

Making Disciples of Jesus, Creating Community

HICKS UMC



Hicks Memorial United Methodist Church Newsletter

1211 Third Ave., PO Box 384, Duncansville, PA 16635

(814) 695-8529

hicksumc.org

Jan/Feb, 2019

The Path of Discipleship

Following Jesus is a decision and it's a journey. Let's call it the Path of Discipleship. A Path of Discipleship is an *intentional* plan and process for bringing seekers and nominal believers into full-fledged engagement and growing maturity in Jesus Christ.

We need to talk about this Path because, to be honest, the modern church has done a poor job of actually *making disciples of Jesus*. Dallas Willard calls this the Great Omission. On a basic level it is the disconnect between what Churchgoers say they believe and how they actually live. It's not just a matter of hypocrisy, though it is that. It is the total lack of spiritual disciplines and practices that make the Christian life possible. As far as the Christian life is concerned, we are trying to drive cars that won't run because we are putting sugar water in the tank and then complaining that we bought a lemon. This convinces people that Church "doesn't work." But they haven't really tried following Jesus and, you could argue, they haven't really tried Church.

The word *disciple* occurs in the New Testament 269 times. "Christian" is found three times and was first introduced to refer precisely to disciples of Jesus. Willard writes, "the New Testament is a book about disciples, by disciples, and for disciples of Jesus Christ. . .All the assurances and benefits offered to humankind in the gospel evidently presuppose such a life and do not make realistic sense apart from it."

I could tell you why I think the Church hasn't done a better job making disciples but we don't have the time and space here. Let me just focus on what we are trying to do and improve on at Hicks. What is our Discipleship Path? Here are the main components:

- *Welcome and Connection – the first time you visit the church you are welcomed. We ask your name and ask for your contact information so we can follow up with you. We suggest Next Steps to you.*

"We don't
always do these
things perfectly
in the church,
but we are
trying."



Continued on next page.

Rich Morris, Pastor



"THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

- A Discovery Class/Membership Class – you can get to know the church better here. We communicate expectations of disciples and describe what disciples do.
- Small Groups – we invite you to join one and explain why this is so important.
- Spiritual Practices – we teach you how to read the Bible, how to pray, how to give.
- Mentorship – we offer the opportunity to be mentored by another person in church who can help you grow.
- Service Opportunities – we encourage you to serve right away in a ministry inside or outside the church.
- Witness and Reproduction – we encourage you to share your faith and invite others to church.

A couple things about this Path. It doesn't always happen in this order. It's not a straight line. You may be inviting and serving before you join a small group or have a mentor. The important thing is moving along the path and taking next steps with Christ. Secondly, we don't always do these things perfectly in the church, but we are trying. How long should the Path of Discipleship take? As long as it needs to. We are disciples of Jesus for life. That makes us life-long learners and practitioners. Nobody retires from Kingdom work. How do you know you are growing, how do you know it's "working"? It's not a big mystery.

- Are you doing the things a disciple does – regular worship, small group participation, growing toward a tithe, serving in the community?
- Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in you – love, joy, peace, generosity, self-control?
- Are you reproducing your faith in some way by inviting others, mentoring others, serving others, stepping into leadership?
- Are you growing more bold in your witness for Jesus?

If you need help with your Next Step on the Discipleship Path we would be glad to help you. Write it on your communication card at worship; email the church office, message us on Facebook. The Church can help. It's what we are here for.

In Christ,
Rich Morris, pastor

Dove Tree Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who sent their Christmas greetings and made a donation to the Mechanicsburg Children's Home by signing a dove and placing it on our dove tree in the chapel area as an alternative or in addition to mailing Christmas cards to church friends. The total received for the Dove Tree was \$120.00

Those who participated this year are:

Anonymous

*Mary Jo Campolong & Family
Church Friends*

Sam and Wanda Dunkle

Dick & Donna Fruth

JoAnn Greenland

Glenn & Sonia Keiper

Sam Malone

Rettig Family

Michele & Tabitha Smith

Barb Webb



Dove Tree offerings helps the Children's Home in Mechanicsburg.

