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Young People With Vision

“I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions, even on the male and female servants, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.” Joel 2.28-29

I met with one of our high school students. He is going to preach his first sermon here very soon. He told me how excited he was for the opportunity. His face lit up as he talked about what God has been doing in him and around him. I was moved in my spirit by this young man’s passion for the Lord.

Its not just this student. God seems to be doing something among the young people of our community. We have heard reports of bible studies popping up here and there, in the schools and in homes. Young people are giving their lives to Jesus. Not only that, they have a vision and a desire to share their faith with their friends and peers. I see the Spirit moving in their hunger for worship in their local churches, in coffee shops, anywhere there is an opportunity to worship God. Their parents aren’t dragging them to worship, they are going themselves. You can’t stop them.

The scripture from the prophet Joel is a prophecy of the Kingdom that Jesus brings. The Holy Spirit moves through this Kingdom, blessing all people, *all flesh*. In Joel’s prophecy there seems to be a particular emphasis on the effect of the Spirit on younger generations.

I believe we are seeing this today. We are in “those days.” I see young adults that are serving God faithfully and passionately in the church. I see the Spirit doing new things in our community. How can we encourage this? How can we teach and mentor young spiritual leaders? How can we give them opportunities to serve and lead?

Pray, Church. Pray. Pray for our young people that the Spirit would move in them and do even greater things.

In Jesus,

Rich

CHILDRENS MINISTRY NEWS

RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

**Safe Sanctuary and Emergency
Response Training Meeting
Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 PM**

We are committed to making sure our church is safe as possible as we minister & serve. If you volunteer with children, youth, or vulnerable adults, this meeting is a definite priority. We will be reviewing our Safe Sanctuary Policy & Emergency Response Plans. All are welcome to attend. Contact laura@hickschurch.org for more details.

Our Kids are Back for an Easter Musical!

On April 7th at the 9:45 &
11:15 services, our

Children's Music Theater
group will present "Because
He Lives". These kids are
sure to bring blessings as they
praise the Lord!



Psalm 150:1-6 "Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!"

VBS June 10-14 6:00 - 8:15 P.m.
Join our awesome team of volunteers & experience
the joy of bringing Jesus to life for kids!
Contact laura@hickschurch.org to get involved.
Dinner provided for volunteers & their families.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Important Dates

March

3-5-24 Youth Group 5:30-7

3-9-24 Volunteer Day Wesley Forest (Meeting at church 7:30 AM)

3-17-24 Good Friday Practice 5:30-7

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Good Friday Practice

The youth of our church will once again be very active participants in the Good Friday Service. If there are youth at our church in grades 7-12 that would like to be a part of our yearly tradition please plan to attend youth group on 3-17 and 3-24. It is at those two meetings that we will be practicing for the Good Friday Service. Teens do not have to be regular attendees of our youth programs to participate in the service, but please plan to attend the practices if possible. Any questions please reach out to Jason Garman.

Youth Ministry Info

We have a long history at Hicks of ministering to our youth. If there is a family that has teenagers grades 7-12 and would like their kids to get connected in the youth ministry please reach out to Jason Garman Jgarman09@yahoo.com for more information. The Youth Ministry at Hicks has had a huge impact on my life and has had a large impact on many of the young adults that are still involved in our church community. We offer a safe atmosphere for teenagers to ask questions and learn what it means to develop a personal relationship with Christ.

Night of Worship

On the 3rd Saturday of the month, members of the Duncansville community gather at Coffee on 3rd for a Night of Worship. Join us this month on Saturday, March 16th at 7:00 P.M. for a time of fellowship, good coffee, teaching, and worship. The vision of Night of Worship is to have the opportunity to worship with community members we would not otherwise get to interact with in a typical Sunday morning worship setting. We also hope to attract individuals seeking a church home. Those attending from our church are encouraged to invite a friend (or five)!



