

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 **Jake McClanan** 11:00 **Chloe Folan**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Carson Tortone** 11:00 **Jessica Rosser**
 Children's Church: 8:30 **Amy McClanan** 11:00 **Pam Davis**
 Next Week: 8:30 **Jennifer Tortone** 11:00 **Lindsey Kennedy**
 Offering Counters: **Kim Schorr & Ann Tasker**
 Next Week: **David Magyar & Sharon Magyar**

Organist: Betty Winslow
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Report of Stewardship for December 22, 2019

Attendance	450		
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,702.00	Budget to Date	\$ 407,830.00
November Online Giving	\$ 1,212.86		
General Offering	\$ 5,426.00	Received to Date	\$ 353,393.29
Tanzania Well Project	\$26,747.26		

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	4:30 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	"The Hickory"
Wednesday		HAPPY NEW YEAR
Thursday	7:00-8:00 pm	Scouts meeting in Fellowship Center
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 2020 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 after Christmas Day - December 29, 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.

We welcome to the pulpit today Greg Moyer. We would like to thank him for his leadership at today's services.

The Locke Family would like to thank everyone for the many gifts and acts of kindness shown them during this Advent and Christmas season.

A special thank you from all the Staff at Hickory UMC to the congregation for the gift cards we received and all of the other kindnesses shown to us during the Christmas season.

End of Year Giving: Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of Hickory Church in 2019. If you are considering a final gift this year, please understand that all offerings to be counted for this calendar year must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31st. This is an IRS ruling and we appreciate your understanding.

2020 Offering Envelopes: New Offering Envelopes are available in the Welcome Center. Please call the church office if you do not find your envelopes or if you need additional envelopes for a family member.

Any ladies who would like to help the UMW with the CAST dinner on Jan. 9th or the CAST breakfast on Jan. 15th, please sign up on the sheets in the Welcome Center or call/text Celia at 403-7365. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

Poinsettias: If you gave a poinsettia and would like to take it home, please pick it up in the Welcome Center. Thank you to all who gave poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas.

The flower chart for 2020 is now up in the Welcome Center. Thank you for helping our sanctuary look even more beautiful!

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

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.

Prayer Requests for a Praying Church

New Requests for Members

New Requests Beyond our Congregation

Members with Continued Concerns

Margaret Lanier	Sharon Williams	Andy Barnard	Aaron White
Wendy Boswell	Sean Folan	Tim Mizell	June Vinson
Leo Brayman	Raymond Murray	Joyce Stukey	Annie McCullough
Valerie Claus	Carolyn Harrell	Stephanie Stahler	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

Flora Burton – Doris Carawan's sister	Nick Smith – Ed & Lynn Hughes' friend
Alan Johnson – Leo Brayman's son-in-law	Jordan Andrews – Alice James' grandson
Chrissie Toll – Ed & Lynn Hughes' daughter	Nancy Hill – Carolyn Everton's cousin
Tom Huhn – Gary Everton's friend	Georgia Hoover – Jennifer Foster's mother
Trent Earnhardt – Pastor Tim Earnhardt's son	James Boyce – Heather Brewer's brother-in-law
Russell & Bobbi Heath – Rusty Heath's parents	Joan Cottrell – Ed & Lynn Hughes' friend
Andrea Miller – Elaine Hutto's daughter`	Paige Nix – Phyllis Nix's granddaughter
Shirley Vildibill – Alan Foster's mother	Chris Grant – Kathy Moyer's brother
Ann Stoudenmire – Marty Hutto's niece	Shirley Walston Grimes – Celia White's mother
Kim Moyer – Alan & Jennifer Foster's friend	Ruth Vierra – Lindsay Eck's mother
Patricia Bechthold – Cheryl McCall's mother	Don Erickson – Bill Reed's friend
Marie Edmonds – Eva Delfenthal's niece	

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

INVOCATION

THE BRINGING IN OF THE LIGHT

Acolyte

THE CALL TO WORSHIP “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Chancel Choir

*HYMN

“In the Garden”

No. 314

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.**

FIFTH SUNDAY HYMN SING

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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No. 496

THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5 & Genesis 1:26-31

In blue pew Bibles pages 1049 & 2

MESSAGE

“What Are You Going to Do With It?”

Greg Moyer

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT

No. 251

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*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:

II Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

