



Hilda United Methodist Church

HILDA HERALD NOVEMBER 2013

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**Sunday Worship
11:00 AM**

**Sunday School
10:00 AM**

**Wednesday Prayer
9:00 AM**

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All Saints Day - A Christian Celebration

Ed's Note: The following is taken from the Alpharetta Methodist Church in Alpharetta, GA (from their website - written by Karen Barber, 2012)

In the United Methodist Church, we generally term all true Christian believers "saints." On All Saints Day, we remember all Christians from the past. We include in this observance those near and dear to us who have died and who now live on in heaven with our Lord. Many churches celebrate the first Sunday in November by having a moment of special remembrance such as lighting of candles to recall and honor by name those within the congregation who have died during the previous year.

Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear Father, We thank you for the communion of saints through which we are mysteriously united in Christ with those who have walked before us and with us in the faith. Although they now rest from their labors in your heavenly realm, we continually draw upon their indelible and living examples of excellence and holiness. We especially remember our loved ones, (insert their names). We are grateful for the way they have shared their lives, struggles, faith, courage and acts of mercy during their lifetimes so that we might today live better lifetimes of joyful service to You in your kingdom.

With them we pray in one accord, "Thy Kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Preserve the vivid lessons of their deeds of heroic trust, healing compassion and sacrificial love. Inspire our hearts to dare to follow in their fearless footsteps. Impart to us the heavenly perspective of eternity that they now enjoy. Help us to gaze steadily toward your face as they did before us, resisting evil and humbly depending on you to strengthen and preserve us in the days of testing.

We make this prayer to you, the God of all nations, who calls us each to yourself that we might aspire to holiness and service in concert with the work of the saints of the ages. To you be the glory and praise and honor for all time to come. Amen.



**Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Pat Tucker & Pastor Wade at the October UMW meeting.



Carol Sattler presented the program at the Oct. meeting.



MARTHA CIRCLE

The Martha Circle met on Tuesday, Oct. 8th in Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 p.m. We enjoyed Connie's great stew that she brought for supper! During our business meeting we discussed some needs that we felt we should contribute to now as well as discussing where we might make contributions for Christmas.

We will be sending "goody" boxes to our college students: Courtney Brown, Zach Graves and Zane Graves. Please bring your snacks to the Nov. 26th meeting so that we can mail them the first week of December.

Cindy Spencer had the Bible Study and she read 2 excerpts by Max Lucado from the book "Chicken Soup for the Soul". We then read several related Bible verses and discussed our relationship with the Holy Spirit, and how we must have a "constant diet" of God's Word in order to properly live in the spirit.

Next meeting of Martha Circle is November 26th in Mason at Teresa Walker's office with Connie Witt presenting the program. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

HUMW MEETING NOV. 22 @10:00 A.M.

Janis Friedrich will present the Program:
"Thanking God for What We See"

Florence Smith - Hostess

The word is "give".

Members are asked to bring their boxes or bags of change for their Mission Giving.

Mission giving makes the work of United Methodist Women possible.



Hilda UMW

The Hilda UMW met on Oct. 8th in Hilda Fellowship Hall. Pat Tucker was hostess and Carol Sattler gave the program, "Celebrating What We See".

We also held our Pledge Service for 2014.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12 in Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 a.m. Leatrice Haley will be the hostess and Janice Friedrich will have the program, "Thanking God for What We See". Please bring your World Offering Box if you have one as we will take up the donations that day also.

Don't forget that our December 20th meeting will be our annual Christmas Brunch and we're hoping the new Fellowship Hall will be available for us to meet there!



HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS & CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE IN HILDA FELLOWSHIP HALL



The ladies have enjoyed creating the Christmas Cards & craft items
The craft items & the box with the cards are in the foyer of Fellowship Hall.

Leave your money in the envelope that is in the card box.

The cards & items are not priced - purchase is by donation only.

All proceeds go towards UMW & Martha Circle Christmas donations to local & area charities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER, 2013

Sunday, Nov. 3 - All Saints Sunday & Communion Sunday - For those who wish to participate, we will walk (or ride) down to the cemetery in honor of loved ones who are buried there and elsewhere - bring flowers if you wish

Sunday, Nov. 10 - Choir Practice after church

Monday, Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day Ceremony on the NE corner of the courthouse and our new monument will be presented - Noon

Tuesday, Nov. 12- Hilda UMW 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Nov. 17 - Choir Practice after church - **Church Council Meeting** after worship service

Sunday, Nov. 24 - Choir Practice after church
CHURCH CONFERENCE @ Noon DEADLINE for bringing turkey fixins' for FUMC if you volunteered to participate in the program

Tuesday, Nov. 26 - Martha Circle in Mason—6:00 p.m. - **BRING SNACKS** for the goody boxes we're sending our Hilda college students

Thursday, Nov. 28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



DECEMBER, 2013

Sunday, Dec. 1 - Communion Sunday - Choir practice following worship

Friday, Dec. 6 - Art Walk around the Mason Square till 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8 - Choir Practice after church - **Holiday Lunch** in new Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec 10- Hilda UMW Christmas Brunch 10:00 a.m. in new Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec. 15 - Hilda Christmas Program during worship service @ 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16 - Hilda Community Club Annual Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m. - all are invited - You are asked to bring either a small pot of soup, cornbread, or a dessert - We will also have a "Chinese Christmas" gift exchange

Sunday, Dec. 22 - Choir Practice after church

Tuesday, Dec. 24- Christmas Eve Service

**Wednesday, Dec. 25—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



LOWE'S MKT RECEIPTS

Please start saving your Lowe's Market grocery receipts to benefit the MISD. We'll have a box in the church foyer & in Fellowship Hall.

