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What Does the Global Methodist Church Believe?

It's hard to believe, but we have been a Global Methodist Church for over two years now. When we disaffiliated from the UMC and decided to join the GMC there were concerns and questions about how our beliefs would change. It bears repeating that the Doctrines of the Global Methodist Church are taken directly from classic Wesleyan doctrines and sources of authority, namely what is known as the Articles of Religion, and John Wesley's sermons.



One of the aims of the GMC is to be accountable to the doctrine, not as some historic theory, but in actuality, as a vision and rule for faith and practice. This was the main argument with our former denomination, that though the doctrine (at that time) was historic Wesleyan doctrine and polity, there was no longer meaningful accountability to the doctrine throughout the leadership and life of the church.

We are Christians first and foremost. Our denominational status is of secondary importance. But that's not *no importance*. Our Methodist theology is scriptural and vital and continues to have resonance and power. In the United States today much of Mainline Protestantism is in decline. The rest of the Church outside of Catholicism has more in common with Baptist theology than any other. Many nondenominational churches are *Baptist-ish*. There are churches that fit under the Reformed label that are not Baptist but in some ways have more in common with Baptists than Methodists. Let me say that I think Baptists and Reformed churches have made and will continue to make great contributions to Christianity and the Kingdom of God. **(cont. pg. 2)**

But I believe their theology, and by extension their witness, is incomplete. There are things that Wesleyans believe and do that are vitally needed today. John Wesley was one of the world's great reformers. The Methodist movement began as a reforming movement in the Anglican Church of England. The Church of today still needs reformation.

I am saying *God is not done with the Methodist movement or the people called Methodist!*

Many of you were not raised Methodist and, *hey, that's okay*. We know you have questions about what we believe here at Hicks Church. We thought it would be worthwhile to do a teaching series in our worship on The Doctrines of the Global Methodist Church. We will cover some important topics. We won't address everything, but we hope it will prompt reflection and a hunger to know God and serve Him. See you in worship.

In Jesus,

Rich Morris, senior pastor

Building Team Update

The Building Team continues to meet on a mostly monthly basis, developing the vision for a new addition to our building and campus. Over the summer we have taken the significant step of partnering with the design firm Beers Hoffman to do a feasibility study. Beers Hoffman, an architecture firm based in Lancaster county, has extensive experience working with churches. We are excited to work with them.

Beers Hoffman will study our facility and survey our staff. An initial conceptual drawing and proposed cost of the project will be given. As soon as we have more details to share with you we will. Please pray for the project!

Community Groups are LIVE!

For many people, Fall is a favorite season. The heat of the summer begins to wane, and it's that special time of year when all things pumpkin hit the shelves at stores. (I'll pass on the pumpkin flavored toothpaste, thanks).

Fall is also a special time in our church season when we roll out new Community Groups. Community Groups is a term that our church uses to describe a small group. Community Groups typically revolve around a book study, Bible study, or a common theme. Community Groups season is an opportunity for people in the church to get more connected and build relationships with others in the body. It's also a time where we can grow in our knowledge, understanding, and love of God.



Pastor Rich and I have a vision that in the next several years, Community Groups and Wesley bands and classes (more on that later) will become a critical part of our culture here at Hicks. Why? Because we are a church that seeks to live into our mission statement. We want to build communities of devoted followers of Jesus. We believe that Community Groups are one way we can be a devoted church of Christ followers.

If you have interest in signing up for a Community Group, you can find our Community Groups table in the sanctuary, close to our nursery. Sign ups and group descriptions are also available on our website. Feel free to reach out to me (Pastor Allyce) with any other additional questions!

In Christ,

Rev. Allyce Logue

Associate Pastor

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

BIBLE GIVEAWAY

OCTOBER 5TH 9:45 SERVICE

Our fourth graders and new older students will receive their very own study bibles. These bibles are designed to help our kids grow in God's word for a lifetime.

Please join us for this presentation & prayer for our children.



*Is Jesus calling me to serve
in Children's Ministry?*

**JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST!**

Have you ever thought about making a difference in the lives of children? If so, we'd love for you to join us for our "Back to School" breakfast this Sunday, September 7th at 8:30 AM in the social hall!