UMCOR Thank You

We received a thank you from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for partnering with them to provide humanitarian relief for communities trying to recover from natural disaster. UMCOR provides comfort to those impacted by disasters by providing food for the hungry, and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. Our total gift was \$1329.00 and 100% will go directly to the people who need it most.



The Jeremiah Millennial Blog

Allyce Fogle, Ministry Staff

The Law

Do you remember as a kid when your parents would tell you not to do something, and you had to fight the urge with all of your being to obey? Your parents made a rule for you, and you followed it not because you wanted to, but because you felt like you had to. I sometimes wonder if this is how people feel about what it's like to live as a Christian. There's this misconception that we go around each day following laws handed down from God because if we don't follow them, we think we'll be punished.

Yes, Christians have some standards. Murder is a firm no, greed is frowned upon, and lying isn't cool. But I know that if my heart is resistant to any of the laws of God's word, I lack the spirit of the law, an idea which Jesus tells us is far greater a detriment to us. Christianity isn't about following rules- if it was, the Pharisees would win in their strict, law-abiding lives. Very clearly, Jesus remarks, "For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

Following the rules doesn't mean automatic access to Heaven. Instead, salvation requires a belief in the spirit of the laws, which is attained only by knowing Christ Jesus.

In the Old Testament, Israelites were given a strict set of rules from God to help them maintain spiritual and physical purity. God created these rules for his chosen people so that they might practice holier lives, separated from sin. Time and again, it is evidenced that the people of Israel seem to be incapable of following these rules. In order to demonstrate a

He wanted all people to have the opportunity to intimately know Him.

And so, the rules changed. God incarnate came down to Earth and experienced every sorrow and temptation, yet resisted and was unblemished by sin.

The sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross was more than one man dying a painful death. It was one perfect man taking on the burdens of the world so that all would have the chance to experience the fullness and richness of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus did not come to Earth to abolish the laws of God. However, he did fulfill the laws so that all, not just God's chosen

"Following the rules doesn't mean automatic access to Heaven."

kind of remorse for their sin, Israelites made sacrifices. Once a year, (Yom Kippur) the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle and present atonement for himself and the Israelites. In this room, one would experience the presence of God. If the High Priest was unclean or defiled the law of God before entering the Most Holy Place, it was thought that he would die because God could not be in the presence of sin or evil. When the First Covenant was intact, very few individuals could fully experience the presence of God. But one person experiencing the majesty of God was not enough for Him.

people, would come to know our Heavenly Father more intimately (Matthew 5:17). So, if the laws are fulfilled through Christ, why follow

CONTINUED ON NEXT PG.



Allyce Fogle, Ministry Staff



"THE JEREMIAH MILLENNIAL" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

God's guidelines at all? We miss the point of the New Covenant when we follow God's rules simply because we feel we must.

Instead, we should act as the child who insists on imitating his or her older sibling. A child imitates because he wants to emulate the characteristics his sibling possesses. She doesn't imitate because she has to, but because she wants to do so. In comparison, we follow God's rules because we wish to be more like Him, and so that we may bear the fruit of a holier life pleasing to Him. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, am I right?

My friend Michelle recently reminded me of Revelation

3:16 which tells us that God would prefer a believer on fire for him, or completely cold to his grace. He will not tolerate a lukewarm believer.

So, be a rule follower- but only to the extent that you are willing and able to match those rules with Spirit. For those laws that we have a tougher time following, we must allow God to work on ours heart so that we might approach this law with spirit one day.

Today, let us give thanks for the opportunity for all to experience God's presence through Christ Jesus. Christianity...it's more than a law.

Bible Verse: Hebrews 8:6 (NLT)

"But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises."

Reflection Questions

1. How do you recognize that you are following the Law and the spirit of the Law of God?
2. Consider how Jesus acts as mediator between God and humanity.
3. Is it easier for you to follow the Law, or the Spirit of the Law?
4. Call to Action: Read Hebrews: 8. Highlight anything that stands out to you as the New Covenant is described.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give thanks in your name for the creation of the New Covenant. Through your love and generosity, you gave us your only begotten Son so that we might have the opportunity to come before you in humility. Thank you for the laws which help guide us to practice holiness. I pray that we would never turn these laws into a checklist to follow, but always act in the spirit so that we might transform into the people of your image. In your name we pray, Amen.

