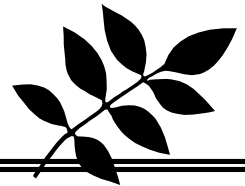


The Hickory Leaf

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A PASTORAL REFLECTION

*Day is done
Gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.
Safely rest,
All is well!
God is nigh. [Author Unknown]*

It is very dark ... the hum of an occasional truck from the nearby interstate fills in at the edges of the silence ... it is the middle of the night ... too dark to read without the eave lights ... but to turn them on would interrupt the peacefulness ... the peacefulness of God ... the peacefulness from God.

The long-awaited coolness of the night air is wonderful ... The sound of the nearby crickets and tree frogs only add to the joy of what I have found in the middle of the night ... Nature's music ... Divine music...

The healing power of the night ... part of God's rhythms -- sunrise ... day ... work ... busy-ness ... sunset ... nightfall ... night ... rest ... night-watch ... the newness of the dawn ... anticipation -- is at work. For some reason tonight, the blackness of the skies seems more vibrant with the promises of God.

"And the darkness he called night ... And it was good ... It was good, it was very, very good ..."

Sometimes within the silence of the dark comes clarity -- the Creator's gift. The irritating fringes of the day slip away. I listen. Sometimes within the silence of the dark, forgiveness is found -- the Creator's Gift ... the hope for His creation. God whispers. And my soul nods with new insight, new understanding, and renewed hope. God is blessing. The night is vibrant and alive with the promises of God. Thank you, O God, thank you.

"Be with us, merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night; that we, who are wearied by the chances and changes of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." [Book of Common Prayer]

"I love the Lord, for he has heard me and listens to my prayer; for he has given me a hearing whenever I have cried to him" [Psalm 116:1-2, NEB].

Bro Gary

Youth Complete Mini Mission

BY: Emalie Egan

One Sunday after worship, our youth piled in mini vans, ate a mini meal, and took off on a mini road trip. We traveled to the next county, and launched a mini mission! Through Miss Gabby, we learned of a friend who needed love, support, and help. We cleaned a pond, buried a beloved pet, and cleaned out the room where the pet had lived for many happy years. As Meagan played the guitar and we sang, "It is Well With My Soul", our friend sang along with us. We could see the pain and loss in her face at the beginning of the song, and the comfort and relief toward the end.

We visited, we sang, we cleaned, we worked, we rejoiced, and we prayed. We used all the skills we had learned at Mountain T.O.P.. We know from our mission training, that people have physical needs, emotional needs, spiritual needs, and practical needs. We were so glad to have the opportunity to provide services for someone close to home with real needs. Miss Gabby suggested that we leave on a happy note, so we sang the Mountain T.O.P. Song. Our friend laughed and cried at the same time. What a grand day of learning and serving.

Dr. Brock Teaches Youth to Deliver Communion

BY: Emalie Egan

Have you ever missed communion due to an illness or injury? Everyone who wishes to receive communion, should be able to come to the table. This is one of the most wonderful things about being United Methodist. Everyone is welcome at our open table. It is particularly important to be able to receive communion when an illness or an injury has struck your family.

In order to open the table even more, we can take the table to those who are unable to come to the church building on communion Sunday. On Sunday, September 13, Brother Gary trained our youth to deliver communion. We learned how to serve communion, but even beyond that extraordinary privilege, we learned how to be of service to someone in a crisis. Brother Gary's many years as a chaplain have given him wonderful insight into the needs of people in pain.

If you know someone who would like to receive communion or who would like a visit from our youth, please ask them about having communion brought to their home or hospital room. Notify Brother Gary or Emalie. Our youth are very happy to come and serve communion. It is the Lord's table, and all are certainly welcome.

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT!

We truly are a celebrating church! In my last council meeting report I listed just a few of those celebrations. Here is the quick list of the celebrations we have had over the last month or so.

The Mitchell's and Dean Walker have retired from their worship duties. We celebrated their service and want to thank the folks who have stepped up to fill those jobs.

We celebrated back to school with a wonderful collection of supplies for our children and for the community. We also celebrated back to school here at church with new Sunday school rosters, renewed teachers, and a church Bible presented to our third grader, Joshua Gibson.

We celebrated Grandparent's day, a baptism and new members joining our church. We continue to celebrate a wonderful group of scripture readers, both youth and adults, who bring the scripture to life with their renditions.

The celebrations will continue as we honor All Saint's Day, Veteran's Day, our very own HBUMC anniversary, Thanksgiving, Hanging of the Green, Advent and Christmas.

So bring those smiles, warm handshakes and maybe even a hug or two, and join us on Sunday morning to worship and Celebrate God's love here at HBUMC.

