Director of Music: **Ledford Wilson** Organist: **Betty Winslow**
Church Secretary: **Susan Coard** Contemporary Worship Leader: **Ryan Kight**
Directors of Youth: **Andy Barnard & Ginny Owens** Nursery Worker: **Rebecca Burcher Jones**
Director of Children's Ministry: **Cindy Williams & Doris Carawan** Sexton: **Michael Colbert**
Acolyte: 8:30 **Olivia Cooper** 11:00 **Jessica Rosser**
Next Week: 8:30 **Kathryn Steadman** 11:00 **Chloe Folan**
Children's Church: 8:30 **Elizabeth Lovelace** 11:00 **Sarah Huggins**
Next Week: 8:30 **Amy McClanan** 11:00 **Tess Bechthold**
Offering Counters: **Kim Schorr & Ann Tasker**
Next Week: **Doris Carawan & Jean Pfaehler**

Report of Stewardship for September 2, 2018

Attendance	**140**		
Weekly Budget	**$ 7,786.00**	**Budget to Date**	**$ 272,510.00**
General Offering	**$ 5,916.00**	**Received to Date**	**$ 242,402.90**
Tanzania Well Project	**$16,382.09**		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	12:15 pm	Staff-Parish Comm. Meeting
Sunday	2:00 pm	God's Kids Ice Cream Social
	3:15-4:00 pm	Autumn Care Nursing Home Visit
	5:00 pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mature Men's Basketball
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 pm	Collection of GNF Yard Sale Items
	7:00 pm	Unshakable Hope Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am	Unshakable Hope Bible Study
Saturday		Fellowship Center Reserved

The pastor is available in his office on Wednesday and Friday mornings subject to emergencies. Please feel free to call the Pastor at any time on his cell phone (287-8420) or the church office (421-2778) and an appointment can be arranged.

Hickory United Methodist Church Mission Statement:
"To live and proclaim the Gospel, seeking, encouraging and equipping all to become disciples of Jesus Christ."

Hickory United Methodist Church

2708 Battlefield Boulevard, South, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322
Thomas L. Mercer, Sr., Pastor
Church 421-2778 – Parsonage 421-2777 – Cellular 287-8420
Worship Services: 8:30 & 11:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 9, 2018

Welcome to Hickory United Methodist Church! We hope today is a blessing and invite you to worship with us again soon. The Pastor, Staff and people of Hickory will be glad to share with you about opportunities for Christian growth. Please call the church office for more info. You may also email the church at office@hickoryumc.org or visit our website at www.hickoryumc.org. On Facebook: www.facebook.com/hickoryunitedmethodistchurch.

If you need help hearing today's service, hearing aids are available. Please see an usher.

We are excited to introduce "The Hickory" service as a part of our weekly worship experiences at Hickory UMC. The service will begin on **September 16th at 6 pm.** This will be an incredible opportunity to connect us with new families and most importantly allow us to share the Gospel and see new people come to Christ! However, we cannot do this with just a committee or one group of people. We need all hands on deck for this to be as amazing as possible. We have plenty of opportunities for you to serve at this service. Some positions we need to fill are Ushers, Greeters, Welcome Desk, Worship Team, Hospitality for Kids Ministry. The Lord has already established a great foundational team and we cannot wait to see what God is going to do through you! So join us and if you are interested, please connect with me by emailing me at tosendwithlove@yahoo.com. Ryan Kight, The Hickory Worship Coordinator

Calling all Bakers: We need baked goods to sell at the GNF Bake Sale – cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies and brownies. Time to show off your bakery talents! Sign up in the Welcome Center and bring your yummy creations to the church by Friday, Sept. 21st so we can fix our display. Questions – call Celia White (403-7365).

Good Neighbor Festival: Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 7 am – 3 pm. All you can eat Pancake Breakfast, Yard Sale, Craft Show, Bake Sale, Entertainment, lunch and much more. There are flyers in the Welcome Center to share with friends and family.

GNF Yard Sale: We will collect yard sale items every Wednesday evening in September from 6-8 pm, Thursday, 9/20, and Friday, 9/21, from 6-8 pm.