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal, meet our amazing Children's Ministry team, and explore the various ways you can get involved—no commitment required! Whether you're curious or ready to dive in, we'd be thrilled to have you!

For more details, feel free to reach out to Ms. Laura. We can't wait to see you there!

Laura Wallace
Director of Children's Ministry
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CHILDREN'S CHURCH CLASSROOMS ARE OPENING!

We are excited to get back into the swing of things. September 21st, all of our classrooms will be opening for the regular school year, providing a fun and welcoming environment for kids of all ages!

Pre-K & K – Ocean Room

1st & 2nd Grade – Jungle Room

3rd Grade – Promise Room

4th – 6th Grade – Bible Room

Hicks Youth Ministry

Important Dates

Sept 21 Youth Group

Oct 3 Murder Mystery Bedford Village

Oct 11 Fall Fest

Oct 26th Youth Group

Each start of a school year always brings a new resurgence of energy and excitement to our group. New kids come into the program and we start to develop a new identity for the year. This fall we have scheduled a lot of fun and meaningful activities to develop this new identity. If there are families in our church that would like more information about the youth ministry here at Hicks please reach out for more information. We also have Sunday School upstairs (above Pastor Rich's office) the 2nd-4th Sunday of each month during the 9:45 service.

Events

Youth Group

Youth Group meetings will happen periodically throughout the Fall. Our first meeting will be held Sunday September 21 from 5:30-7. Youth should enter through the church house entrance and head upstairs to the youth room.

Murder Mystery

Due to many requests from our teens we are heading to Old Bedford Village Saturday Oct 4th to participate in their murder mystery. There's been a terrible murder in the village and it will be our job to figure out who the murderer was. We will be meeting at the church at 5 PM. All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring friends.

Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium Fall Fest

On Saturday Oct 11 the Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium will be hosting a Fall Fest at Hicks from 6:30-9PM. Youth will be able to carve pumpkins, make scare crows, sit by a camp fire and play some epic laser tag in our basement. This is a great event for our kids to interact with other Christians from the churches in Hollidaysburg.

Any questions about the events listed above please do not hesitate to reach out.

Jason Garman

Director of Youth Ministry

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TAILGATE SERVICE

September 14 | 11:00 AM

Come Join Us!

Worship on the Lawn

Picnic

Wear Your Favorite Sports
Team

Bring a Lawn Chair,
Bring a Side Dish/Dessert

Invite a Friend!

WOMEN IN FAITH

Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 17, noon

Church Social Hall

Join a group of special ladies for lunch. You will enjoy the food, the fellowship and the opportunity to learn about local mission agencies. Oh, by the way, the food is favorite dishes brought to share = potluck.

Always delicious! First time attendees **are our guests and aren't expected to bring a covered dish.**

The Sept.17 meeting will feature a guest speaker from the ***Nehemiah Project*** in Altoona. They are an organization committed to assisting underprivileged and blighted neighborhoods. You will be impressed with the services they provide.

Donna will also present a brief **"Lesson in Cake."**

The Women in Faith meets six times a year. The programs this Spring included a speaker from the Altoona Food Bank, an Upper Room dramatic reading and a creative program on prayer presented by Donna Fruth, president, with music by Jean Rupp. The past few years the women filled eggs for the Easter egg hunt at Evergreen Manor, supported the Mission Central Hub, the Tiger Backpack program and the Hope Center. An annual Mission Offering is received each fall.

If you would like to donate to the **Women in Faith**, special envelopes are available on the Welcome Desk.

Our logo represents loving hands and loving hearts that seek to learn about and meet the needs of others.



We look forward to seeing new faces and growing our ministry.

If you have any questions, contact Donna Fruth, 814-695-6236.

2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The red poinsettias decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve worship services. The flowers may be taken home following the service you attend. The Poinsettias may be ordered in honor of, or in memory of, friends and loved ones. Each flower will cost \$11.00. Order forms are due at the beginning of October.