[Visit the Jeremiah Millenial Blog Online](#)

January/February Birthdays

Betty Wilkinson	January 3
Ethan Cutshall	January 4
John Dively	January 5
Ella Ruth Black	January 6
Scott Magnetti	January 10
Amber Selfridge	January 11
Donna Lindsey	January 12
Cindy Odell	January 12
Kip Parris	January 12
Kenzie Schneeberger	January 13
Deborah Treese	January 13
Glenn Keiper	January 14
Meganne Black	January 15
Luke Jandora	January 19
Tucker Selfridge	January 19
Adam Schneeberger	January 20
Bella DeStefano	January 21
Jodi Albarano	January 26
Linzi Biesinger	January 26
Paula Brennecke	January 27
Mel George	January 27
Terry Koelle	January 27
Bracken Ackinclose	January 29
Caroline Fleck	January 31
Joanne Rodgers	February 1
Gavin Bell	February 2
Roger Lindsey	February 2
J. Richard Fruth	February 3
Elaine Mallory	February 5
Sofia Moritz	February 6
Tom O'Connor	February 6
Darleanne Evangelista	February 7
Cameron Nebelski	February 7
Roran Robison	February 7



Brandon Stewart	February 8
Matthew Dodson	February 10
Robert Baird	February 11
Melissa Cutshall	February 11
Brady Bickel	February 12
Ella Monahan	February 14
Marsha Smith	February 14
Lauren Simpson	February 15
Sandy Thomas	February 15
Ryan Priel	February 17
Whitney Moritz	February 18
Amina Jandora	February 19
Heather Merriman	February 19
Simon Adams	February 21
Terry Bowser	February 22
Shawn Dively	February 22
Carly Ackinclose	February 24
Tyden Basenback	February 24
Sarah DeStefano	February 26
Richard Wilkinson	February 26

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES/ DIRECTORIES

If you have not picked up your 2019 offering envelopes and/or your church directory and/or pictures, they are located in the church office. Please stop in and pick them up.

ARW NEEDS

63 lbs. of food were delivered to the ARW this week. The shelves at ARW are empty so any food is needed. Thank you!

SNACK STATION

Just a reminder that our 'snack station' filled with goodies each Sunday serves all 3 services. We are in need of 2 people per week to sign up to bring snacks for each Sunday. Many thanks to our 'regular' snack donators, but we are hoping to add more people to donate so the same people do not have to donate as often.

KNITTING GROUP

Please note change of dates. The knitting group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the church with the next meeting on Jan. 22nd.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still weeks available to sponsor the flowers that are displayed each week on the altar table. Weeks still available are in Jan., Feb., July, Aug., and Sept. Please sign the chart on the Welcome Desk and indicate who the flowers are 'in memory of' or 'in honor of.' The cost of the flowers is \$40 payable to Debbie Treese.

2019 Projected Church Budget for Ministry

Shares of Ministry

Clergy Support	16,555
Connectional Ministry	15,136
Property Insurance	7,513
Health Insurance (Pastor)	14,000
Pension (Pastor)	8,455
<i>Sub Total – 61,659</i>	

Staff

Pastor	67,000
Personal Investment Plan	0
Continuing Education	1,000
Pulpit Supply	1,950
Admin Assistant	11,000
Organist	8,750
Choir Director	8,750
Director of Youth Ministry	17,350
Director of Children's Ministry	33,700
Custodian	16,100
Replacement Custodian	200
Nursery Coordinator	3,100
Praise Band Leader 11am	5,400
9:30 Accompanist	4,700
Director of Discipleship	8,920
Treasurer	10,200
Financial Secretary	1,700
Building Supervisor	1,700
Ministry Assistant	4,800
FICA	4,730
Vacation Replacement Organist	100
<i>Total Staff Expense—211,150</i>	