Cathy C.
Worship Team Chair

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Bro Gary's class will continue its Old Testament Study of *"HELPMATES, HARLOTS, HEROES, AND VICTIMS"*. This class will only meet on October 7th and 21st. [October 14th, Charge Conference; October 28th, Children's Halloween party]

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro Gary's Sunday School class will continue on its journey with *"THE CHURCHES THE APOSTLES LEFT BEHIND"* -- I-III John, Hebrews, James, Matthew.

SERMON SCHEDULE FOR

October 2009

- October 4th *"You must remember this"*
Scripture: I Corinthians 11:17-34
- October 11th *"You ain't seen nothing yet"*
Scripture: I John 2:7-17; 3:1-2
- October 18th *"Hang on to what you got"*
Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-4; 6:11-12
- October 25th *"It's in the works"*
Scripture: James 1:19-22;
2:14-18

Hickory Bend Makes Room In The Inn

Once again, we will join Andrew Price UMC hosting six homeless women on Friday nights. Please consider spending a Friday night making beds, serving supper, visiting, or playing a musical instrument. Maybe you would rather rise early on a Saturday to make breakfast or do laundry. You will be surprised at the blessing you will receive.

We are assigned the fourth Friday of the month, so our dates are:

November 27, 2009
December 25, 2009
January 22, 2010
February 26, 2010
March 26, 2010

We have an Undie Sunday planned for November 22nd. Please begin collecting new or gently used undies. We need lots of underwear in the size 5-8 range. We also need other items of foundation garments like pajamas, robes, sweatsuits, slippers, and socks. Pantyhose are very popular. "They add a lot of warmth, and they keep your pants from freezing to your legs," said one of our favorite guests.

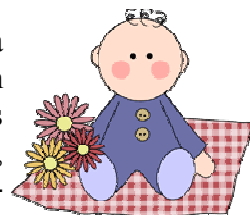
If you would like to come visit one night, just to check us out, please come. Call Judy, Ron, or Emalie.

ACT Preparation

Don't sleep in on Saturdays! Some of us are supporting each other by preparing for the ACT on most Saturday mornings. If you are interested in joining us, set your alarm and grab your calculator. If you know other high school students who are interested in improving their ACT scores, wake them up and give them two sharpened #2 pencils. Then, call Emalie. 403-8455

CONGRATULATIONS!

David & Debbie Keith have a new great grandson, Kevin Leon Furness, III! Kevin was born on Monday, September 21, 2009, 9:24 a.m. at Baptist Hospital. He weighted in at 1 lb 13 oz and is 14" long. He has a big brother, Trever Wayde, and his parents are Tiffany and Kevin Furness. May God bless this tiny little baby!!



All who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 18:14

Young Adult Sunday School Class Full of Love . . . But . . .

BY: Emalie Egan

Jason Berggren, the author of 10 Things I Hate About Christianity, has written a brutally honest book about this faith journey. His stint as a punk rocker, his ordination as a Christian minister, and his life as a handyman all contribute to this complex bare bones look at Christianity. What is the first thing he hates about Christianity? Number One is Faith!

What is #10?

Drumroll, please . . . #10 . . .

Christians. That's right. How could anyone find Christians annoying? Right? Well, #10 is weeks away.

Meanwhile, check out this website:
<http://10thingsihate.com/>

See if you can find a kindred soul, searching for a closer walk with the God of Abraham and Thomas. You'll be surprised that this witty and ironic look at faith just might strengthen your own walk with the Great I Am.

Join us at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. We are close to the coffee pot.



PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY



Mike Baker, Elizabeth Clingan, Barry Cloyd, Caleb England, Kenny England, Brian Ginnetti, Russell Lewis Jones, Mitch McDannald, Jeff McInturff, Amanda & Brad McMahan, Matthew Miesner, Joshua Mitchner, Jason Nevitt, David Parker, Joshua Snowbarger, Jess Summar, Zachery Taube, Ben Watkins., Bobby Woods.

THANKSGIVING MEAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

Fall is in the air and before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here. It's time for us to begin making plans for our Thanksgiving meal outreach ministry to families of ICU patients in Summit Hospital and the ICU nurses and doctors.

We will need side dishes to complement the main entrée (turkey) as well as desserts, bread and drinks. Be sure to watch for the sign up sheet which will be posted on the bulletin board.

It is such a blessing to be able to provide a little bit of 'comfort' at a time that is so stressful for these families.



From the Jewish/Hasidic Tradition

The rabbi traveled to see his teacher. Arriving at the esteemed teacher's study, he said, "Show me one general way that all of us might serve God."

