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It's the Future

I saw these two guys down at the park and, because of the angle of the street to the walking path they were on, I couldn't see their feet. I could just see their legs. They were standing on boards, and they were gliding. They weren't moving their legs and I couldn't see wheels. It just looked like they were gliding over the top of the ground as if by magic. They were using hoverboards. I said to myself, *Back to the Future!* I looked again to see if there was a Flux Capacitor.

It is the future. It's the year 2024. I can remember the year 2000 and what a momentous time that was. We thought all the computers in the world were going to crash. We thought we might be living in bunkers. (I still have some giant cans of lima beans if anyone's interested). Back then the year 2024 didn't seem like a real number. But it is. It's what time it is now. So what will we do with this time?

The answer is not complicated. We are to live faithfully in our times, listening to God and witnessing the Gospel of Jesus in ways that can be understood and received. Our denomination, The Global Methodist Church, states its mission is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly." Our specific mission at Hicks is "building communities of devoted followers of Jesus."

The decisions we make as a church as to how we spend our time and money, what services we offer, what missions we engage in, what staff we hire, what we honor and celebrate or what we lament and move on from, all these decisions are filtered through the question of "Are we making disciples? Are we building communities of devoted followers of Jesus?"

If we are giving our best to this task, then we can trust the rest to God, what success or fruit we see. The future can be scary. But I think of the words of an old hymn I love. The lyric goes like this, "Many things about tomorrow I can't seem to understand. But I know who holds the future and I know who holds my hand."

May God bless you richly in this new year and may the Church of Jesus Christ rise up and be strong in faith in these times.

In Christ,

Rich

Community Groups

Community doesn't seem like such a big deal until you look around and realize you're struggling to find it. It took me a little bit of time in college to feel as though I'd hit my stride with community. My initial transition into my bachelor's degree was a lot of wondering, do I belong here?

Let me make something clear—you belong here at Hicks Memorial! It's why you hear Pastor Rich and me talk about community so frequently—we want you to find your people in this building. And mostly, we want you to find God in this place.

My hope for each person attending this church is that they would encounter the living God for themselves and feel as though they have a family surrounding them in their walk with God through the challenges and joys of life. A friend of mine calls these “rainy day” people.

Part of my job is to help people to connect with others in the congregation. One of the two biggest ways we can connect here at our church is through Community Groups and Wesley Bands. A quick refresher:

Community Groups are small groups that meet to do a Scripturally based study with others in the church. Community Groups generally last from 4-8 weeks. Wesley Bands are a 3-4 person, same gendered group that meets weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly to study Scripture and actively seek to apply Scriptural texts to our lives. This group offers intentional, focused accountability.

If you have interest in joining one of these groups, please see me at a service, or email me at allyce@hicksumc.org for more information! We are also seeking individuals who would be willing to lead a Community Group for the winter. If you're interested in leading, let's talk!

Community Groups and Wesley Bands are available resources for anyone. You can even bring a friend from the community! If you're looking to get more involved, or even feeling disconnected, I invite you to pray about joining in on one of these opportunities that are meant to be so much more than a program.

In Christ,

Pastor Allyce Logue



Children's Ministry News



Happy New Year from Children's Ministry!



We are excited to share that in 2024, we will be adding a fourth classroom to Children's Church. This will allow us to share the good news of Jesus in a more comfortable setting with kids. Smaller teacher to child ratios means greater opportunities to connect with the hearts of kids in a more personal way. This change will take place with the kick-off of our three services on January 14th during the 9:45 service time. All classrooms will be clearly marked downstairs and divided as follows:

Preschool (3-5 years) – Ocean Classroom

Kindergarten & 1st Grade – Jungle Classroom

2nd – 4th Grade – Large Roar Classroom

5th - 6th Grade – Back of Roar Classroom

As we look forward to this new addition, extra helping hands are always needed and welcome. Please contact Laura Wallace at laura@hicksumc.org to learn more about how you could be a part of our fantastic children's ministry team.