Administrative Expenses

Fuel – Church	250
Fuel –Parsonage	1,800
Electricity-Church	20,000
Electricity-Parsonage	1,500
Phone-church (includes DSL)	2,200
Phone-parsonage	1,100
Water/Sewer	3,500
Trash Removal	1,200
Snow Removal (Chris Weidley)	4,000
Housekeeping-Supplies	750
Office Operation	7,500
Filters and Equipment	600
Postage	1,000
Real Estate Taxes	8,400
Outdoor Care (Lawn, Sidewalks)	5,000
Computer Software/Web Service	2,500
Computer Hardware	1,500
Bank Fees	675
Inspections/Permits/ Repairs	1,000
Pastor's Travel Allow. (Voucher)	3,000
Pastoral Supplies (Voucher)	1,200
Youth Minister's Travel (Voucher)	500

Trustees	20,000
Building Fund Replenishment	12,000
Miscellaneous	2,500
<i>Total Admin. Expense—103,675</i>	

Program Expense

Administrative Council	2,000
Assimilation	1,000
Children's Ministry	12,000
Adult Small Groups/Sunday School	2,000
Music Program	800
CCLI Licensing	700
Youth Ministry	2,500
Worship (Flowers and Candles)	2,300
Leadership Development	1,200
Stewardship	400
Communications/Advertising	2,000
Special Events	4,000
Publications/Subscriptions	500
Annual Conference Hershey	1,400
<i>Total Program Expense—32,800</i>	

Benevolences

Conference Benevolence	11,323
Senior Gifts	1,000
Camping Scholarships	7,000
Mission Central	2,000
Altoona Mission Hub	500
Precious Life	500
Teen Shelter	1,000
ACO/Penn State Altoona	500
Young Life	1,000
Sierra Leone Initiative	1,200
Mexico Mission Trip	2,500
Evergreen Ministry	400
Kevin Dellape Backyard Ministries	1,000
UMCOR and One Great Hour	
Christian Education Day	
UM Homes Dove Tree	
World Communion	
Neighborhood Center	
Children's Fund for Christian Mission	
Caring Cupboard	4,650
American Rescue Workers	4,000
Family Services	1,000
Fire Company	200
Hollidaysburg YMCA	1,000
Faith Break Radio Ministry	500
Boy Scouts	250
Cub Scouts	250
Annual Conference Special Offerings	300
Miscellaneous	500
<i>Total Benevolences—42,573</i>	

Total Projected Budget—\$451,857

2019 Leadership Teams

Administrative Council

Chair	Craig Brennecke
Secretary	
Pastor Parish	Brian Bell
Trustees	Greg Ackinclose
Pastor	Rich Morris
Finance	Paul Good
Member	Sam Dunkle
Member	Whitney Moritz
Member	Richard Fruth
Member	Jim Watt
Member	Brigid Dodson
Member	Barb Webb

Staff

Assimilation	Robin Ritchey
Children's Dir.	Katie Guise
Financial Sec.	Jolene Cidor
Choir Dir.	Sandy Steele
Nursery Dir.	Billie Jo Jackson
Organist	Elaine Mallory
Admin. Asst.	Nancy Cherry
Custodian	Cathy Baird
Discipleship	Jessica Peacock
Treasurer	Heidi Fogle
Youth Grp. Dir.	Jason Garman
Praise Band	Alan Anderson
Building Super.	Bob Baird

Ministries

Communion Steward	Shirley Geiger
Media	Ryan Lucas
Greeters	Wanda Dunkle

Outreach Team

World Missions	Sonia Keiper
Mission Week	Jason Garman
Soup Lunches	Walt and Lori Kratzer
Coats and Shoes	
Prayer Team	Robin Ritchey
Multimedia	Ryan Lucas
Membership	Nancy Cherry
Friends in Faith	Katie Guise
Champions 4 Christ	Barbara Webb
Comm. Thanksgiving	Lyndsay Link
Backyard Club	Allyce Fogle
Dinner Church	Allyce Fogle
UMW	Donna Fruth
Caring Cupboard	Dan Bon

