



Hawkins Headlines

Hawkins United Methodist Church

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GPS: Growing Personally on Sundays Spring 2012 Schedule

John Wesley, the father of the Methodist Movement, believed that small groups are the key to spiritual growth and renewal. He established the class meetings which were small groups of 12 who came together each week for study, devotion, prayer, and accountability.

At the beginning of each of these class meetings, was the question, "How is it with your soul?" Each member would then take some time to share their spiritual condition by reflecting upon the ways God was working in their life and their witness during the previous week. What a great question to ask of ourselves and each other! When we are aware of how things are in our spiritual life we are more apt to pay attention to the ways God is blessing, challenging, and using us for his kingdom. Sharing our spiritual journey is one of the most enriching and faithful things we do as a Christian community. It isn't big buildings or fancy coffee bars on Sunday morning that grow churches. It is small groups, and Hawkins has a rich history of many small groups from our mission outreach to our Sunday school classes and everything in between. Small groups within the church community allow us to grow deeper in our walk and to share that walk with one another. Our individual lives of faith are enriched and our corporate fellowship and spiritual maturity is deepened in profound ways through small groups.

This semester we are excited to offer a few new small group opportunities on Sunday nights. As you will see we are bringing back the SWIM music program for our children, and I will be teaching the Confirmation class this year on Sunday nights. We are also offering a class on world religions and possibly a financial planning seminar that are both sure to be informative and interesting! We will continue with our snack supper at 5:00 so that we can be together for a time each week for fellowship before breaking into our small groups at 5:30. We encourage all groups to take advantage of this fellowship time around a meal together before we break out into our groups at 5:30. Christ is always present with us when we share a meal in his name.

I am excited about what God is doing in our church family! There is a place for you on Sunday nights! If you have any questions about one of our GPS small group bible studies or would like to talk about starting a new one, please feel free to contact me or Julie. Happy New Year. See you at GPS!

Susannah

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Balance on church
debt: \$595,981.77

Hawkins United Methodist Church

Rev. Susannah Grubbs Carr.....*Pastor*
Rev. Tommy Miller.....*Music Director*
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Mark Walters.....*Youth Director*
Teresa Tarver.....*Secretary & Treasurer*
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.....8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wednesday & Friday

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The UMW
Charter Circle will
meet Tuesday,
January 17th at
10:00 a.m. in the
fellowship hall.

Good Sense Budget Course

WE are exploring the possibility of including a financial course as part of our GPS (Growing Personally on Sunday) studies. Please let Julie in the church office know if you would be interested in participating in a Good Sense Budget Course by January 15th. The goal of the course is for you to commit to begin developing a biblically-based spending plan or budget. By the end of the six week course, you will have a spending plan in your hand, the knowledge in your head to implement it, and commitment in your heart to follow through on it.

Women's Bible Study by Beth Moore

Come join us for an eight week video driven study on James, the brother of Jesus. We'll be reading from James, Mercy Triumphs, a new bible study written by Beth Moore. Jesus' own brother started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. The book of James closely resembles the Book of Proverbs. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. We will begin in January. Look for more details in your upcoming January newsletter. Feel free to invite friends and family. Daycare is provided. For information and to sign up, please call Debbie Fowler at 601-529-9499.

Other Sunday Night Bible Studies

1. Bob Ford will lead a class that will study Genesis and how it applies to our relationship to Christ.
2. Newell Murphy will lead a study that will provide a fundamental understanding of some of the major religions of the world. Please call the church office to sign up.

Neighborhood Kids Spring Semester - The Neighborhood Kids program will start back on Jan. 17. We will follow the same schedule. We are so grateful for all who volunteered the 1st semester, but we can always use more folks to help. Any Tuesday/Thursday from 4:15 to 5:15 that you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Please call Cheryl Lloyd at 601-636-4121 for info.

Confirmation Retreat

Our confirmation class is planning to attend a retreat at Camp Wesley Pines February 3-5, 2012. If your child will be attending please let Julie know by January 8th so that we may reserve our rooms. This will be a great learning time for our class, and a wonderful friendship building weekend.

January

- 1 - Betsy Athow
- 3 - Judy Ford
Virginia Clarke
Robert Tisdale
- 5 - Evelyn Jones
- 7 - Yolanda Eslinger
- 10 - Barbara Parsons
Lee Lazor
Michael Montgomery
- 11 - Dustin Baker
- 13 - Brad Ford
Jim Hullum
- 15 - George Carr
Lin Cheslek
- 17 - Deborah Matthews
- 20 - Mike Lloyd
- 23 - John Morgan Mims
- 24 - Mike Pace
- 25 - Nathan Cheslek
- 26 - Joyce Atkins
Mike Katzenmeyer
- 27 - Daniel Renfroe
- 28 - Erin Powell
- 29 - Ben Barlow
- 30 - Jeff Cochran
- 31 - Leslie Renfroe
Noah VanDenAkker

Youth Happenings

- The youth will leave on their winter spiritual life retreat Wednesday, December 28th and return on Sunday, January 1st. For more information, please contact Mark Walters.