Leadership Teams for 2024

Administrative Council

Chair	Craig Brennecke	330-4481
Pastor- Parish	Brian Bell	414-5185
Trustees	Walt Kratzer	254-2104
Pastor	Rich Morris	931-9956
Finance	Paul Good	932-6599
Member	Heather Destefano	330-5244
Member	Aaron Cidor	312-3332'
Member	Dennis Ridenour	695-7902
Member	Donna Bon	931-3059
Member	Jessica Peacock	935-1579
Member	Sam Dunkle	695-5912
Member	Elli Seymour	934-4731

Staff

Senior Pastor	Rich Morris	931-9956
Associate Pastor	Allyce Logue	505-3554
Children	Laura Wallace	
Financial Secretary	Kathy Ozio	937-1228
Choir	Jean Rupp	934-4604
Nursery	Chelsey Dick	931-2764
Organist	Elaine Mallory	696-1245
Administrative Assistant	Chelsey Dick	931-2764
Custodian	Cathy Baird	696-1245
Discipleship	Allyce Logue	505-3554
Building Supervisor	Bob Baird	207-6877
Technology	Jeromy Ross	660-6672

Ministries:

Communion Steward	Shirley Geiger	
Media	Ryan Lucas	599-5421
	Adam Guise	210-347-6811
Greeters	Wanda Dunkle	695-5912
	Donna Imler	696-3195

Outreach Team

World Missions	Sonia Keiper	696-0519
No String Attached	Melaine Depetro	931-8549
Coats, Shoes and Love	Carly Ackinclose	932-5732
Prayer Team	Brigid Dodson	935-8848
Multimedia	Ryan Lucas	696-0672
Membership	Nancy Cherry	312-4062
Community Thanksgiv- ing	Lori Kratzer	312-1032
Backyard Club	Barb Webb	703-785-3817
Dinner Church	Barb Webb	703-785-3817
UMW	Donna Fruth	695-6236
Caring Cupboard	Dan Bon	931-3016
Online Church	Jeromy Ross	660-6672
Quilt Ministry	Connie Fraizer	
Congregational Care	Dennis Ridenour	
Mexico Team	Aaron Cidor	312-3332
Altoona VIM	Aaron Cidor	312-3332

Committees

Trustees	Walt Kratzer, Chair	
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Walt Kratzer	Greg Ackinclose	Darrell Seymour
Tom Virsack	Brian Webb	Tom Pooley
Mike Smith	Roger Menard	Jerry Gardner

Lay Representatives to Annual Conference

Nominations: Rich Morris, Chair

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Barb Webb	Donna Imler	Jeromy Ross
Candace Roberts	Katie Guise	Michelle Garman

Finance

Paul Good, Chair
Richard Fruth
Dewayne New- man
Craig Brennecke
Brian Bell

Church Budget for Ministry 2024

Shares of Ministry

Global Shares of Ministry	10,056
Health Insurance (Pastor)	20,592
Pension (Pastor)	9,824
Pension (Assoc Pastor)	4,800
Total Shares of Ministry	45,272

Staff

Pastor	73,000
Associate Pastor	48,048
Assoc Pastor Health Stipend	2,400
Continuing Education	1,000
Pulpit Supply	1,000
Admin Asst	13,125
Organist	9,975
Choir Director	0
Director of Youth Ministry	19,950
Director of Children's Ministry	46,300
Dir of Child Min Health Stipend	1,700
Dir of Child Min Retirement(4%)	1,852
Technology & Online Worship	10,000
Custodian	17,955
Replacement Custodian	210
Nursery Coordinator	3,500
9:30 Accompanist 1	3,938
9:30 Accompanist 2	1,312
Workman Compensation	1,103
Treasurer	11,025
Financial Secretary	1,943
Building Supervisor	1,943
Vacation Organist	105
Total Staff Expense	271,384