Committees

Trustees

Greg Ackinclose, Chair

<i>Term Ends 2019</i>	<i>Term Ends 2020</i>	<i>Term Ends 2021</i>
Craig Bathurst	Ray Rettig	Tim Cherry
Shawn Wilkins	Bob Baird	Paul Fogle
John Smith	Greg Ackinclose	
Chris Weidley		
Ray Rettig		
Bob Baird		
Greg Ackinclose		

Lay Representatives to Annual Conference

Aaron Cidor

Jason Garman

Nominations

Rich Morris, Chair

<i>Term Ends 2019</i>	<i>Term Ends 2020</i>	<i>Term Ends 2021</i>
Donna Imler	Whitney Moritz	Connie Morris
Katie Guise	Joann Lovett	Connie Frazier
	Marcia Bathurst	Melissa Cutshall

Finance

Paul Good, Chair

Heidi Fogle
Richard Fruth
Jolene Cidor
Dewayne Newman
Donna Bon
Craig Brennecke
Rich Morris
Brian Bell

HICKS CHILDREN'S ministry

OUR MISSION:

Our Children's Ministry's purpose is to assist parents with their children's life long journey to know, love and follow Jesus. We want to connect children to God and to each other as we teach and equip them to become disciples and create community.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

Are you able to serve during the month of January or February? I'm in need of Leaders and Helpers for all of our Children's Ministry classes January 27th and February 10th, 17th, & 24th. **PLEASE consider volunteering** so we can continue to offer the same amount of classes each week. If you are free please let me know your availability and class preference and I'll plug you in the schedule. Thank you so much for your faithful service.

Friends 'n Faith/ Champions 4 Christ Resume

Sunday, January 20th at 6:00-7:30pm:

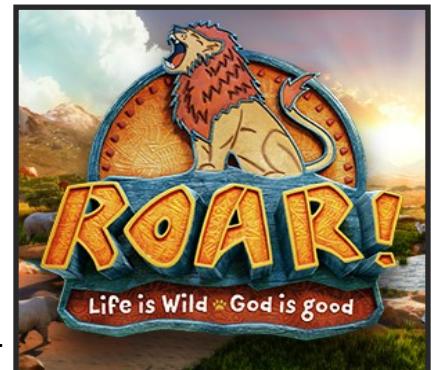
Our elementary groups will resume their monthly meeting; any new girl in grades 3rd-6th or boy in 1st-6th is welcome to join us!



"Roar" Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 8th – Friday, July 12th at 6:00-8:15pm.

VBS is for any child ages 3 – completion of 4th grade. Online registration will be available May 1st.



Awesome Elementary Church Camp at Wesley Forest

Sunday, July 21st - Friday, July 26th:

This camp is for students currently in grades 3rd-6th. Register by May 1st for a \$25 Early Bird discount at <http://susumcamps.org/>



Mission Train

The UMW will be moving the mission train downstairs on Mission Sundays (second Sunday of the month) so our kids can be more involved in missions. Containers will be available for each classroom to collect coins each week and on Mission Sunday the coins are to be deposited in the train (the train will be in the hallway.) The UMW uses the money for ministries for women, children and youth. The next Mission Sunday date is February 10th.

**JOIN
US**

*get
involved*

Upcoming Events

Jan. 27th
Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Feb. 3rd
Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Feb. 10th
Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Feb. 17th
Youth Group 5:30-7:00

