for these kits. Many Hinshaw Volunteers responded to the call to come and help load them onto the truck in January. It was an outstanding turnout and the kits were loaded in record time. Thank you !

Hinshaw is a loving, caring community of believers. The Missions Team thanks everyone for all they do for all of God's children. "God, open our hearts, our minds and our doors to the people around us. Help us to mirror the loving spirit of your Son."



Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Claycomb, Becky
- 1 Coley, Jason
- 3 Waynick, James
- 5 Ward, Ray
- 6 Marley, Kathy Smith
- 6 Sadler, Henry
- 6 Ward, Iris
- 6 Meite, Jada
- 7 Crumpler, Ann
- 8 Hutchinson, David
- 10 Carter, Peggy
- 11 Hardeman, Suzanne
- 11 Sheffey, Mike
- 12 Grant, Ray
- 12 Grant, Roy
- 12 Wells, Debbie
- 14 Hill, Patty
- 14 Burchette, Brooke
- 15 Clayton, Brian
- 15 Walker, Steve
- 16 Brentnell, Laura
- 16 Weast, Howard
- 17 Garner, Linda
- 18 Gasser, Elaine
- 18 Myers, Sharon
- 19 Welborn, Teddy
- 20 Grant, Chad
- 21 Winchester, Ann
- 22 Readling, Randy
- 25 Alker, Brianna
- 26 Wireko, Janet
- 28 Bowden, Ben
- 29 Sproles, Jonathan
- 30 Groome, Gene
- 31 Hutchinson, Jeanelle
- 31 Thomas, Marion

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Crump, Edie
- 1 Readling, Kristofer
- 8 Gleason, Matt
- 9 Alston, Jessica
- 9 Sproles, Lizzy
- 10 Bird, Martha
- 12 Fuentes, Jasmine
- 13 Sheffey, Mike Jr.
- 14 Magas, Susan
- 14 Page, Mary Beth
- 15 Blakewood, Ben F.
- 15 Smith, Dennis
- 17 Fowler, Bill
- 17 Gardner, Beverly
- 17 Rhoton, Laney
- 18 Shepherd, Charlotte
- 20 Warren, Carolyn
- 21 Oliver, Sean
- 21 Pinnix, Frank
- 21 Williams, Nancy
- 24 Oliver, Joe
- 26 Smith, John
- 27 Milleson, Ryan
- 27 Olson, Paul
- 27 Shepherd, Tennie
- 28 Collins, Peggy
- 28 Gleason, Beverly
- 28 Wilson, Jewel
- 29 Coley, Stephen
- 29 Johnson, Cati

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So how are we starting off 2010. Better than 2009 for sure. Here is a weekly snapshot of collections relative to what we are budgeting we need **through Sunday, February 21st:**

HINSHAW UMC YTD 2010 OFFERINGS COLLECTED FUNDS VS. BUDGET				
Sunday	\$ Collected	\$ Av. Weekly Need	\$ Diff	
3-Jan	\$4,610	\$4,554	\$56	Exceeded Budget
10-Jan	\$3,495	\$4,554	(\$1,059)	
17-Jan	\$4,437	\$4,554	(\$117)	
24-Jan	\$3,805	\$4,554	(\$749)	
31-Jan & 7-Feb	\$8,784	\$9,108	(\$324)	Two Weeks Collections
Was \$3,380 - Corrected 2/24	14-Feb \$3,345	\$4,554	(\$1,209)	
	21-Feb \$3,107	\$4,554	(\$1,447)	
	28-Feb \$5,628	\$4,554	\$1,074	Exceeded Budget
YTD Thru Feb 28th	\$37,211	\$40,987	-\$3,776	
Behind our budgeted pacing by:			-9.2%	

Notice, we need to bring in \$4,554 each week. That weekly amount is printed in every Sunday bulletin with the amount collected the PREVIOUS Sunday. So you can see how we did the previous week. This time last year we were behind just over 16%. Today we are behind 9% which is still not great. So you see we have some work to do. Let's start praying again and helping ourselves - YOU know what that means. God Bless You Hinshaw - He does.

Ken Crump

Finance Committee Chairperson

Many Thanks

I want to thank my church family, friends and relatives for making my 75th birthday so very special. It is over whelming the amount of non perishable food that was donated in my honor to "Gods helping Hands" ministry at Groometwn UMC.

I want to thank Mike Hardeman, Bill Fowler, Ray and Roy Grant for using some restraint in roasting me. They were kind.

The Hinshaw United Methodist Women did an outstanding job providing delicious refreshments and Vickie Gordon did her usual excellent job decorating the fellowship hall.

Thanks to everyone for making my 75th birthday the best ever. Warren Haeling.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS – Sunday, March 14th – It's time to 'Spring Forward'. Don't forget to set your clock 1 hour ahead before you go to bed next Saturday.