Administrative Expenses

Property Insurance	8,783
Fuel-Church	500
Fuel-Parsonage	2,500
Electricity-Church	38,000
Electricity-Parsonage	1,800
Phone-church (includes DSL)	1,500
Phone-Parsonage	1,000
Water/Sewer	3,000
Trash Removal	1,800
Snow Removal	4,000
Housekeeping Supplies	1,400
Office Operation	7,500
Filters & Equipment	600
Postage	1,000
Real Estate Taxes	9,300
Outdoor Care (lawn Sidewalks)	4,000
Computer Software/Web Serv	5,000
Computer Hardware	1,500
Bank Fees	800

Inspections/Permits	1,000
Staff Travel Allowance	4,000
Pastoral Supplies	1,200
Trustees	25,000
Miscellaneous	4,000

Total Administrative Expenses 129,183

Program Expenses

Administrative Council	2,500
Assimilation	1,000
Children's Ministry	15,000
Adult Small Groups/Sun School	2,000
Music Program	1,500
CCLI Licensing	900
Youth Ministry	6,000
Worship (Flowers & Candles)	2,300
Leadership Development	1,000
Stewardship	400
Communications/Advertising	2,000
Special Events	3,000
Publications/Subscriptions	400
Annual Conference Hershey	1,000
Young Adult Ministry	500

Total Program Expenses 39,500

Benevolences

Overflow Warming Center	2,000
New Generations Ministry	2,500
Boy Scouts	250
Cub Scouts	250
No Strings Attached	1,000
Hicks Mission Week	2,000
Ben Blessed	2,000
Senior Gifts	500
Camping Scholarships	7,000
Mission Central	2,000
Altoona Mission Hub	500
Precious Life	500
Sowing Seeds in Belize (Noels)	1,000
Young Life	2,000
Sierra Leone Initiative	1,200
Mexico Mission Trip	3,000
Evergreen Ministry	1,000
Dellape Backyard Ministry	500
Caring Cupboard	3,000
American Rescue Workers	6,000
Family Services	1,000
Fire Company	500
Hollidaysburg YMCA	500
Miscellaneous	8,334

