



The Methodist Message

A Newsletter from the First United Methodist Church,
Hawkinsville, Georgia
February 15, 2012

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Confirmation 2012



If you were in church this past Sunday you were able to see the confirmation class for this year as they came to the altar with their families. We began this very special journey with the nine confirmands at the altar with a special prayer. They were also given one of their text books for the course, "Three Simple Rules" a Wesleyan Way of Life. I hope that you will keep them in your prayers as they take this very important six-week spiritual journey of faith. To help you remember them I will share with you their names again.

2012 Confirmation Class

*Hunter Dokey
Chandler Jones
Jack McClain
Jenna Obert-Thorn
Valerie Otto
Rosemary Peavy
John Swick
Anna Walker
Sarah Kate Wall*

Confirmation is a time of in-depth study and decision. These nine young people will be led in several discussions concerning their faith commitment to Jesus as Lord and Savior of their life. They will be instructed in United Methodist doctrine and polity. At the culmination of this process of confirmation they will be asked to make a decision with the assistance of their parents regarding church membership. Confirmation Sunday will be the chance for these young people to stand before our congregation and make their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Confirmation means to make firm the vows made at one's baptism.

This Friday we will kick off our confirmation journey with a retreat. We will travel to Indian Springs for a 36-hour retreat to begin our confirmation experience this year. Your pastor along with Carol Brunzell and Kara Turk will be leading this course of study for the next six weeks. Please remember the leadership team in your prayers as you pray for the confirmands. The Reverend Dr. Wayne Moseley, our district superintendent, will be preaching for me this Sunday in both the 9A.M. and 11A.M. services. I know you will extend a warm Hawkinsville welcome to Wayne, Sharon and their grandson as they join you in worship on Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

**CATHY ANGEL
JANICE BUVALLA
1ST LT. JOSHUA CAMPBELL
NANO CORONA
ANNIS DOMINY
ANDREW ETHERIDGE
ROBERT HARPER
RON HOSS
BOBBY IANNUZZI
ROBERTA MORRISON
JAMES TURK
ANGELIA ULRICH
WAYNE WETHERINGTON**



Join us on Wednesday, February 15th, beginning at 6:00 for the Valentine's Day Sock Hop. Come in your best sock hop attire for dancing to the "oldies"!

Tickets still available and are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Please call the church office by noon on Wednesday if you would like to attend. The Youth Council is sponsoring this event to raise money for summer projects.



**Free
Pancakes
and
Sausage
On Shrove Tuesday,
Feb. 21, 2012
Serving in the Social
Hall from 6 p.m. 'til 7:30**

Donations will be accepted at the door supporting our Youth



There's a baby on the way!



*Please join us for a
Drop In Baby Shower for
Sarrah Cannon Bittmann*

*Sunday, February 19, 2012
2:00—4:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
Social Hall*

*Hosted by: Casey Cannon, Kris Cannon,
Linda Williams, Susan Hinton,
Kanon & Sami*

*Sarrah is having a boy named Andrew
and is registered at
myregistry.com/public/SarrahBittmann*

Children's Sunday is set for February 26th. We want all our children to be a part of this great time. Our children's choirs have already begun working on music for this special day.

We will be hosting a breakfast for the children and their parents at 10:00 am on this day. Join us!

UMW MISSION GIFT TO HONOR BABIES

If you wish to honor a baby born in 2011 with a Gift to Missions (minimum \$5.00), complete the below form and return to church office by March 1, 2012. Those honored will be recognized on United Methodist Women Sunday, March 11th. What more appropriate way to honor your baby, your grandbaby, your niece, nephew, or friend's baby than with a gift to missions.

Baby's Name:

Birth Date: _____ Amount of Gift: _____

Parent's Name:

Grandparent's Name:

A gift in memory of Miriam Curth

By Joan & Wayne Simmons
By Marjorie Busbee
By Dianne & Bip Bulloch
By Dodge County schools
By Susan & William Easterlin

A gift in memory of Grace Garis

By Lucille Adams SS class

A gift in memory of J.H. Goodroe

By Vicky & Grady Griffin
By Maye Gentry
By Derrie & Tommy Grinstead

A gift in memory of Myrtice Horne

By Vicky & Grady Griffin
By Derrie & Tommy Grinstead
By Maye Gentry

A gift in memory of Sarah Janelle

By Joan & Wayne Simmons

A gift in memory of George Newsome

By Joan & Wayne Simmons
By Kendall D Newsome
By Anne N Otwell
By Bonnie, Steve, Stephen & William Lynch
By M.W. Smith

A gift in memory of Dale Payne

By Elizabeth Ann Hawk
By Joan & Wayne Simmons
By Mary Culler White circle

A gift in memory of Warren Southerland

By Derrie & Tommy Grinstead

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