"One way?" the teacher said. "What makes you think there is one way? Are people all the same that a single practice would suit them all?"

"It is impossible to tell people how they should serve. For one, the way is the way of study, for another, the way is the way of prayer, for another the way is the way of fasting or feasting, for another, the way is the way of service to one's neighbor."

"Tell them this," the teacher said. "Carefully observe the way of your own heart, see what stirs your passion for God and godliness, and then do that with all you heart and all your strength."

In commenting on this story, one rabbi observes: the problem occurs when it is insisted upon that only one way is legitimate. When it comes to spirituality, do not fall for the "one size fits all." Find your size, and wear it proudly.

In his chapter on Christian behavior, the Apostle Paul reminds us that "God has also given each of us different gifts to use. If we can prophesy, we should do it according to the amount of faith we have. If we can serve others, we should serve. If we can teach, we should teach. If we can encourage others, we should encourage them. If we can give, we should be generous. If we are leaders, we should do our best. If we are good to others, we should do it cheerfully... [and] Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord" [Romans 12:6-8,11, CEV].

SO, WHERE ARE YOU SERVING GOD?

Bro Gary

HBUMC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We had a great turn out for "portrait sessions" for our new church directory. A total of 51 individuals or families were photographed!

Some of you could not have your picture taken due to scheduling conflicts. We would still like to include a picture of you or your family in the directory. If you have a photograph made by a professional photographer that you'd like to submit, we'll need a copyright release form (see me and I'll get you a copy). Or, for the next couple of Sundays at church, we'll be set up to take your picture with a digital camera. Just see David or me

Your address and phone number information is also very important! **PLEASE** let us know as soon as you can if any changes need to be made.

We have 15 days to get all our information in to Olan Mills. If everything stays on schedule, we should have our new directories sometime in December!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Becky Williamson for making reminder phone calls and Cathy Caldwell, Julia Witt and Regene Mitchell for helping sign folks in to have their pictures made. My thanks and appreciation also to Maggie Whitson and Jeannie Gleaves for volunteering to help.

Debbie Keith

Psalm 23 For Tech Heads

The Lord is my programmer, I shall not crash. He installed His software on the hard disk of my heart. All of His commands are user friendly. His directory guides me to the right choices for His name's sake. Even though I scroll through the problems of life, I will fear no bugs, for He is my back-up. His password protects me. He prepares a menu before me in the presence of my enemies. His help is only a keystroke away. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and my file will be merged with His and saved forever. Amen

REMINDERS



Please bring non-perishable food items weekly, to be delivered once a month to East Nashville Cooperative Ministries.

HOLY COMMUNION OFFERING - Money left on the communion rail helps to fund much of what we able to do in the community.

"Box Tops for Education" We're still collecting these labels for the Red Bird Mission.



September 2009 STEWARDSHIP

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
8/30	64	\$1,265.61 General Fund \$10.09 - Hardship Fund (Birthday Pig)
9/06	91	\$2,531.84 General Fund \$20.50 Hardship Fund \$5 Upper Room \$4 Youth Missions
9/13	82	\$2,489.15 General Fund \$305 Wed Night Meals
9/20	85	\$1,142.83 General Fund \$182 Wed Night Meals \$2,500 Choir fund
9/27	*	*

*Will be printed in November 2009 issue of the *Hickory Leaf*.

GOOD GRUB CAFE

Good Grub Sponsors Halloween Party



Get out your vampire teeth on October 28 and compete for the traveling Golden Ghoul award at Good Grub's annual Halloween party. Can Brian Caldwell make it three years in a row as Hickory Bend's scariest?



October 7: Chicken Spaghetti, Buttered Peas, Cran-Raspberry Salad, Fresh-baked Rolls, Apple Crisp

October 14: Mexican Bar – Grilled Pork Chops, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Piquant, Fabulous Fruit Salad, Fresh-baked Rolls, Orange Poppy Seed Cake

October 21: Chicken Enchiladas, Tacos (with shredded cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes), Spanish rice, Refried Beans, Fresh Salsa, Fruit Trifle

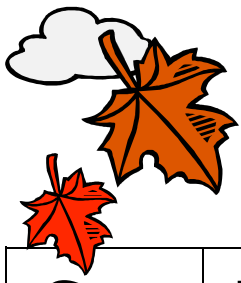
October 28: Chili (high test and regular) and all the Fixin's (macaroni, Fritos, chopped green onions, grated cheese), Seven-Layered Salad, Cornbread, Halloween Cupcakes and Caramel Apples

As always if you have favorite menu items you would like us to serve sometime, be sure to let us know. We'll try anything that market prices allow.