Pastor Tom will be teaching a 12 week Bible study entitled, "Unshakable Hope", by Max Lucado, beginning Wednesday, Sept 12th, at 7 pm, or Thursday, Sept 13th, at 10 am. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

Staff-Parish Comm. Meeting: Today, 12:15 pm.
Finance Comm. Meeting: Monday, Sept. 17th, 7 pm, in the Walston Room.

Mark Wirt would like to extend an Open Invitation to the congregation for his parent's 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration on Sat., Sept. 15th, from 10 am – 3 pm.

Ladies: Our next Bible Study, Priscilla Shirer's "Gideon; Your Weakness. God's Strength.", begins Tuesday, Sept. 25th, at 6:30 pm. This 7 week session demonstrates how your weakness is THE KEY to unlock and unleash God's power in your life. You are invited to come learn how LESS is actually MORE. A sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center. Register today! For more info., contact Stephanie Stahler (546-9408).

Socks for September: The Chesapeake Area Shelter Team season begins the first week in November, but HUMC will be hosting the week of Jan. 2nd -9th, 2019. We are already gearing up for this great ministry and will be collecting new socks (all sizes for men, women and children) during the month of September. If you are interested in serving as a Team Leader for the areas of Intake, Meals, Clothing or Cleanup, please contact Teresa Mizell at 757-323-2932.

Offering Counters: Help is needed on our Counter Team. If you are interested in helping to count the offering on Sundays after the 11 am service, please contact Gale Bryant (719-2246 or 547-0501). Thank you.

The Flower Chart for 2018 is in the Welcome Center. Payment is due when you sign up. Please make your check payable to HUMW and put it in the UMW box in the Choir Room or give your check to a member of the UMW. Please do not put your check in the offering plate.

Our Chancel Choir needs you! The choir is looking for new members and it's okay if you can't be here every Sunday because we are flexible. There is a one hour practice on Sundays at 5 pm. If you are interested or need information, please call Ledford Wilson at 252-775-1866.

God's Kids

Ice Cream Social: TODAY, 2 pm. Bring friends.
Meetings: Sept. 16th, 23rd, 30th, 5:30-7:00 pm.
GNF Bake Sale: Sept. 22nd.
Dinner and a Movie: Sept. 28th, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Youth

Meetings: Sept. 16th & 30th, 4:00-5:30 pm.
GNF Milkshakes: Sept. 22nd, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.
T-shirts: Have you seen the newest and latest fashion craze at HUMC? It's the HUMC T-shirt! The Hickory Youth are selling them as a fundraiser. You know you want one! Youth Small – Adult XL $15 each, 2XL – 3XL $20 each. There are still some available. For more info, contact Ginny Owens (621-8135).

UM Men

Spiritual Advance: The Spiritual Advance, formerly held in Blackstone, will be held at Baylake UMC in Virginia Beach on October 26, 27, 2018. The theme this year is "Go and Make Disciples". The early bird registration fee of $80 is open until Sept. 17th. Women are invited this year as the VA Conference UMM strive to make the Advance a family event. The registration fee for women is $40. You can register at www.elizabethrivermen.org. See Joe King for more information.

Prayer Requests for a Praying Church

New Requests for Members
Duke Dunlo Ethan Best
New Requests Beyond our Congregation

Members with Continued Concerns

Mike McKee	Grace McKee	Todd Perdue	
Sharon Etzell	Elaine Hutto	Margaret Lanier	Ruth Ann Rummel
Chuck Fryer	Bill Furlough	Bill Reed	June Vinson
Andy Barnard	Carolyn Harrell	Alice Jarman	Stephanie Stahler

Continued Concerns Beyond our Congregation

Julia Wenzel	Russell Heath, Jr.	Joel Hughes	
Eva Delfenthal	Frank & Deborah Sullivan		Larry & Shirley Resel
City of Hope	Brittany Bishop	Ginny Moritz	Barry Hathaway
Nancy Ewell	Bill Wright	Marvourneen Bryan	Tom Weston
Joseph Gates	Bobby Old	Pearl Zajack	Betty Kelly
Sandra Peters	Katlyn Hughes	Martin Oliver	Judy Matkins
Nadine Neidermeier	Henry Thrasher	Junior Ivey	Patricia Gayle
Tim Craig	Vivian Hodges	Al Antaki	Bobby Lockett

