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February 2024

Have you ever had a gut sense that you needed to do something? The sense emerges in your mind day after day, week after week, month after month. For me, that sense was a worship service for the larger Duncansville area.

I've had a vision to hold a worship service in the local community for over a year. However, I wasn't sure if it was a vision that others would want to catch. So, I waited. And waited. And waited some more. Until I realized that if the idea continued to call to me, it could be a whisper of the Spirit that I needed to pay attention to.

This past January, our church sponsored a Night of Worship at Coffee on 3rd. The intent of the worship service was for people at Hicks to have an opportunity to gather in a unique context, but also to meet and worship with people who might be attending another church, be looking for a church home, or exploring what worship even is. On a freezing cold Saturday, we had 80 people turn up and come together in worship at the coffee shop. I recognized about 20% of the faces there, but was encouraged to find that the rest in attendance were new faces!

The theme for the worship service revolved around the idea that we are what we love. In a time of teaching, attendees were invited to consider how loving God means our lives, habits, behaviors, and schedules are shaped more by God's love for us than what the culture around us demands. If this is interesting to you, I have good news. Our upcoming Lenten sermon series at Hicks will investigate more about what God's formation in our lives looks like and leads to. But, I digress. **(continued pg. 2)**



What stands out to me most about the Night of Worship was how clearly and readily people connected to the worship songs. There is something about worship music that can stir and move us uniquely. Worship music reminds us of Who we worship and give praise to. As a result of their connection to the music, I saw people encountering God in a coffee shop that night.

The team that organized Night of Worship has decided that we would like to continue what has been started. We're grateful to be working alongside Coffee on 3rd and owner Ashlyn Dugan on this outreach ministry and will be hosting another event on Saturday, February 17th at 7:00 P.M. with doors opening at 6:30 P.M. I invite you to join us, and ask that you pray for Night of Worship and God's leading in the evening.

In Christ,

Rev. Allyce Logue

Associate Pastor

Youth Group News

Important Dates

February

2-4-24 Youth Group 5:30-7

2-25-24 Youth Group 5:30-7

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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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.

Winter Retreat Recap

We had our yearly Winter Retreat the weekend of January 12-14. During this retreat, our youth had the opportunity to unplug and unwind for the weekend. Our teens got the opportunity to go hiking, participate in bible studies/worship experiences, hang out near the fire, and participate in a very intense game of 500 Rummy. The kids also brought several friends with them and many of them were very excited to join us for summer camp at Wesley Forest.

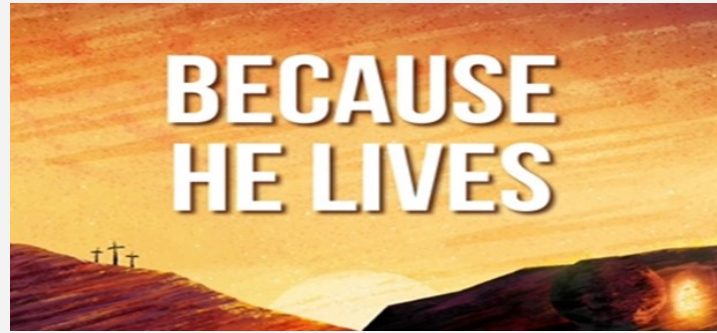


Upcoming Volunteer Day

On March 9th we will be heading to Wesley Forest again to help out with a volunteer day at the camp. We will be meeting at the church at 7:30 AM and will be home around 7PM on Saturday. This is a great opportunity for youth to do some easy mission work and give back to a camp that means so much to so many people at our church. If there are adults that would like to come and help please let me know. This is not just a youth volunteer day as there will be several adults volunteering on this day as well. All youth should bring a packed lunch and we will get dinner after the volunteer day is over. Any questions please let me know.



Children's Ministry News



Save the Date for our Easter Musical!

April 7th at

the 9:45 & 11:15 services, Sound of Heart Children's Music Theater group will be presenting their first ever Easter Musical at Hicks Memorial Church, "Because He Lives". Rehearsals begin Sunday, February 18th immediately following the 9:45 service. If your child is interested in participating in this wonderful ministry, please contact Laura Wallace at laura@hickschurch.org



Safe Sanctuary and Emergency Response Training Meeting Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30 PM

We are committed to making sure our church is as 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.



Special Notice: This Sunday, February 18th we will be taking photos and videos during Children's Church to use in updating our church's children's ministry webpage. This is a fantastic opportunity for kids to shine as they represent our wonderful church community.

Photos and videos will only be used with parental consent.





WOMEN IN FAITH

New Name – New Ministries

United Methodist Women

United Women in Faith

*now **WOMEN IN FAITH***

Exciting new things are being planned and we are looking forward to new members. This is for all women, not just Methodists, so bring a friend and be part of **WOMEN IN FAITH!**

In 2024 we will explore new ministries, local and worldwide. There will also be seasonal inspirational programs. It is a time of learning, giving and fellowship. We share a pot luck lunch together at noon in the church social hall and enjoy the food and friendship. If you are attending for the first time, you are our special guest and no pot luck dish is expected from you. Simply come and spend time with friends.

This group meets 6 times a year - March, April, May, September, October and November. There are special projects such as filling Easter eggs for Evergreen Manor, College care packages and a card ministry to our shut-ins. This year we will support caring ministries through our offering and donations of items needed by the ministry.

The officers are: Donna Fruth, President 814-695-6236

Sonia Keiper, Vice President

Linda Smith, Secretary

Susie Ridenour, Treasurer

Join us Wednesday, March 20 @ noon

Program: "Dreams"

Call Donna if you have any questions.



Joanne Rodgers	February 1	Joann Lovett	March 1
Gavin Bell	February 2	Julie Nelson	March 3
Roger Lindsey	Febraury 2	Ellianna Dick	March 4
Dick Fruth	February 3	Makenzie Link	March 4
Madelyn Kordwitz	February 3	Kendall Link	March 4
Elaine Mallory	February 5	Vicki Good	March 5
Sofia Moritz	February 6	Regina Forshey	March 6
Tom O'Connor	February 6	Alex Guise	March 6
Quinnley Thacker	February 6	Greg Ackinclose	March 7
Cameron Nebelski	February 7	Ronald Thomas	March 8
Roran Robison	February 7	Reece Kordwitz	March 10
Matthew Dodson	February 10	David Oppel	March 10
Robert Baird	February 11	David Logue	March 11
Melissa Cutshall	February 11	Aaron Cidor	March 12
Ella Monahan	February 14	Emily Pavlatos	March 12
Marsha Smith	February 14	Kateia Priel	March 12
Sandy Thomas	February 15	Tyler Sell	March 12
Ryan Priel	February 17	Avery Smith	March 16
Whitney Moritz	February 18	Donna Fruth	March 19
Kenlie Krug	February 19	Jennifer Smith	March 20
Heather Merriman	February 19	Benjamin Wright	March 21
Simon Adams	February 21	Tia Biesinger	March 25
Carly Ackinclose	February 24	Nancy Cherry	March 25
Sarah Destefano	February 26	Kelsey Lenhart	March 30
Isaac Wallace	February 27	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
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- Kathy Ozio, Financial Secretary
- Chelsey Dick, Church Secretary & Nursery Coordinator
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