Jean Coley

JUNE 5

Major evangelistic outreach event to impact lives across western North Carolina on June 5

Greensboro Districtimpact hunger..... watch for many more details

Jan. 27, 2010 - Imagine thousands of United Methodists across the Western NC Conference moving out beyond the walls of their churches into their communities, offering signs of love and hope through service on one single day. This is a dream that will become a reality on Saturday, June 5, as each district in the conference sponsors Impact Community events.

These events offer not only United Methodists, but others who you can invite, to make a difference in their communities by volunteering for local outreach organizations or participating in other outreach projects sponsored by their districts.

The purpose of Impact Community is to put into action the philosophy of the Rethink Church media campaign, which inspires United Methodists to look at church as being a verb. Both Impact Community and Rethink Church serve as catalysts that move the denomination, and those we hope to reach, into dialogue -- and ultimately, into transformative, collaborative action.

I am so pleased that we've been chosen by the United Methodist Communications to be a pilot conference, to be on the cutting edge of something really exciting," said Bishop Larry Goodpaster. "I'm excited about what's going to happen as we think about one particular day when United Methodists across the Western North Carolina Conference engage in mission work and outreach in sharing the Gospel, living the Gospel, modeling the Gospel of Jesus Christ in communities all across the conference. And, to be able to come together at our annual conference session and celebrate what has happened in 15 districts and in communities all across this conference."



UMM Breakfast Meeting

STARTING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME OFF RIGHT !

We will meet for breakfast and meeting March 14, 2010 @ 7am in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to have all men in attendance to finalize plans for our pine needle sale March 19 & 20. Be sure to bring any orders and money to the meeting for processing. Please bring canned goods for the Groometown UMC food pantry. Mike Hardeman, UMM President

Help the Pine Needle Sale

Share the order form with your neighbors!

Only 12 Qts of Brunswick stew Left call Betty Reddick 299-4365



Hinshaw United Methodist Church

4501 High Point Road
Greensboro, NC 27407
(336) 299-6330

**HINSHAW
UNITED METHODIST MEN
2010 PINE NEEDLE SALE**

Friday, March 19th
& Saturday, March 20th
\$4.50 per bale

Pick up time: 8 a.m. to 12 noon
*6 or more bales can be delivered *

MAIL ORDERS: Must be received by
1 p.m. on Monday, March 15th with
check enclosed.
PHONE ORDERS: Call (336)-299-6330

**HINSHAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
United Methodist Men Pine Needle Order Form
SALE DATES: FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH & SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH**

Pick up time: 8 a.m. to 12 noon
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Please Print Please Print Please Print Please Print

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ EVENING PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

Bales orders x 4.50 = Total \$ _____

Please enclose your check payable to Hinshaw UMM

Mail to: UMM PINE NEEDLE SALE
HINSHAW UMC
4501 High Point Road
Greensboro, NC 27407

The Western North Carolina Conference and Haiti

The UMC is doing much work in Haiti. Besides monetary donations, meals (rice, dehydrated veggies, protein powder and vitamins) have been packaged through Stop Hunger Now and the response to the call for hygiene kits has been overwhelming. Petty Enterprises loaned a trailer to the High Point district's Disaster Response team and they took about 10,000 kits from the Mission Response Center to Sager Brown Depot in Louisiana. Many more kits need to be checked and sorted, probably about 60,000 to 75,000. UMCOR estimates the kits on the trailer to be valued at \$102,657.

As of Feb. 18, 2010, twelve million dollars has been received for UMCOR Haiti Relief. From the WNCC - \$144,847.69.

From the field (in Haiti)

UMCOR has carried out an initial assessment of damages and needs, developed a 5 year plan and worked to keep up partnerships with the UN and the UMC in Haiti. UMCOR sees 3 phases of recovery – emergency, recovery and rehabilitation. They will be in the emergency phase until April which includes the start of the rainy season in March. They consider their most pressing needs as access to food, clean water, sanitation, temporary shelter and spiritual support. Staff has been hired to deploy to Haiti to coordinate work. It is often said that UMCOR is first on the scene and the last to leave. (Information taken from *Missions Alive e-News*).



HAITIAN RELIEF EFFORT

Funding is the most critical need at this time. Give through your church. Make checks payable to: **Hinshaw UMC and clearly mark your checks Haiti Response.**

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EASTER LILY MISSION FUND

This year the Missions Team has designated donations to our Easter Lily Mission Fund to go to FaithAction International House. If you would care to make a donation in memory or in honor, please fill out the form below.



PLEASE PRINT

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by

Your Name _____

Your Phone Number _____

Place your check and the completed form in an offering envelope marked for the lily mission fund and put it in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office.

Make checks payable to Hinshaw UMC and mark Easter Lily Mission Fund.

LAST DAY TO MAKE A LILY DONATION IS MARCH 29TH.

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Greensboro, North Carolina 27407**

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

You Are Important!

When you are tempted to take a Sunday off, and you think that the absence of one person won't make too much difference at church, you place your ministry in the same position as a fellow trying to type with one key missing. He can make substitutions just as we have done, but the result is never the same as when he's with all the members of the congregation!