

Director of Music: **Ledford Wilson** Organist: **Betty Winslow**
 Administrative Assistant: **Susan Coard** Contemporary Worship Leader: **David Springstead**
 Directors of Youth: **Andy Barnard & Ginny Owens** Nursery Worker: **Mary Fenno**
 Director of Children's Ministry: **Cindy Williams & Chessie Folan** Sexton: **Michael Colbert**
 Acolyte: 8:30 **Kathryn Steadman** 11:00 **Grace King**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Carson Tortone** 11:00 **Luke Williams**
 Children's Church: 8:30 **Cheryl Cooper** 11:00 **Tess Bechthold**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Lois Thomas** 11:00 **Lynn Jordan**
 Offering Counters: **Kim Schorr & Ann Tasker**
 Next Week: **David Magyar & Sharon Magyar**

Report of Stewardship for September 15, 2019

Attendance	185		
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,702.00	Budget to Date	\$ 300,002.00
General Offering	\$ 5,609.60	Received to Date	\$ 250,846.86
Tanzania Well Project	\$26,372.26		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	4:00 - 5:30 pm	Youth
	4:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	"The Hickory"
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mature Men's Basketball
Thursday	7:00 pm	Scout Meeting in Fellowship Center
Friday		Good Neighbor Set-Up
Saturday		Good Neighbor Festival

Hickory United Methodist Church Mission Statement:

"To live and proclaim the Gospel, seeking, encouraging and equipping all to become disciples of Jesus Christ."

The Flower Chart for 2019 is in the Welcome Center. Payment is due when you sign up. Please make your check FOR ALTAR FLOWERS ONLY 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. PIANO OR ORGAN FLOWERS: you will be responsible for these; see additional information on the Flower Chart.

Hickory United Methodist Church

2708 Battlefield Boulevard, South, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

Rev. Sarah Locke

Church 421-2778 - Pastor's Cell Phone 897-8142

Worship Services: 8:30 & 11:00 am, 6 pm - Sunday School 10:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 22, 2019



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 altar are given by Ed & Kathy Brakob in memory of their son, Eddie.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Steve Barnes and family upon the death of his father.

Staff Parish Meeting: Monday, September 30th, 6 pm.

Good Neighbor Festival – Saturday, Sept. 28th. We need volunteers for breakfast and lunch (see Glen Lester), volunteers for setup and breakdown (see Greg Moyer) and volunteers for yard sale (see Cindy Williams or Meredith Steadman). Items being donated will be collected on Wednesday evenings in September from 5-8 pm. If you can't make that time, please call Cindy Williams (373-4835). We will also take items on Friday, Sept. 27th, as we set up. Thank You!

Children's Church: Volunteers are needed for Children's Church. If you are interested, please see Chessie Folan (778-0168).

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: Greg Moyer (377-1866) will teach a Disciple 3 study on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. Disciple 3 is an in depth 32 week study of the prophets and the letters of Paul. It requires at least 30 minutes of reading each day for six days a week and a 2 hour group discussion. **PRE-REQUISITE:** Disciple 1 only (Do not need Disciple 2). If you are interested, please sign the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please call Greg Moyer (377-1866). Classes begin Wednesday, October 2nd.

"Sweets with Sarah" – In hopes to help Pastor Sarah connect with more folks, she will host "Sweets with Sarah" in the parsonage (2637 Smithson Dr.). A sweet and beverages will be provided for our time together! Please come ready to share about your love and hopes for Hickory! Sign up on the sheets provided in the Welcome Center. **Opportunities to gather: Sun., Sept. 22nd, 4:00 pm and Tues., Oct. 1st, 7 pm.**

We want to support your Student! Calling all parents, grandparents, mentors and students – give us your student's sports, dance, band, etc., schedule, so we can support them as a church. Please email or bring in their schedule or let us know when they have something big – a dance recital or concert, and we will show up as we are able! We would like to publish dates for the church to come support them doing what they love to do! Talk to Ginny Owens or Pastor Sarah for more details!

Upcoming Bible Studies:

Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith. "Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows". We all have ideas we tell ourselves about God and how he works in our lives. Some are true--but many are false. These stories we tell ourselves determine who we are and how we live. In this study, we will examine what we believe to be true about God and how we can practice our faith to reflect what we believe. We will look at the God Jesus knew. "We will discover the narratives that Jesus lived by - to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed -- and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God." In this 10 week study we will dive into the scripture and daily practices of our faith together! We will read a chapter each week together and try out one spiritual practice. Tuesdays from 10-11:30, October 1st - December 10th; Wednesdays from 7-8:30, October 2nd - December 11th. Neither Class will meet the week of Thanksgiving. Sign up and books available in the welcome center. Book cost is \$18.