UMW Retreat Coming Soon! Better than a day at the beach!

Longing for time to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand, and bask in the warmth of God's presence? Join us at SeaSide Escape. It's a beach-themed retreat where you'll experience meaningful Bible study and worship, connect with other women, and have time for quiet reflection and plenty of laughter!

Location: The Emmaus Retreat Center

Date: January 27th-28th

Cost: Depending on accommodations: Only \$63.75 up to \$95.00 per person including room, three meals and essentials for the retreat.

For more information, contact:

Rae Eikert/Julie Townley
Dianne Gibson/ Sue
VanDenAkker
Jennifer Tate/ Debbie Tate



Stewardship Moment

I met my friend from Graham, South Carolina, at the UMC—SEJ Historical Society about a dozen years past. She asked me to send our newsletter. I did and we have. She called a couple months past and congratulated Me, You, Hawkins, Us. "You stated Hawkins is a medium sized church, I do not see how you do all that you do. It does all the things other churches do, in addition, sent a Mission Team to Honduras, New Mexico and to UMCORP, operate a preschool, the men cooperate with the UMW with a Bar-B-Que and the Christmas Post, and many other things, I am sure, that I do not know about. Congratulations Hawkins, keep up the good work." Yes-Hawkins, Let's keep up the good work. Sam P

Memorials & Honorariums

Memorials have been given in Loving Memory of Herb Tate by Jack & Delane Killgore, Bob & Susan Athow, Mary Jane Plett, Mike & Cheryl Lloyd and Jane Hanes.

A Memorial has been given in Memory of Mickey Rush by Ann Joseph.

A Memorial has been given in Memory of Ardell Godwin by Jane Hanes.

The Moravian Love Feast

The Love Feast or “Agape Meal”, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the community of sharing and fellowship enjoyed by the family of God. Although its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord’s Supper, the two services became quite distinct and should not be confused with one another. While the Lord’s Supper has been practically universal among Christians throughout church history, the Love Feast has appeared only at certain times and among certain denominations. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia in 1737 while he was in America spreading the Methodist movement. His diary notes: “After evening prayers, we joined with the Germans in one of their love-feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer, and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have allowed to be worthy of Christ.”

“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.” Matthew 10:42

Thank you is such a simple word, but means so much. We would like to thank all those that gave of their time to serve in children’s ministry this year. Volunteers go above and beyond their calling by faithfully serving—often without anyone ever taking notice. Thank you for your personal investment in our children at Hawkins and those children without a church that entered through our doors.

We thank you for all the things you did this year large and small. In each area, you gave of your time; to serve a child you also made an impact on a family. One act can make a difference, like a small pebble thrown into a lake, the water ripples reach outward. Your kindness and guidance will reach outward touching others and making a difference in lives forever.

New GPS for Children Coming in January

GPS stands for Growing Personally on Sunday. We will begin our new GPS schedule with a kick off January 15th in the fellowship hall with an event for all ages. Rev. Susannah Grubbs Carr will lead us in the Moravian Love Feast, which should be a SWEET evening. See Susannah’s article for more detail about this tradition.

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 22 children will begin a new semester of music, Bible study and activities. Children in K-6th grade may participate in one of two music sessions beginning at 4:30 p.m. Once again our family style snack supper will be served from 5 to 5:30 p.m. followed by an hour of Bible study and activities.

The children’s council’s desire is to communicate the unchanging message of God’s word in relevant and effective ways. We have used music, arts, drama and this semester we will use children’s movies. In our children’s ministry we will be showing age appropriate movies or movie clips to teach or reinforce some of the Bible points we are making. All movies will be prescreened before using them to make sure the content is appropriate for children’s ministry. For example using the movie Beauty and The Beast our Bible point is God’s love has the power to transform us. Children will memorize scripture each week in this case the scripture comes from 1 John 4:7-8. As part of each lesson the children will participate in an activity to drive home the Bible point. Your children will love seeing their favorite movies in a different way.

Confirmation classes, for our students in 6th grade or older, will take place each Sunday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you need more information about confirmation please contact Rev. Susannah Grubbs Carr or Mrs. Julie in the church office.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship Service No evening activities	2 Church office closed 6 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Boy Scouts	3 Church office Closed 6 PM Prayer Group	4	5	6	7
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