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March 2025

Ministering

We had a second Prayer and Healing service on the first Sunday evening of the month. I want to try to describe what this service is like, especially for those of you who haven't attended one.

It is a worship service, so that means we sing and there is a short teaching time from scripture on the topic of healing. But the main focus of the service is an unhurried time of prayer. We invite people to come forward for the laying on of hands and prayer. People will speak their need and then together we ask God to answer our prayer. I can't put into words the tenderness with which we pray together and the sense of unity that prayer brings.

Some of this happens, as I said, when people come forward so that the pastors can pray for them. But much of the prayer, perhaps the most powerful portion, happens in the pews. At our first prayer service in November, I remember after praying with multiple people, I looked out across the pews and saw people huddled together in twos and threes. And they were praying for each other. It was a beautiful sight. This wasn't programmed. No one told them to do this. Maybe the Spirit told them. It was the people of God *ministering* to each other.

We often use the word "minister" only to mean pastor. But in the New Testament the whole Church had the responsibility of ministry. All were ministers. Did not Jesus ask Peter and James and John to stay awake and pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, so that they would be ready for what was to come?

Our Sunday morning services have a particular order and structure to them. And that is good. But there are things maybe that God will only do in us if do not hurry, if we are prepared to take our time in prayer and worship. That is the value of our Prayer and Healing Service. I hope you will come to the next one. It is on Sunday, May 4 at 6pm. **Continued page 2**

Until then, let's continue to huddle and pray for one another – in Sunday School and Wesley bands, in small groups, before and after worship, in public and in private. Let us keep awake and let us pray.

In Christ,

Rich

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service 7:00 pm (Livestreamed)



Easter Sunday Service

8:00 A.M.

Traditional Service

9:45 A.M.

Contemporary Service

11:15 A.M.

Blended Service

(Livestream Available)

HE IS RISEN!

Hicks Youth Ministry News

God doesn't stop...

There have been a lot of good things happening recently with the Youth Ministry here at Hicks. I am going to report on some of them however every once in a while I find that I need to share some of my own personal reflections with the larger church body. It has been no secret to anyone that helps in a ministry field that there are periods of mountain top highs when we feel that things are just going well and we can see things very clearly. There are other times when it feels like we are walking through the desert and have no clue which way to turn or when things will start to change for the better.

For probably most of the past two years I have felt more in the desert with youth ministry and less on top of the mountain; trying to figure out the best ways to help these kids. It is no secret to the church that Covid changed things but, personally I feel youth ministry just flat out changed after Covid. While I had been trying to figure out Gen Z and ways to reach them God has already been working in the hearts and minds of this generation and I am finally starting to see what God has been doing.

I was listening to a podcast the other week (I would cite it but I can't remember what it was called) that was discussing the characteristics of young people ages 12-25 and they said that this generation in particular has been the most receptive to hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ since the 1950's. A common pattern that gets displayed between generations is that the new upcoming generation always rebels against ideas of previous generations. Basically the sex, drugs, and rock n roll culture that we grew up in isn't "cool" anymore. Stability is the new cool (weird) and many many young people are not just receptive to the idea of the gospel but are pursuing it as a map for their lives. It is our job as the church to help them read that map and just provide guidance as they start their journey's.

We have 6 youth in our church currently on a journey to becoming members in our church through the confirmation process. These teens have been meeting two times a month with Pastor Allyce and myself, required to volunteer for 10 hours within a few different ministries within the church and are required to meet with a mentor on a regular basis. This group really has confirmed for me the information I shared above by the questions that they have asked and their willingness to gain knowledge throughout this process. It is huge for Hicks when anyone comes to Christ. It is a huge deal when 6 young people will confess that Jesus is their lord and savior in front of the whole church body. The message of Jesus Christ is a message that has transcended throughout every generation for the past 2,000 years. It is no different with this current generation as well. The confirmands will join the church April 13 at both 9:45 and 11:15 service please consider joining us in the celebration of the Holy Spirit moving in the lives of these young people.