THANKS!

**Old Testament Study
Continues on
Tuesday Evenings 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Oct. 1 - October 29**

The Hilda United Methodist Church will begin a weekly study of the Old Testament on Tuesday evening, September 17th at 6:00 PM in the fellowship building. The study is expected to continue for six weeks each Tuesday. The public is invited to attend any or all of the sessions.

The study will be led by Pastor Wade Powell and will likely explore the historical significance, Hebrew texts, and most importantly how the Old Testament informs our faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

***CHOIR PRACTICE
HAS BEGUN!***

*Following the 11:00
worship service ~
Lunch provided
after practice.*



Keith Kaan, on the drum, accompanies the Hilda Choir at a recent worship service.





**CHURCH CAMP MEETING
October 13, 2013**



Hilda Past & Present Pastors:
Suzanne Brantley,
Wade Powell,
Monte Marshall, &
Mal Hierholzer





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Greg Dodson Nov. 4
 Chase Stengel Nov. 12
 Jack Graves Nov. 12
 Tom Gibbons Nov. 14
 Justin Bibb Nov. 15
 David Kesler Nov. 20
 Afton Powell Nov. 27
 Quaid Brandenberger Nov. 30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
 Tim & Connie Witt Nov. 23

2013 READERS & USHERS

NOVEMBER

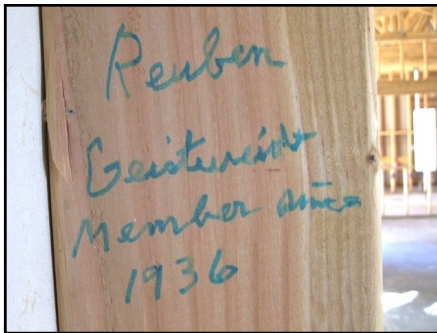
Reader - Jan Appleby
 Ushers - Henrich Family

DECEMBER

Reader - _____
 Ushers - _____



Leighton Brown & Cindy Spencer looking over the progress to the new Fellowship Hall



On Sunday, Oct. 6, everyone went over to sign their names on one of the framing boards before they are covered with insulation & sheetrock.



More photos from the Camp Meeting



FINANCIAL REPORT FROM CAMP MEETING & FALL FESTIVAL OF CHURCHES DONATIONS

Silent Auction	\$3865
Camp Meeting Contributions	2585
Sale of Church Prints (to date)	1350
Bake Sale	454
TOTAL	\$8254



TURKEY DINNER DRIVE AT FUMC



FUMC will be doing the turkey and the pan with all the trimmings again.
If you decide to assist with this, the pans and trimmings need to be at FUMC on Sunday, Nov. 24th

They will be distributed on Monday, Nov. 25th from 2:00 - 5:00 (the Monday prior to Thanksgiving).

If you would like to participate they really appreciate all the help they can get -
last year they fed 130 families!

To participate, please have the completed pans in the Hilda Fellowship Hall kitchen
by Sunday, Nov. 24th and they will be taken to Mason.

The items needed are:

aluminum roasting pans

boxed stuffing

canned green beans

canned yams

cranberry sauce

brownie mix

aluminum foil

The eggs will be provided since they would be hard to transport.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

(From an email from Janis Friedrich)

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport.
We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us.
My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us.

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.
So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'
This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment.

As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.
Don't take it personally.

Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets,
so Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.

10%

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!
Have a garbage-free day!

90%

"Faith is not believing God can, it is knowing that God will."

DOGS, DOGS, DOGS AT THE MASON COUNTY M. BEVEN ECKERT MEMORIAL LIBRARY!



Dogs, dogs, dogs, from collies to Chihuahuas, from heelers to bulldogs parade on the shelves at the Mason Co. M. Beven Eckert Memorial Library. Mason Junior High seventh graders have created sculptures of their favorite dogs and graciously agreed to exhibit them publicly. After researching the development of the dog from prehistoric tribe dog to our present day refined breeds, each student created an example. The sculptures were made using cardboard outlines, newspaper wadding for muscle definition and then paper mache clay was added to finish the shapes. The clay was mixed daily and consisted of toilet paper, joint compound, flour, linseed oil and glue. The last detail was a ribbon collar and dog tag. Come to the library and enjoy the artistic endeavors of our Mason seventh graders!

TEXAS AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT MASON LIBRARY

On November 18 Texas author James Gary Vineyard will speak at the Mason County M. Beven Eckert Memorial Library. The program will be held in the Stribling Room, and admission is free.

Mr. Vineyard's novel *The Grave on Peckerwood Hill* was named the 2013 Best Suspense Thriller by the Texas Association of Authors. Mr. Vineyard, who is an engaging speaker, has had a career in law enforcement which includes several years as an investigator in the Criminal Intelligence Division of the Department of Public Safety at DFW Airport, 9 years on the Dallas Organized Crime Task Force (Metro Squad) and several years on the Drug Enforcement Administration's Dallas Field Division Office, Enforcement Group.

Mr. Vineyard has accumulated numerous awards from law enforcement agencies and has been an instructor at area police academies and DEA's training programs. He has also taught courses in international smuggling at the American Airlines academy. He holds a Master Peace Officers certificate and is a graduate of the DEA's Drug Unit Commanders Academy in Quantico, Va.

He has written a full-length comedy stage play called *Moby And Dick*, which was a semi-finalist in a state-wide playwriting competition, and a one-act play called *Tap The Brakes, Elvis*. He belongs to a local playwrights' forum and Mystery Writers of America.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary to order your poinsettias "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. We don't have a cost yet, but they will probably be around \$10-\$12.