Feb. 24th
Youth Group 5:30-7:00

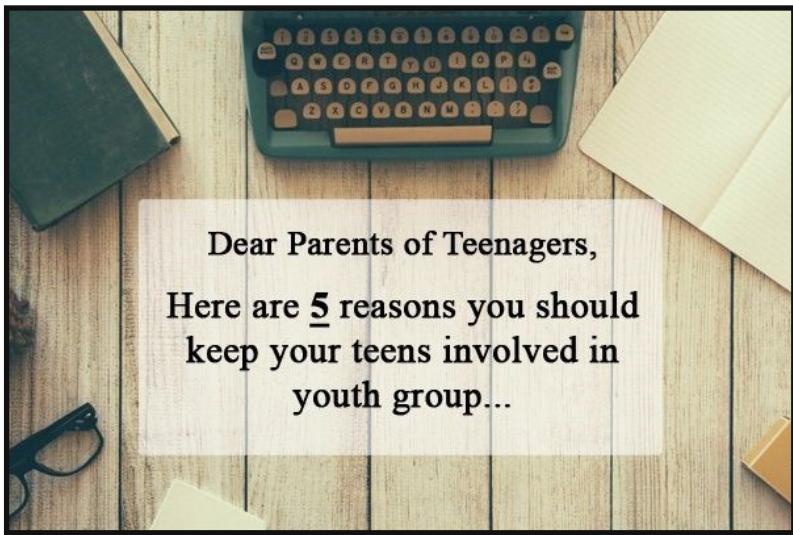
Hicks Youth Fellowship News



Winter Retreat

Our annual winter retreat to Wesley Forest will be tomorrow, Friday Jan 18th to Sunday Jan 20th. The youth are excited to spend a snowy weekend worshipping Christ, spending time in fellowship, playing 9 Square in the snow, and hanging out in the lodge playing cards. Wesley Forest is a great place that the youth love. Camp's an integral part of our ministry, and it's a wonderful opportunity to visit there twice a year!





Dear Parents of Teenagers,

Thanks for all you do to invest in the life of your teenager(s). You probably feel like an uber driver (ready to pick them up/drop them off when they call), coach (helping them perfect their sport), tutor (working with them on homework), guidance counsellor (preparing them for the future) and, sometimes, a jockey (pushing them to cross the finish line...without a whip of course!)...all wrapped up in one!

That's why, with all the insane busyness of parenting a teen, it's easy to let youth group attendance slide off the grid. It's tempting to think, *"My kid's just too busy for a night of hanging out with other teenagers, playing some goofy games and hearing another Bible lesson."*

Believe me when I say, I understand the temptation. As a parent of a teenager (who has tons of homework, plays football and is not yet old enough to drive) my wife and I are constantly under pressure to measure every event through the lenses of what matters most. And we have decided that youth group attendance must be a priority. Although we view ourselves as the primary spiritual influence of our kids, we also believe that a strong youth ministry plays a vital role in his overall spiritual development.

With this as a backdrop here are 5 short, yet powerful, reasons you should encourage (make?) your teenager (s) go to youth group:

1. Teenagers need models and mentors.

"O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come. " Psalm 71:17,18

In the Jewish culture it wasn't just parents that poured into the younger folks. Older men poured into younger men and older women poured into younger women (Titus 2:1-8.) Of course you as a parent are called to be the primary spiritual mentor of your own teenager but he/she also needs other godly adults! It's important for your son or daughter to see that this whole "*Christianity thing*" is more than just mom's and dad's belief system. They need to have models and mentors that reinforce all of the spiritual truth they are learning from you.

2. Teenagers need community.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24,25

In an age of bullying, gossip, slander and hatefulness (which can destroy a teenager's self-identity), young people need other young people who can lift them up, encourage them and challenge them in all the right ways. Youth group is also a place where teenagers can discover their spiritual gifting and begin to use it to serve others. This will help them have a heart to selflessly serve others for the rest of their lives!

3. Teenagers need mission.

When Jesus challenged his most-likely teenaged disciples to *"go and make disciples of all nations"*, he was tapping into the activist wiring of these young men. In the same way your teenager needs challenged with the mission to reach their peers with the good news of Jesus in a loving and contagious way. Youth group is a place where your teenager can invite their unbelieving friends to hear the gospel. But it's also a place where they can be equipped to share the good news of Jesus with their own peers (which will help them grow in their faith!) As your youth leader continues to build a Gospel Advancing ministry the message of Jesus will

5 Reasons You Should Keep Your Kids in Youth Group CONT.

advance in them and through them. This process will accelerate the discipleship process in the life of your teen in ways you could never imagine!