Mahrya Lenort – Dennis McCall's daughter
Chris Grant – Kathy Moyer's brother George Fortner – Gerald Shupe's friend
Ralph Munsey – Cindy Feldman's friend Kim Moyer – Alan & Jennifer Foster's friend
Laura Machak – Margaret Norfleet's friend Shirley Walston Grimes – Celia White's mother
Sharon Ballard – Doris Carawan's friend Jonathan Krispel – Margaret Norfleet's friend
Dr. Robert Brown – Bev Warburton's brother Patricia Bechthold – Cheryl McCall's mother
Alvah Grimes – Celia White's stepfather Ruth Vierra – Lindsay Eck's mother
Nicole Shultz – Marge Barnes' friend Kenny Morgan, Sr. – CS & Carol Curling's son-in-law
Marie Edmonds – Eva Delfenthal's niece Nick & Marla Smith – Lynn Hughes' friends
Bonnie Vinne – Eva Delfenthal's niece Trey Futrell – Deborah Pallett's friend
Marianne Morris Jones – Steve Jones' mother Betty Eure – Gerald Shupe's friend
Don Erickson – Bill Reed's friend James Boyce – Heather Brewer's brother-in-law
Donna Ward – Stephanie Stahler's cousin Sharon Ivey – Gary and Carolyn Everton's niece
Connie Carpenter – Susan McKee's cousin Rachel Gordon – Craig Robertson's niece

Our Deployed Military -Send a note of thanks to military overseas, go to www.letssaythanks.com .

Our Friends in Continued Care
Autumn Care Residents Connie Robertson – Harbor's Edge Rehab
Nina Curling – Autumn Care Marilyn Pratt – Chesapeake Healthcare

Our congregation hears all prayer requests during Sunday services. Please feel free to voice your request during the service. Please indicate your request on the Prayer Request cards found in the pews or call the church office (421-2778). On the Prayer Card, please list the person's name you would like to add to our Prayer List, their relationship to you, and the prayer concern. Place the card in the offering plate or the Prayer Request box on the organ. Names will remain on the List for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

Order of Worship

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THE PIANO AND ORGAN PRELUDE
THE WELCOME OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION
THE BRINGING IN OF THE LIGHT **Acolyte**
THE CALL TO WORSHIP **Chancel Choir**

*PRAISE SONGS **"Love Lifted Me"** **see bulletin**

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **"The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version"**
No. 881

THE ORGAN INTERLUDE
Please register your attendance by using the form found in the red folder on each pew at the middle aisle. Visitors are asked to please include your complete address and phone number. **Please print.**

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR CONGREGATION
THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

"On Eagle's Wings"

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

ANTHEM **"God, Be Our God"** **Chancel Choir**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES
(In addition to your offering, the person on the center aisle is asked to hand the attendance sheet from their row to the usher. Thank You.)
The Organ Offertory
*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: **Cindy Williams**
(During the singing of the hymn, children, preschool-2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD(REN) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE CLASSROOM(S) BEHIND THE SANCTUARY.

*****HYMN: **"Jesus Calls Us"** **No. 398**

THE SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 5:1-11**
In blue pew Bibles page 1019

MESSAGE **"From Empty Nets to Full Lives"** **Pastor**

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT **No. 593**
"Here I Am, Lord"

*THE BENEDICTION
*****THE CHORAL RESPONSE **"O How He Loves You and Me"** **All**
Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me.

*****THE TAKING OF THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD **Acolyte**
*****THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*****Denotes the Congregation Standing

Memory Verse: **Matthew 4:19**
19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Praise Songs: LOVE LIFTED ME

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more, But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me, now safe am I. CHORUS
All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing, Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs, Faithful, loving service too, to Him belongs. CHORUS
Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves, He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves. He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey, He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. CHORUS
CHORUS: Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!