Prayer Request

- ☐ George Smith-medical
- ☐ Marcia Bathurst-knee
- ☐ Tim Ingram- cancer
- ☐ Valerie Burger- IV antibiotics, hospital
- ☐ Sharon Hoover
- ☐ Brian and Beverly Fleck
- ☐ Til Black
- ☐ Denny Ridenour
- ☐ Barb and Vic Blain
- ☐ Melissa- cancer
- ☐ Jean Rupp
- ☐ Kathy Rupp
- ☐ Ruth Ann Ferguson
- ☐ Robert Morris
- ☐ Dave-cancer
- ☐ Holy Spirit fill us all, challenge us to trust and grow
- ☐ Muriel Woomer
- ☐ Teachers and students adjusting to one another
- ☐ Shut Ins, Elderly
- ☐ Travelers
- ☐ Those fighting addictions
- ☐ Missionaries including Hannah
- ☐ Deegan requests wisdom and guidance through school and life
- ☐ Fall community groups and Wesley Bands-that everyone finds a place





Announcements

- **AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS.** The biggest needs right now are health and beauty items. Hair shampoo and conditioner, razors, deodorant, etc. We can also use dry goods, such as cans of vegetables and fruit, also canned pasta. If you are interested in donating these items, please drop them off in the donation box outside of the Church office.

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- **INVITATION FOR SPECIAL MUSIC.** You are invited to share your gifts through special music at the 9:45am or 11:15am services. If you sing, dance, or play an instrument and feel called to share your gift with the church, email or call the church office to schedule a Sunday.

- **SHUT INS.** Just a reminder that if you are aware of a shut in that you are not sure is on our list, please contact the church office with their information. Also, if you are aware of address changes for current shut ins, please let the office know at:

- office@hickschurch.org.

- **PRAYER TEAM.** If you would like added to the Prayer Request Team email to pray for specific requests by our congregation, please contact the church office at office@hickschurch.org with your email.

- **CARING COMPANIONS.** Our Caring Companion volunteers are now accepting requests for respite care for caretakers. If we can sit with your loved one for a few hours while you go to the Dr., run errands, have lunch with your friend, etc., please call Chelsey at the office, Landi Gibson, (814-312-5857), or Pastor Allyce. Landi will then set up an in home visit to gain needed information for the volunteer. We are very happy to provide this new service to our church community and are excited to get started immediately!



Jennifer Morris	Sept 04	Brooklyn Pooley	Oct 01	Chivi Casanova	Oct 26
Kameron Krug	Sept 06	Gavin Pooley	Oct 01	Tracy Feltenberger	Oct 27
Trista Pooley	Sept 06	Joseph Graffius	Oct 02	Marissa Wyant	Oct 27
Amira Moritz	Sept 10	Saundra Malone	Oct 04	Paul Good	Oct 28
Beverly Clapper	Sept 11	Kyle Krug	Oct 06	Beverly Felck	Oct 29
John Frazier	Sept 11	Zoey Reasy	Oct 10	Eric Malone	Oct 30
Chelsey Dick	Sept 12	Allen Stevens	Oct 10		
Pamela Holsinger	Sept 12	AJ Albarano	Oct 12		
Brigid Dodson	Sept 16	Bobbi King	Oct 12		
Matthew Pavlatos	Sept 17	Chris King	Oct 12		
Melody McCready	Sept 20	Carol Newman	Oct 13		
Ruth Stonerook	Sept 20	Valerie Wright	Oct 13		
Lori Kratzer	Sept 21	Michelle Garman	Oct 14		
Suzi Shero	Sept 21	Michael Morris	Oct 15		
Gwyn O'Brien	Sept 23	Shelton Stacey	Oct 16		
Hazel Irwin	Sept 24	Josephine Hardesty	Oct 17		
Wesley Mielnik	Sept 26	Shawn Nelson	Oct 18		
Sharon Zelem	Sept 26	Jameson Walters	Oct 18		
Craig Brennecke	Sept 27	Luke Gardner	Oct 19		
Milly Pincher	Sept 27	Melissa Lickteig	Oct 19		
Carter Muth	Sept 29	Tessa Brenize	Oct 20		
Jesse Rhodes	Sept 29	Anthony Geist	Oct 23		
Wyatt Nelson	Sept 30	Jocelyn Guise	Oct 23		
Joe Zelem	Sept 30	Mara Perehinec	Oct 25		
Linda Zimmerman	Sept 30	Jean Senne	Oct 25		



Help us Celebrate Your Birthday! Please consider filling out a 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.**

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