New Members Joining

We are excited that we will be welcoming some folks into membership at Hicks on Sunday, March 24th. Membership is a public step of commitment to follow Jesus as Lord in connection with the church. Through the membership group these persons have gotten to better know themselves and the mission and values of our church. Pray for this Sunday and for our new friends.

Women in Faith

Wednesday March 20 at noon

Potluck Luncheon in the Church Social Hall

Program: Easter Devotional entitled "Dreams"

After a brief business meeting,

Plastic eggs will be filled for Evergreen Manor.

All Women are invited as we in 2024 learn new ways to serve God's people..

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Donna Fruth 814-695-6236,



Partnering with Parents

This workshop will focus on supporting parents with children that exhibit difficult or challenging behaviors, especially emotional meltdowns and/or aggression. These behaviors can be associated with anxiety, PTSD, ADHD/ADD, autism, and sensory processing disorders. This seminar would most benefit families with children ages 3-11.

We will be discussing:

- Neurological considerations
- Validating feelings
- Strategies for relaxation, co-regulation, and coping
- Reconnection and repair
- Yoga for relaxation

Please dress comfortably and be prepared to participate in practicing both quiet and active ways of regulating emotions.

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm (registration begins at 8:45)

Location: Hicks Church

Cost: Suggested donation of \$25 per person

Presented by: Wendy Whitlock, LCSW, RPT-S, IMHE, TFCBT, Lauren Caputo, NCC, LPC, RPT, Ann Scheurer NCC, LPC, RPT, Heather Wiegering, Ph.D.

*Childcare is available with prior registration by March 6th. Space is limited. Please call (814) 695-2984 to register.

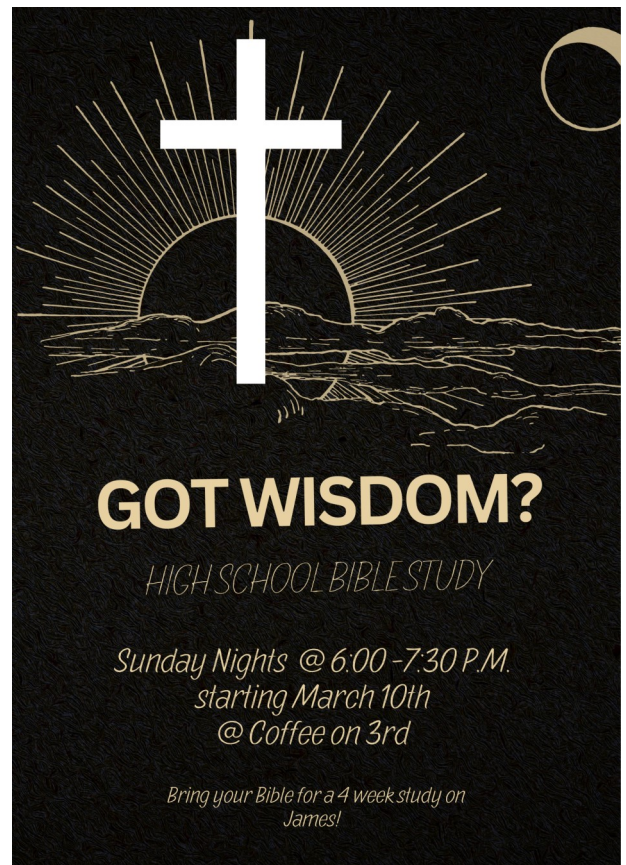
High School Bible Study

Attention High School Students! Seeking wisdom in your life? Join us for a 4-week Bible study on the book of James where we seek to gain and understand Godly wisdom. The Bible study begins on March 10th at 6:00 P.M. at Coffee on 3rd.

Save the Dates:

Church Breakfast - Back by popular demand, we are having another Church breakfast on Sunday, April 14th, from 9-10am in the social hall. Early service folks are encouraged to come downstairs to breakfast after the 8am service. Later service folks are encouraged to come a little early for breakfast before worship that morning. This is a great opportunity to get to know more people.