Sincerely,
Jason Garman
Director of Youth Ministry

Hicks Youth Ministry

Important Dates March/April

March

3-23-25 Alien Tournament Youth Group 5:30-7

3-30-25 Wesley Band (Confirmation Class) Meet after 11:15 service

3-30-25 Good Friday Practice 5:30-7

April

4-4-25 Ignite the Y 7-9:30 PM

4-6-25 Confirmation Class Meeting 6PM

4-13-25 Palm Sunday Confirmands Join Church

4-13-25 Youth Group (Good Friday Practice) 5:30-7

4-18-25 Good Friday Service (Youth will help participate in service)

4-20-25 Easter Sunday No Sunday School/Youth Group

Upcoming Events

Good Friday Practice-Practice will begin for any youth in grades 7-12 wanting to help out/participate in this year's Good Friday service. Our practices will be Sunday March 30th and April 13th from 5:30-7. Teens please consider being a part of this wonderful service and try to make both practices if able.

Ignite the Y

The Hollidaysburg Youth Ministry will be hosting an event at the YMCA in Hollidaysburg for teens in grades 6-12. The event is April 4th from 7-9:30. We will have rec games, a dance floor, places to hang out, all kinds of fun things for teens to participate in. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring friends; youth should be picked up and dropped off at the YMCA. Any questions please contact Jason Garman for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE!

This April, our kids will be giving praise to the Lord through music and dance!

April 6th 9:45 Service - Children's Easter Song

April 13th 9:45 & 11:15 Services - Praise Dance

April 20th 9:45 Easter Service - Youth Choir



FAMILY RESOURCES

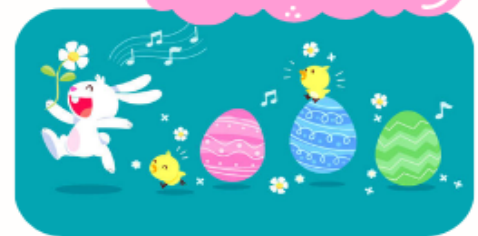


Church is a great place to plant seeds of faith, but if we desire for our kids to continue to grow deep roots in Christ, these seeds must be nurtured outside the church walls as well. Would you like to integrate more faith into your family rhythm? We have terrific resources to help! Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or loved one, you can help the special kids in your life grow to know Jesus more. You are invited to pick up these resources, located downstairs on the entrance wall of the children's area.

CELEBRATE WITH THE COMMUNITY

Hicks Church will be joining in the fun at the Duncansville Easter Parade! Our kids will be making a joyful noise in song as we celebrate the victory of our Savior. If your children and/or family would like to join us in the parade please contact: Jessica Wyant jjwyant123@gmail.com

Easter Parade



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School
June 9 - 13th 6:00-8:15PM

Contact Laura Wallace

Laura@hickschurch.org



WOMEN IN FAITH

Noon Luncheon- Wednesday, March 19

Church Social Hall

A glimpse of the Upper Room with

“The Keepsake”

a dramatic reading presented by Donna Fruth

Bring a covered dish to share

Women in Faith meets six times a year and has inspirational programs and programs on local missions and ways we can serve God by serving others

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

RESPIRE PROGRAM

Hicks Memorial is developing a new mission for families caring for a loved one in the home. Our group of trained volunteers will sit with your family member so you can enjoy some respite time having lunch with a friend, grocery shopping, or just taking a much-needed nap. Volunteers will be trained to be safe, compassionate companions. If you feel you could join this group of volunteers to be on a call list for a few hours of respite on an as needed basis, please speak to Pastor Allyce or Landi Gibson, Volunteer Coordinator at 814-312-5857. This program will NOT include personal care or nursing care of any kind. It is solely a companionship role. Please search your heart and make the call for more information.