Online Women's' Study: Namesake: When God Writes your Story by Jessica LaGrone.

Want to connect with God, His word, and others daily? Join Pastor Sarah in a six week study of folks in the scriptures whose stories were transformed by the power of God. Their names were changed, but more so their lives were changed by God! We will look at Abraham & Sarah, Jacob, Naomi, Daniel, Peter and an unnamed woman. Together we will explore how God wants to be intimately involved in our stories and how He gives us all purpose! To join this study, you must be on Facebook. In the Facebook group study, there will be a scripture to read daily, a short teaching video to listen to and discussion opportunities daily! Study books are available in the Welcome Center (\$12) or through Amazon but are not required for this study. Starting October 14th! The Group will close on October 15th.

Socks for September: The Chesapeake Shelter Team (CAST) season begins the first week of November, but our church will be hosting the week of January 8th – 15th, 2020. We are already gearing up for this wonderful ministry and will be collecting new socks (all sizes for men, women and children) during the month of September. If you are interested in getting involved as a team leader, please contact Teresa Mizell (323-2932).

Pictures from the Senior Luncheon are on the UMW bulletin board. Extra copies are available in the pouch on the board.

Ruritan Breakfast to benefit CAST: The next breakfast will be the 2nd Sunday of November (Nov. 10th). Please come out and support CAST!

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 Michele Sutton (642-2373) or Ed Hughes (482-3635). Thank you.

You can now donate to HUMC Online! Through our new online system, you can now send in your donations or tithes wherever you are. You can even specify the area where you would like your money to be used or set up recurring payments so you never have to bother with tithe checks again! Just go to and click the "Donate Now" button to get started.

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 4:30 pm. If you are interested or need information, please call Ledford Wilson at 252-775-1866.

Prayer Requests for a Praying Church

New Requests for Members

Sean Folan

New Requests Beyond our Congregation

Members with Continued Concerns

Don & Patti Bishop	Ledford Wilson		
Tim Mizell	June Vinson	Harry Fairecloth	Leo Brayman
Raymond Murray	Lindsay Eck	Nancy Woods	Joyce Stukey
Dave McCullough	Valerie Claus	Carolyn Harrell	Stephanie Stahler
Olivia Cooper	Donnie Gray	Bishop Sharma Lewis	Brendan Best
Elaine Hutto	Bill Furlough	Bill Reed	Alice Jarman

Continued Concerns Beyond our Congregation

Sydney Nichols			
Billy Sullo	Terri Cumbia	Anita Thrasher	Ronnie Jones
Bob Zajack	Joyce James	Cindy Hughes	Devin & Ray Flaherty
Eva Delfenthal	Henry Storm	Eddie Etheridge	Brittany Bishop
Ginny Moritz	Bill Wright	Marvourneen Bryan	Katlyn Hughes
Nadine Neidermeier	Junior Ivey	Vivian Hodges	Bobby Lockett
Jordan Andrews – Alice James' grandson		Tom Huhn – Gary Everton's friend	
Nancy Hill – Carolyn Everton's cousin		Marcia Tilley – Lisa McKean's friend	
Georgia Hoover – Jennifer Foster's mother		Russell & Bobbi Heath – Rusty Heath's parents	
James Boyce – Heather Brewer's brother-in-law		Andrea Miller – Elaine Hutto's daughter`	
Joan Cottrell – Ed & Lynn Hughes' friend		Shirley Vildibill – Alan Foster's mother	
Paige Nix – Phyllis Nix's granddaughter		Ann Stoudenmire – Marty Hutto's niece	
Chris Grant – Kathy Moyer's brother		Kim Moyer – Alan & Jennifer Foster's friend	
Shirley Walston Grimes – Celia White's mother		Patricia Bechthold – Cheryl McCall's mother	
Ruth Vierra – Lindsay Eck's mother		Marie Edmonds – Eva Delfenthal's niece	
Nick & Marla Smith – Lynn Hughes' friends		Don Erickson – Bill Reed's friend	

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

Our Friends in Continued Care

Nina Curling – Autumn Care	Autumn Care Residents	Marilyn Pratt – Chesapeake Healthcare
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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 Have Come into His House”

Chancel Choir

*HYMN “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

No. 569

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 “Keep in Perfect Peace”

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 “Near to the Heart of God”

No. 472

THE SCRIPTURE READING

**I Corinthians 3:5-10; Ecclesiastes 4:12 &
John 17:20-23**

In blue pew Bibles pages 1129, 661 & 1071

MESSAGE

“Give Yourself Away, It’s Not About Me”

Pastor

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT

No. 581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

*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:

I Corinthians 3:9

⁹ For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.