Annual Conference - The first meeting of the Northeast Region Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church will convene Thursday, April 11th at Christian Life Assembly Church in Camp Hill, PA. The conference will run through Saturday, April 13th. Hicks Church will be capably represented by lay representatives Craig Brennecke and Dennis Ridenour, and by Pastor Rich Morris and Pastor Allyce Logue. This is a special conference in the sense that it is the first but also for us because Pastor Allyce will be officially ordained as an Elder in the GMC. The ordination service will take place that Saturday at 9am. You are invited to attend this service as visitors and show your love and support for Allyce! Contact the church office if you have any questions.



We invite you to come out for this community-wide Easter Musical. This is sure to be a powerful way to begin Holy Week. Our children's ministry director, Laura Wallace and her daughter Elizabeth will be sharing this moving story alongside a talented cast from multiple community churches. Pastor Rich will be sharing the invitation and closing at the Saturday evening showing.

A note from Ms. Laura: This show is not recommended for children due to the strong emotion and nature of some scenes.

JOY IN THE CITY PRESENTS

"Revealed" is an Easter musical production following the journey of a modern-day family battling with relationship issues as Christ is fully revealed in their struggle. Simultaneously, we watch the parallel biblical story of Mary Magdalene and her perspective of the life, death and resurrection

REVEALED

A COMMUNITY-WIDE EASTER PRODUCTION

MARCH 22-24

7:00PM NIGHTLY • 2:00PM SATURDAY MATINEE
LOCATION: FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, ALTOONA



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Joann Lovett	March 1	Cameron Dick	April 1
Julie Nelson	March 3	Beth Geist	April 1
Ellianna Dick	March 4	Pam Robison	April 2
Makenzie Link	March 4	Cathy Baird	April 3
Kendall Link	March 4	Steven Dodson	April 3
Vicki Good	March 5	Abigal Bell	April 8
Regina Forshey	March 6	Brian Webb	April 9
Alex Guise	March 6	Barbara Webb	April 10
Greg Ackinclose	March 7	Amy Garman-Hall	April 11
Ronald Thomas	March 8	Donna Bon	April 12
Reece Kordwitz	March 10	Sarah Zelem	April 13
David Oppel	March 10	Marcia Bathurst	April 14
David Logue	March 11	Joan Hartsock	April 16
Aaron Cidor	March 12	Sawyer Robison	April 16
Emily Pavlatos	March 12	Susie Ridenour	April 17
Kateia Priel	March 12	Leo Fanelli	April 19
Tyler Sell	March 12	Luca Fanelli	April 19
Avery Smith	March 16	Rich Morris	April 19
Donna Fruth	March 19	Kimberly Morris	April 22
Jennifer Smith	March 20	Logan Kantoski	April 26
Benjamin Wright	March 21	Brian Fleck	April 29
Tia Biesinger	March 25	Debra Oppel	April 30
Nancy Cherry	March 25		
Kelsey Lenhart	March 30		
Michelle Smith	March 31		

Help us Celebrate everyone's Birthday! Please consider filling out the Church Directory form.



Church Directory Information

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Numbers: _____

Emails: _____

Your Birthday: _____ Spouse Birthday: _____ Wedding Anniversary: _____

Children's Names & Birthdates

May we put your information in the public church directory?

Yes ___ No ___ Yes, but only a portion of my information _____

If we acquire any photographs from church events with you or your family members, may we have your permission to publish them to our website or social media pages?

Yes ___ No ___

**** If you have already filled this form out, you DO NOT need to fill it out again.**

Hicks Memorial Methodist Church Staff

- Rev. Rich Morris, Senior Pastor
- Allyce Logue, Associate Pastor
- Cathy Baird, Sexton
- Bob Baird, Building Superintendent
- Laura Wallace, Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Kathy Ozio, Financial Secretary
- Chelsey Dick, Church Secretary & Nursery Coordinator
- Heidi Fogle, Treasurer
- Jason Garman, Youth Director
- Elaine Mallory, Organist
- Jeromy Ross, Technology
- Jean Rupp, Choir Director

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