

Director of Music: Ledford Wilson
 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 **Christian Rosser**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Grace Williams** 11:00 **Charlie Locke**
 Children's Church: 8:30 **Chessie Folan** 11:00 **Lindsey Kennedy**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Stephanie Davis** 11:00 **Stephanie Davis**
 Offering Counters: **Celia White & Joyce Stukey**
 Next Week: **Mark Warner & Tom Tortone**

Organist: Betty Winslow
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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

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15, 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.

The flowers on the altar are given by Susan Vitale & Emily in memory of Joseph Vitale.

The flowers on the piano are given by Clyde & Carolyn Harrell in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

Hickory Seniors and the Joyful Noise Class will have their Christmas Lunch at Southland on Monday, Dec. 16th, at 11 am. All seniors are invited to attend.

Angel Tree: Once again HUMC has generously given to children in need! Our Church family has donated over 100 gifts to the Angel Tree program sponsored by the Salvation Army of South Hampton Roads! Thank you **all** for participating and blessing a young child this Christmas! If anyone is interested in volunteering with this wonderful organization in the future, please see me and I can connect you with our contact. Merry Christmas! Korin Lester 757-635-4086

The Tanzania Mission Team would like to thank everyone that supported our Fundraiser in November at 1000 Degree Pizza. With your help, we raised \$293.

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. Checks should be written directly to Sarah Locke. Thank you for your support of this wonderful gesture of thanks to our Pastor and her family.

Our Christmas Cantata will be at 4:00 pm TODAY, 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 the 8:30 service and before the 11:00 service; adults \$8 and children (8 & under) \$5. Desserts are needed for the dinner.

Come Caroling with the Hickory! Join us after the Cantata and Dinner to go out share the joy we have received. As dinner is finishing up, we will sing a few carols together, we will provide words, and then carpool over to Hickory Manor to carol and invite folks to our Christmas Eve Services! All are welcome! Dress warm!

Report of Stewardship for December 8, 2019

Attendance	194		
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,702.00	Budget to Date	\$ 392,426.00
General Offering	\$ 8,633.48	Received to Date	\$ 337,143.43
Tanzania Well Project	\$26,672.26		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	4:00 pm	Christmas Cantata followed by Dinner
	6:00 pm	“The Hickory”
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mature Men's Basketball
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Volleyball
	7:00 pm	Disciple 3 Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 pm	Scouts meeting in Fellowship Center
Saturday	5:00-7:00 pm	“A Night in Bethlehem”
	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.

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).

Chesapeake Area Shelter Team: CAST sign-up sheets are in the welcome center as we gear up for our week January 8th through January 15th. Please consider volunteering especially on the teams of overnight shifts and morning cleanup crews. There are three new areas to consider as well: Medical emergency helpers, inclement weather drivers, and morning bus monitor. Please see Teresa Mizell or Don Brewer for any questions concerning the opportunity to serve in this wonderful community service.

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!

Prayer Requests for a Praying Church

New Requests for Members

New Requests Beyond our Congregation

Flora Burton – Doris Carawan's sister

Members with Continued Concerns

Greg Moyer

Margaret Lanier	Sharon Williams	Andy Barnard	Aaron White
Wendy Boswell	Sean Folan	Tim Mizell	June Vinson
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 Reed	Alice Jarman	

Continued Concerns Beyond our Congregation

Hannah Coard	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	Katlyn Hughes
Nadine Neidermeier	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	
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.

Pierce McKean

Our Friends in Continued Care

Autumn Care Residents	Nina Curling – Autumn Care
Marilyn Pratt – Chesapeake Healthcare	Bill Furlough – Autumn Care

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

The Reverent Quartet

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

8:30 – The McClanan Family

11:00 – Ed & Lynn Hughes

Congregational Response: COME, O COME, EMMANUEL.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Angels from the Realms of Glory” No. 220

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “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

The Reverent Quartet

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 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

“The First Noel”

No. 245

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:4-25

In blue pew Bibles page 1014

THE MESSAGE

“Receive the Gift: You Can’t Buy It”

Pastor

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT

No. 217

“Away in a Manger”

*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:

Mercy

Luke 1:50

(NIV)

⁵⁰ “His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation.”

