

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 **Olivia Cooper** 11:00 **Jessica Rosser**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Carson Tortone** 11:00 **Grace King**
 Children's Church: 8:30 **Cheryl Cooper** 11:00 **Stephanie Davis**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Lois Thomas** 11:00 **Lynn Jordan**
 Offering Counters: **Ann Tasker & Greg Moyer**
 Next Week: **Alan Foster & Cheryl Cooper**

Report of Stewardship for November 24, 2019

Attendance	196		
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,702.00	Budget to Date	\$ 377,022.00
General Offering	\$ 5,765.00	Received to Date	\$ 321,909.45
Tanzania Well Project	\$26,672.26		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	4:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	"The Hickory"
Monday	7:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:00-11:30 am	Good & Beautiful God Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Mature Men's Basketball
	6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Volleyball
	7:00-8:30 pm	Good & Beautiful God Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Disciple 3 Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 pm	Scouts meeting in Fellowship Center
Friday	6:45 pm – 12:00 am	Youth Christmas Party
Saturday	7:00 pm	"The Hickory" band rehearsal

Offering Counters: Help is needed. If you are interested in helping to count 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.

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

First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019



Hickory United Methodist Church Mission Statement:

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

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.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Bag of Groceries Sunday. St. Stephen's Food Pantry at Chesapeake Avenue is very appreciative of your kindness. This time of year is a busy one for pantries, as we always run low on staples. Without the support of HUMC, St. Stephen's would not exist. Thank you, again, for your support.

Love Offering from December 1st to December 22nd: Hickory UMC is continuing our tradition of collecting an annual Love Offering for our Pastor as a way to show our love and appreciation. A collection basket will be on the piano from December 1st – 22nd. Thank you for your support of this wonderful gesture of thanks to our Pastor and her family.

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Please be sure to turn in all gifts by **Dec. 4th**. Thank you!

MANHOOD IN THE MANGER – Men needed to support the Manger Build scheduled for **Dec. 14, 2019**. We need 'Coaches' to monitor the build, and assist children of single Moms & Moms with deployed spouses to help a child with their manger. This is a "Men in Ministry" opportunity to build a manger, to coach and encourage other men to be spiritual leaders of their family using and sharing daily scriptures leading up to Christmas. We will need men to help prepare the kits. Age and skill not a factor, help us support future Kingdom Builders. Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Don Brewer at djbrew@comcast.net or Tim Schorr at tim.schorr@yahoo.com. There will be refreshments & gift wrapping party hosted by Pastor Sarah for ladies who desire to wait at church.

Our Christmas Cantata will be at 4:00 pm on December 15th with the Cantata Dinner available after the Cantata. Menu: Turkey and all the trimmings with assorted desserts and beverages. Tickets for the dinner are available after each service; adults \$7 and children (8 & under) \$5.

Elizabeth River District Training Day 2020: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, at New Creation UMC, 4320 Bruce Rd., Chesapeake, VA. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please see Pastor Sarah. The deadline to register is January 8th.

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

Save the Date: CAST, The Chesapeake Area Shelter Team, is busy gearing up for our eighth season. Our church will shelter the homeless January 8th - 15th 2020. Sign-up sheets will be out soon. Please pray and consider how you can use your gifts to support this worthy mission. If you have any questions please ask Teresa Mizell or Don Brewer. Matthew 25: 36-40.

The Chesapeake We Care Resource Center is now up and running five days a week. This center helps homeless people with job applications, housing, computer skills and much more. Our church is looking for a leader to coordinate volunteers for one week. Please see Pastor Sarah, Teresa Mizell, or Don Brewer if you have questions about leading or volunteering at the center.

HUMC Day Care: Our day care has expanded to include before school care for students at Hickory Elementary. We are looking for an additional employee for the morning. The hours of service will be from 6:00 - 7:45 am. If you are interested, please call Carolyn Everton (406-1028). Thank You!

YOUTH

T-Shirt Sales - Don't be the only one at church without a "Hickory" Glow in the Dark shirt! Don't you want everyone to know where you go to church? Well, this glow in the dark will definitely make them notice you and what your shirt has to say. These are not only great to wear during the day but at night too. Wear your shirt at night and you will glow and grow in God's Love!! Adult T-shirts \$20.00 & Youth \$15.00. All proceeds go to help Ocracoke United Methodist Church. Cash or check (made out to HUMCYF).

The 2020 God's Creation Wall Calendars are available now! Each month has a beautiful photograph and features an NIV scripture verse. They are printed on heavy cardstock and are 9" x 12" in size. They make great gifts for only \$8.00 each. Will be sold between the 2 morning services and 15 minutes before the 6 pm service begins. Cash or check (made out to HUMCYF). For more information about any of the above events please contact Ginny Owens at 757-621-8135 or email at humcyf@gmail.com.

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!

Youth Christmas Party: Friday, Dec. 6th, 6:45 pm to 12:00 am.

Prayer Requests for a Praying Church

New Requests for Members

New Requests Beyond our Congregation

Members with Continued Concerns

Greg Moyer	Heather Brewer	Margaret Lanier	Sharon Williams
Wil Best	Andy Barnard	Aaron White	Wendy Boswell
Sean Folan	Tim Mizell	June Vinson	Harry Faircloth
Leo Brayman	Raymond Murray	Nancy Woods	Joyce Stukey
Annie 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

Fred Serode	Russell Palmer	Jim Downing	Sydney Nichols
Sharon F.	Cara	Joyce	Cody N.
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
Christine Hoyt & Family		Alan Johnson – Leo Brayman's son-in-law	
Nick Smith – Ed & Lynn Hughes' friend		Chrissie Toll – Ed & Lynn Hughes' daughter	
Jordan Andrews – Alice James' grandson		Tom Huhn – Gary Everton's friend	
Nancy Hill – Carolyn Everton's cousin		Marcia Tilley – Lisa McKean's friend	
Trent Earnhardt – Pastor Tim Earnhardt's son		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		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	

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

THE BRINGING IN OF THE LIGHT

Acolyte

THE CHORAL INTROIT

“In His Presence”

Chancel Choir

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 – Yoast Family

11:00 – Gris Family

Congregational Response: COME, O COME, EMMANUEL.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 211

ADVENT CREED

By: Dave Hopwood

We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth.

The one who is full of patience,

who is not afraid of silence,

who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise.

The one who is beyond bluster and flurry,

and who does not jostle for attention.

We believe in God the Son, Saviour of creation,

who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed,

who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry,

who frequently took time alone with his patient Father,

who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant,

who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers,

whose silence overpowered their words,

who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes,

sometimes arriving with obvious power,

sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.

We believe in one God

who patiently waits for us,

and who longs for us to do the same.

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

“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

“Is There Room at the Manger for Me?”

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

Pastor

(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

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 196

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 27:1-38

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THE MESSAGE

“Receive the Gift: You Can’t Steal It”

Pastor

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT

No. 230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Oh, 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:

God’s Presence

Matthew 1:23(NIV)

1:23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."