

Director of Music: **Ledford Wilson**
 Church Secretary: **Susan Coard**
 Directors of Youth: **Andy Barnard & Ginny Owens**
 Director of Children's Ministry: **Cindy Williams & Doris Carawan**
 Acolyte: 8:30 **Kathryn Steadman** 11:00 **Grace King**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Carson Tortone** 11:00 **Chloe Folan**
 Children's Church: 8:30 **Cheryl Cooper** 11:00 **Tess Bechthold**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Cindy Feldman** 11:00 **Tess Bechthold**
 Offering Counters: **Doris Carawan & Jean Pfaehler**
 Next Week: **Alan Foster & Cheryl Cooper**

Organist: **Betty Winslow**
 Nursery Worker: **Rebecca Burcher Jones**
 Sexton: **Michael Colbert**

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 3, 2017



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.

The flowers on the piano are given by Steve & Marge Barnes in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

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 Greg Moyer (377-1866). Thank you.

Attention Ladies: Ladies please join the Hickory Ridge Community Church Ladies Ministry as they host the 2017 Living Proof Simulcast with Beth Moore and worship by Travis Cottrell on September 16, 2017. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Simulcast begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance \$30 at the door. This includes a continental breakfast and a lunch buffet. Free child care provided with reservations. All Church groups are welcome. Please contact Sharon Hilgeman at 757-646-5460 or HRCC at 757-421-7500 for more details.

The Flower Chart 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.

UMW: The next UM Women's meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 21st, at 7 pm, in the Joyful Noise Classroom.

The Youth, Andy Barnard and Ginny Owens would like to THANK the congregation of Hickory United Methodist Church for all their love and support they showed us, on our Mission Trip to Raleigh, NC. We had a wonderful time! Please check out the Youth bulletin board in the Welcome Center to experience our trip!

2018 Calendars: Starting Sunday, September 17th, the Youth will start selling 2018 calendars. We ONLY have 50 calendars to sell this year! They are \$8.00 each. If you are interested in calendars, contact Ginny Owens 757-621-8135.

Plastic bags needed. The Food Pantry is in need of plastic grocery bags. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them to church and leave them in the kitchen. Thank You!

Report of Stewardship for August 27, 2017

Attendance	189		
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,656.00	Budget to Date	\$ 267,960.00
General Offering	\$ 5,976.60	Received to Date	\$ 258,964.94
Tanzania Well Project	\$3,884.45		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday		Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Mature Men's Basketball
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council Meeting
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Volleyball

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

Good Neighbor Festival

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, 7 AM - 3 PM
RAIN OR SHINE!

7 am - 10am: Pancake Breakfast

7 am - 3 pm: Yard Sale

10 am - 3 pm: Craft show, bake sale, entertainment

11 am - 3 pm: Burgers, hotdogs, sausage and BBQ

*All proceeds will
go to help families
in the Great
Bridge &
Hickory area!*




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Prayer Requests for a Praying Church

New Requests for Members

Anna Commander

New Requests Beyond our Congregation

Eugene Edwards Pat Gayle

Members with Continued Concerns

Robert Davis Janet Manning

Vicki Bradner Eddie Allen

Margaret Norfleet Carolyn Harrell

Bill Reed Bev Warburton

Carolyn Rittenberry Hulda Sorey

Dave Gronemus

Carol Peters

Ralph Nichols

Alice Jarman

Jim Walker

Arnie Lindblad

Dave McCullough

Stephanie Stahler

Continued Concerns Beyond our Congregation

JoAnn Mercer Mary Kay West

Pastor Kelly Burris Connie Robertson

Jayne Moore Brandy Walker

Stan Pallett Jordan Sanderlin

Al Antaki Jennifer Tunney

The Mills Family

Pearle Zajack

Kovacs Family

Evelyn McKinley

Bobby Lockett

Vivian Hodges

Margie Blevins

Janice Lane Stewart

Carol Curling

Harry Blevins

Nick & Marla Smith – Lynn Hughes' friends

Trey Futrell – Deborah Pallett's friend

Marianne Morris Jones – Steve Jones' mother

Lucy Harrington – Heather Brewer's mother

Kay Phillips – Sharon Nichols' mother

Mary McChesney – Rachel Burns' friend

David Brown – Eva Delfenthal's son

Charlie Minehart – Cindy Feldman's friend

Ralph Munsey – Cindy Feldman's friend

Don Erickson – Bill Reed's friend

Ethel Davis – Debbie Cowling's neighbor

Margie Cannata – Elaine Hutto's aunt

Connie Carpenter – Susan McKee's cousin

Chris Grant – Kathy Moyer's brother

Tamara Emberton – Alan Foster's sister

Rachel Gordon – Craig Robertson's niece

Jim Reasor – Phyllis Nix's friend

Heather Swann – Wendy Boswell's sister-in-law

Gillian Harrington – Heather Brewer's niece

Mike Gates – Phyllis Nix's daughter-in-law's brother

Lindsey & Virginia Gardner - Ginny Owens' parents

Dolores Bulger – Kellie Swasey's mother

Ginger Hoyos – Tim Mizell's sister

Sharon Ivey – Gary and Carolyn Everton's niece

Keith & Betty Jean Edwards – Carolyn Everton's friends

Jim Anderson – Kim Schorr's father

Kathy Auguis – Elaine Hutto's cousin

Rebekah Burke – Stephanie Stahler's friend

Doris & Gene Bryan – Cindy Feldman's parents

Donna Ward – Stephanie Stahler's cousin

Miles Brown – Stan Best's cousin

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

Our Friends in Continued Care

Anne Tate – Currituck House

Nina Curling – Autumn Care

Kenny Hobbs – Chesapeake Healthcare

Jim Powell – at home

Autumn Care Residents

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

+++++ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. +++++

THE PIANO AND ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

THE BRINGING IN OF THE LIGHT

Acolyte

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP **“We Bow Down”** **Lynn Hughes & Ruth Gometz**

*PRAISE SONGS **“I Will Enter His Gates”** **see bulletin**
“Awesome God”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **“The Nicene Creed”** **No. 880**

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

ANTHEM **“Be Thou My Vision”** **Lynn Hughes & Ruth Gometz**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

(The person on the center aisle is asked to hand the attendance sheet from their row to the usher.)

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: **“Lift High the Cross”** **No. 159**

THE SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 16:21-28**

In blue pew Bibles page 973

MESSAGE **“The Lure of the Easy Way”** **Pastor**

HOLY COMMUNION

(You are invited to leave a freewill offering at the Communion Rail. These funds are used for Missions.)

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT **No. 424**

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”

(During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to spend time at the altar rail in prayer or dedication of your life to Jesus Christ as Savior and 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: His Provision **Matthew 16:24-25 (NIV)**

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.

Praise Songs: I WILL ENTER HIS GATES

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart. I will enter His courts with praise. I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.” I will rejoice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad - - -. He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

AWESOME GOD

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God, Our God is an awesome God!