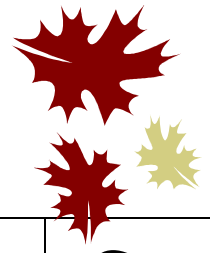
Remember that first-time customers get a reduced price (\$3), so bring your friends and neighbors. Good Grub is a great way to introduce new people to our church. Why not bring them to the Halloween party and show them what we're really like?

October 2009 Volunteers

DATE	SCRIPTURE	READER	CHILDREN'S SERMON	NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	COMMUNION STEWARDS
10/04	I Corinthians 11:17-34	David Keith	Cathy Caldwell	Robbie Williamson Victoria Egan	Servers - Egan Families Preparer - Joan Williams
10/11	I John 2:7-17; 3:1-2	Teressa Watson	Bro. Gary	Kelly Gibson Mary Watson	
10/18	Hebrews 2:1-4; 6:11-12	Brianna Caldwell	Mitzi Anderson	Betty Whitaker Elizabeth Egan	
10/25	James 1:19-22; 2:14-18	Shari Adair	Gabby Troster	Courtney Brown Meagan Troster	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 (A) Bob & Gayle Bearden (B) Madison Rhea Allen Jeff Griggers Wes Buttrey	2 (B) Rick Neil	3 ACT PREP 8:00 FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED ALLEN
4  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY BELL CHOIR PRACTICE After Svc UMYF 6:30 (B) Ed Troster	5 (B) Darla Brock	6 (B) Chuck Williamson	7 WORSHIP MTG 5:00 GOOD GRUB 5:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:00 CHOIR 6:45	8	9 BEERSHEBA TRIP (B) Janice Ladd	10 BEERSHEBA TRIP LIGHTING WORD FOR WORLD WORK DAY (A) James & Maggie Whitson (B) Jerry Walker Steve White
11 BEERSHEBA TRIP ORCHESTRA PRACTICE After Svc (B) Mike Johnson Eddie Watson	12  COLUMBUS DAY <i>Honor Veterans.</i> <i>Fly the Flag!</i>	13	14 GOOD GRUB 5:30 CHARGE CONFERENCE 6:30 (B) David Keith	15	16	17 ACT PREP 8:00 (B) Maurice Jackson
18 TRUSTEE MTG After Svc UMYF 6:30	19 (A) Jim & Cindy Bilbrey (B) Ron Sharpe	20 LONG RANGE 5:00 BELL CHOIR 6:00	21 GOOD GRUB 5:30 BIBLE STUDY 6:00 CHOIR 6:45	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 (B) Wilmoisha Roberts	24 ACT PREP 8:00 HOSPITALITY TRAINING ORGANIZATIONAL MTG 9:00 - 10:00
25 ORCHESTRA PRACTICE After Svc UMYF 6:30	26	27 (A) Ned & Benita Egan (B) Jessica Judkins Fred Metcalf Jillian Murphy	28 GOOD GRUB HALLOWEEN PARTY 5:30 CHOIR 6:45	29 (A) Bill & Shirley Lyon (B) Bob Bearden	30	31 

FUNNIES



A father was reading a Bible story to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Favorite Hymns of Different Professions

The Dentist's Hymn ... Crown Him With Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn ... There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing
The Contractor's Hymn ... The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn ... Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn ... There Is A Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn ... Standing On The Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn ... Open My Eyes That I May See
The IRS Agent's Hymn ... I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn ... Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn ... Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn ... In The Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn ... I've Got A Mansion Just Over The Hilltop
The Pilot's Hymn ... I'll Fly Away
The Paramedic's Hymn ... Revive Us Again
The Judge's Hymn ... Almost Persuaded
The Psychiatrist's Hymn ... Just A Little Talk With Jesus
The Architect's Hymn ... How Firm A Foundation
The Credit Card Telemarketer's Hymn ... A Charge To Keep I Have
The Zoo Keeper's Hymn ... All Creatures Of Our God And King
The Postal Worker's Hymn ... So Send I You
The Waiter's Hymn ... Fill My Cup, Lord
The Gardener's Hymn ... Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
The Lifeguard's Hymn ... Rescue The Perishing
The Criminal's Hymn ... Search Me, O God
The Baker's Hymn ... When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
The Shoe Repairer's Hymn ... It Is Well With My Soul
The Travel Agent's Hymn ... Anywhere With Jesus
The Geologist's Hymn ... Rock Of Ages
The Hematologist's Hymn ... Are You Washed In The Blood?
The Men's Wear Clerk's Hymn ... Blest Be The Tie
The Umpire's Hymn ... I Need No Other Argument
The Librarian's Hymn ... Whispering Hope



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