Announcements

- ✝ **EASTER FLOWERS.** Flowers will decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday services. You may purchase a flower in memory of or in honor of friends and loved ones. Deadline for orders is March 20th.
- ✝ **MULTI-GENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY.** On the first Sunday of every month, join this class in an exploration of Scripture amongst the generations of our church! The class begins at 9:30 AM in the music room (located downstairs next to children's church). Contact the office at office@hickschurch.org. with any questions.
- ✝ **SUMMER CHURCH CAMP.** It's time to register for church camp! Our week of camp is July 20-25th at Wesley Forest, Weikert PA. The camps are Awesome Elementary, grades 3rd-6th, and Venture, grades 7-12. Hicks Church pays half of the registration cost for your child. You can register online at suscrm.org. You will be required to pay for the first half of the registration and then indicate that Hicks will be paying the remaining balance.
- ✝ **PRECIOUS LIFE'S 40th ANNUAL BANQUET.** On March 28th at 6 pm Precious Life will be holding a banquet at the Blair County Convention Center. Tickets are \$25 donation. More information provided at the Welcome Desk.
- ✝ **AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS.** Thank you for all the donations that were brought in for the month of February. We recorded 148 lbs of donations. Our needs for March are as follows: boxed Jell-O, Boxed pudding, cereal, canned pasta, pancake Mix, pasta sauce, and body lotion. We always need your shopping bags of all kinds (plastic & paper & cloth) and we also will use the small bags that a newspaper comes in. Please no egg cartons.

Prayer Request

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| ✝ Backyard Club & Evergreen | ✝ Students teachers and bus drivers |
| ✝ No Strings Attached | ✝ Elderly and shut ins |
| ✝ Crux | ✝ Chronic pain and illness |
| ✝ Fire Victims | ✝ Those fighting depression |
| ✝ Teens who are struggling | ✝ YoungLife |
| ✝ Connie Morris | ✝ Small groups and community groups |
| ✝ Brigid Dodson | ✝ Pastor Allyce & Family |
| ✝ All medical personnel | ✝ Staff & Families |
| ✝ Those who have recently lost loved ones | ✝ John Fraizer |
| | ✝ Mike Seno |



SATURDAY April 5, 2025

7:00 PM

Night of
WORSHIP

COFFEE ON 3RD

Join us for coffee, worship,
and a time of teaching

PRE-EASTER WORSHIP





Julie Nelson	Mar 03	Beth Geist	Apr 01	Luca Fanelli	Apr 19
Elliana Dick	Mar 04	Ann Kelly	Apr 02	Leo Fanelli	Apr 19
Kendall Link	Mar 04	Pam Robison	Apr 02	Rich Morris	Apr 19
Makenzie Link	Mar 04	Cathy Baird	Apr 02	Mark Pehinec	Apr 19
Vicki Good	Mar 05	Steven Dodson	Apr 03	Kimberly Morris	Apr 22
Karen Lynn	Mar 05	Shayla Walters	Apr 04	Luke Plowman	Apr 23
Regina Forshey	Mar 06	Abigail Bell	Apr 08	Brian Fleck	Apr 29
Alex Guise	Mar 06	Elliot Garman	Apr 09	Debra Opper	Apr 30
Greg Akinclouse	Mar 07	Brian Webb	Apr 10		
Ronald Thomas	Mar 08	Landi Gibson	Apr 11		
Rebecca Yarnell	Mar 10	Amy Hall	Apr 11		
David Logue	Mar 11	Kathy Ozio	Apr 11		
Aaron Cidor	Mar 12	Donna Bon	Apr 12		
Emily Pavlatos	Mar 12	Sarah Zelem	Apr 13		
Kateia Priel	Mar 12	Marcia Bathurst	Apr 14		
Bella Wetter	Mar 14	Scott Imler	Apr 14		
Avery Smith	Mar 15	JoAnna Teufel	Apr 14		
Donna Fruth	Mar 19	Grace Mielnik	Apr 15		
Jennifer Smith	Mar 20	Joan Hartsock	Apr 16		
Braelynn Wright	Mar 21	Sawyer Robison	Apr 16		
Wanda Dunckle	Mar 23	Susie Ridenour	Apr 17		
Tia Biesinger	Mar 25	Marty Field	Apr 18		
Nancy Cherry	Mar 25				
Kelsey Lenhart	Mar 30				
Michelle Smith	Mar 31				



**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.**

Hicks Memorial Methodist Church Staff

- Rev. Rich Morris, Senior Pastor
- Rev. 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
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- Jean Rupp, Choir Director

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