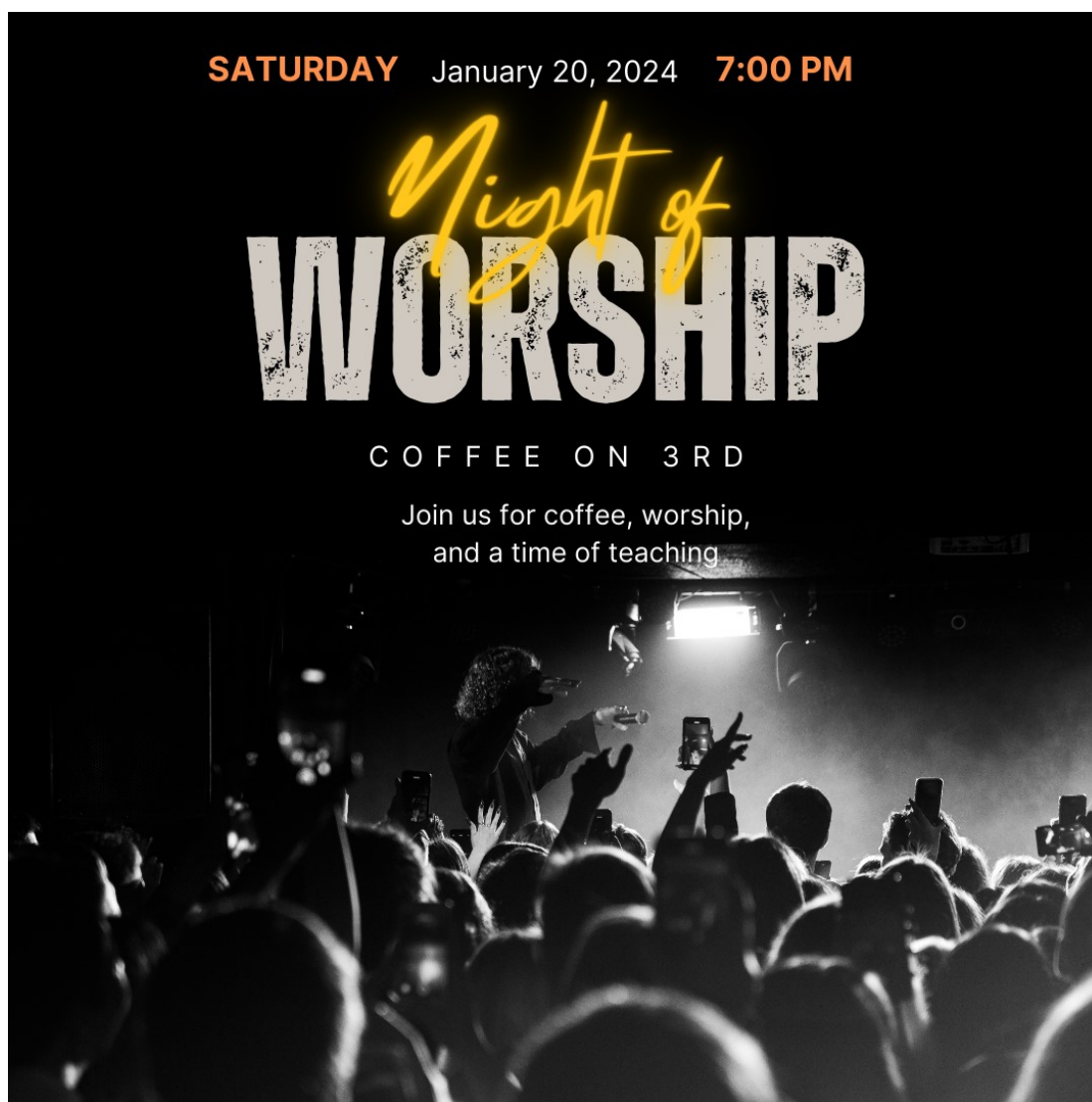
Total Benevolences 48,534

Total Projected Budget 533,873

Announcements

Altar Flowers:

Each week flowers are displayed in the altar vases at the front of the church in honor or in memory of friends or loved ones. The flowers are there for 2 Sundays and an acknowledgement of the donation is placed in the Sunday bulletins. After the second Sunday you may take the flowers home if you wish. The flowers cost \$70. You can sponsor the flowers by signing up at the Welcome Desk. Payments may be placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions call Debbie at 814-695-3060.





Noah Geist	January 3	Joanne Rodgers	February 1
Betty Wilkinson	January 3	Gavin Bell	February 2
Ethan Cutshall	January 4	Roger Lindsey	February 2
John Dively	January 5	Dick Fruth	February 3
Ella Black	January 6	Madelyn Kordwitz	February 3
Kaitlyn Lenhart	January 9	Elaine Mallory	February 5
Scott Magnetti	January 10	Sofia Moritz	February 6
Donna Lindsey	January 12	Tom O'Connor	February 6
Tom Pooley	January 12	Quinnley Thacker	February 6
Noah Zupon	January 12	Cameron Nebelski	February 7
Debbie Treese	January 13	Roran Robison	February 7
Kelly Hartman	January 14	Matthew Dodson	February 10
Glenn Keiper	January 14	Robert Baird	February 11
Tanya Lindsey	January 18	Melissa Cutshall	February 11
Isabella Destefano	January 21	Ella Monahan	February 14
Callie Dick	January 22	Marsha Smith	February 14
Wade Plowman	January 24	Sandy Thomas	February 15
Jodi Albarano	January 26	Ryan Priel	February 17
Linzi Biesinger	January 26	Whitney Moritz	February 18
Paula Brennecke	January 27	Kenlie Krug	February 19
Mel George	January 27	Heather Merriman	February 19
Terry Koelle	January 27	Simon Adams	February 21
Bracken Ackinclose	January 29	Carly Ackinclose	February 24
Elli Seymour	January 29	Sarah Destefano	February 26
Livia LeCrone	January 30	Isaac Wallace	February 27

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.**

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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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