4. Teenagers need theology.

"Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." Ephesians 4:14.15

Youth group is a place where teenagers can wrestle through the theology you've been teaching them (you've been teaching them right?) and have it reinforced in a powerful and personal way under the guidance of a youth leader who knows how to ask great questions and point teens to sound truth. This should result in your teenagers knowing and owning their faith on a deeper level.

Youth groups and small groups should be a place where teenagers can ask tough questions and even share doubts and struggles with their beliefs without fear of rebuke. Skilled youth leaders can take questioning teens back to God's Word as the source of authority and help them process through all of the Biblical truth you are praying they grasp, believe and live out. Great youth groups build on the foundation that godly moms and dads have laid. And, for those teenagers who don't have believing parents, an effective youth ministry helps lay a solid foundation of Biblical truth for the rest of a teenager's life.

5. Teenagers need a safe place to confess and confide.

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16

Often teenagers who struggle with sin and temptation have nowhere to confess and confide. They feel trapped by their sins. But a healthy youth ministry can create a safe space for teenagers to open up and talk honestly about their struggles. Of course this doesn't mean they should confess every sin to everyone. But it does mean that they should have a handful of others who know their struggles and can pray for and encourage them to walk in victory over those sins.

When my son came back from a youth retreat last year he had this opportunity. He opened up with a



handful of others about some of his struggles and then he came back and opened up to me. After he confessed his struggles he told me that he felt a thousand pound weight had dropped off his back.

Here's the thing, my son and I have a very strong and very open relationship. But there was something about his band of brother friends, under the leadership of a caring adult in a youth retreat type setting, that gave him the freedom to confess and confide.

Skilled youth leaders know how to create a context of open and honest dialogue. Teenagers who push their struggles down and never open up often struggle later on in life with addictive and destructive behavior. An effective youth ministry can help teenagers deal with these challenges now and prepare them to be victorious both now and later.

Yes, I know that teen life is busy. But it would be a shame if our teenagers graduated from high school and were catapulted into "*the real world*" without every opportunity to know, live, share and own their faith.

At the end of the day, our teenagers embracing and embodying the Christian faith is more important than sports and more important than academics. Getting them involved in a healthy, vibrant youth ministry is worth fitting into a crazy, busy schedule. And if it's not quite as healthy as you think it should be then why don't you volunteer and make it better?

There's too much at stake for us to get this wrong. So let's get it right!

**To Reach a Generation,
Greg Stier
(a fellow parent of a teenager and
Founder of Dare 2 Share)**



Congratulations to Rachel Cidor who has been selected as a 2019 Summer Intern at YUGO Ministries in Ensenada, Mexico for their Creative Arts department. Rachel is the daughter of Aaron & Jolene Cidor and is a freshmen Graphic Design major at Seton Hill University. Aaron & Jolene are planning another trip to Ensenada, Mexico this summer to build a home for a family in need. We need at least 10-15 people to complete a house build through Yugo Ministries. The tentative trip dates are Aug 3-10, 2019. Please contact Aaron Cidor if interested. Text 814-312-3332 or email [Aaron Cidor](mailto:aaroncidor@gmail.com) at aaroncidor@gmail.com.

OUR STAFF

Rev. Rich Morris, Pastor

- Alan Anderson, Praise Band Leader
- Cathy Baird, Sexton
- Bob Baird, Building Superintendent
- Nancy Cherry, Church Secretary
- Jolene Cidor, Financial Secretary
- Alyce Fogle, Ministry Intern
- Heidi Fogle, Treasurer
- Jason Garman, Youth Director
- Katie Guise, Children's Ministry Director
- Billie Jo Jackson, Nursery Coordinator
- Jessica Peacock, Discipleship/Outreach
- Robin Ritchey, Assimilation
- Elaine Mallory, Organist
- Sandy Steele, Choir Director



Hicks United Methodist Church
1211 Third Ave., PO Box 384
Duncansville, PA 16635
(814) 695-8529
office@hicksumc.org
www.hicksumc.org



MAKINGdisciples
of JESUS, **CREATING**community