

Making Disciples of Jesus, Creating Community

HICKS UMC



Hicks Memorial United Methodist Church Newsletter

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UMC denomination proposal

Many of you, I'm sure, have seen media reports of a newly announced proposal that will be heading to General Conference 2020 to split the United Methodist Church into two or more denominations. Bishop Jeremiah Park of our Susquehanna Conference issued a press release to our churches earlier this month that a Mediation Team representing the Council of Bishops and diverse advocacy groups have released a document entitled "Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation."

Under the plan a new Traditionalist denomination would form that would retain our current Discipline and current language on issues of human sexuality and gender. The post-split of the United Methodist Church would then eliminate what is deemed the restrictive language in the Discipline. Each Annual Conference and ultimately each local church will have the opportunity to decide to remain in the current denomination or join the Traditionalist denomination or another new denomination.

A few thoughts here. First of all, this is a proposal of a plan. Nothing has been decided yet. Nothing has changed. This plan will be considered and voted upon this May at General Conference in Minneapolis. The plan is not a finished product and so we can expect changes and amendments to the plan, even if it is

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Rich Morris, Pastor

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Hicks Counseling/Coaching Ministry

We are excited to introduce a new ministry outreach aimed at providing support to our church community. Counseling & Coaching services will now be available at no cost for those looking for support as they work to OVERCOME, ADJUST and MOVE FORWARD.

The Hicks Counseling/Coaching ministry is meant to be a starting point for connection and support. For those seeking to link to community support and additional services or those in need of more specific help, referral information for local resources will be provided.



**For more information or to make an appointment contact:
Jessica Peacock
(814) 421-5105**

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approved. This plan was formulated by a mediation team with representation from a diversity of groups within the United Methodist Church. Though the plan is probably not anyone's perfect plan, there is a hopefulness here that it honors the main concerns of the diversity of theology and experience in our Church. There is certainly a sadness here, as Bishop Park notes, but there is a hope that we can move forward in an amicable and graceful way and avoid the rancor and legal battles that have accompanied divisions in other denominations.

There will be a lot for us to talk about at Hicks in the coming months. For now I would join with our Bishop in calling us to pray for the United Methodist Church, pray for General Conference this May, and pray for Hicks Church as we seek to discern God's plan for our future. If I can answer any questions for you or if you would just like to share your thoughts with me at this point; I would be happy to do that with you.

Whatever happens in this year of change, may we stay faithful to God as we seek to Make Disciples of Jesus and Create Community.

See you in worship,

Rich

Pastor Rich Morris

SHUT-IN MINISTRY

The Hick's shut in team is here to serve parishioners that due to illness or infirmity can no longer attend church. Our mission is to bring love, compassion and connection **TO** the shut in from their church family. REMEMBER, IF YOU DON'T TELL THE CHURCH OFFICE SOMEONE HAS BECOME A SHUT IN, WE DON'T KNOW. For more information about this ministry, contact the church office at 814-695-8529 or office@hicksumc.org.

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 \$220.

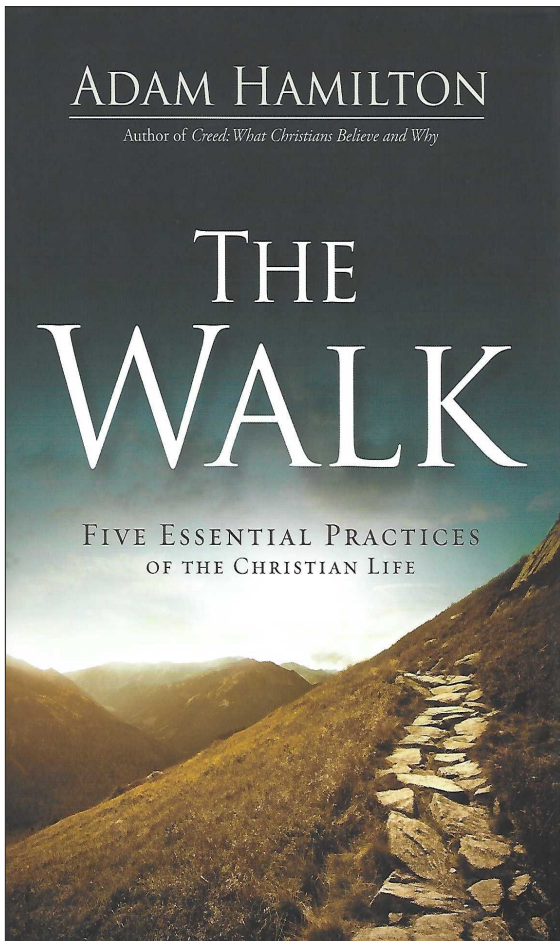
Those who participated this year are:

- Anonymous (2)
- Barbara
- Cutshall family
- Sam & Wanda Dunkle
- Dick & Donna Fruth
- JoAnn Greenland
- Glen & Sonia Keiper
- Sandra & Gene Malone
- Rettig family



- Betty Sensabaugh
- Linda Zimmerman

New Kitchen Class Study: “The Walk”



How do we walk with Christ – daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In the Walk, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus, own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the Church.

Hamilton explores each of these practices, their New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue them daily in our personal lives and together in the life of the Church.

The Kitchen Class meets each Sunday Morning at 9:30 downstairs in the Social Hall of the Church Building. Take the back stairs or elevator downstairs to the Basement. From the stairs take a left into the side hall and enter the classroom through the Kitchen at the end of the Hall. From the Elevator the Kitchen Hall is straight ahead to the left [at the stair doors].

1	Feb 2	Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah
2	Feb 9	Study: The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention
3	Feb 16	Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me
4	Feb 23	Give: Where Your Treasure Is
5	Mar 1	Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light

Church Budget for Ministry 2020

Shares of Ministry

Clergy Support	18,797.12
Connectional Ministry	17,214.20
Property Insurance	7,513
Health Insurance (Pastor)	14,700
Pension (Pastor)	8,535
Sub Total –	\$66,759

Staff

Pastor	69,000
Personal Investment Plan	0
Continuing Education	1,000
Pulpit Supply	1,500
Admin Assistant	12,000
Organist	9,000
Choir Director	9,000
Director of Youth Ministry	18,350
Director of Children's Ministry	34,700
Custodian	16,600
Replacement Custodian	200
Nursery Coordinator	3,100
Praise Band Leader 11am	5,900
930 Accompanist	4,900
Director of Discipleship	5,000
Treasurer	1,050
Financial Secretary	1,750
Building Supervisor	1,750
Ministry Assistant	6,500
FICA	4,730
Vacation Replacement Organist	100
Total Staff Expense –	\$215,580

Administrative Expenses

Fuel – Church	500
Fuel –Parsonage	1,800
Electricity-Church	22,000
Electricity-Parsonage	1,800
Phone-church (includes DSL)	1,900
Phone-parsonage	1,000
Water/Sewer	3,200
Trash Removal	1,200
Snow Removal	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)	4,500
Computer Software/Web Service	2,500
Computer Hardware	1,500
Bank Fees	500
Inspections/Permits/ Repairs	1,000
Pastor's Travel Allowance (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
Total Administrative Expense –	\$104,850

Program Expense

Administrative Council	2,000
Assimilation	1,000
Children's Ministry	13,000
Adult Small Groups/Sunday School	2,000
Music Program	800
CCLI Licensing	700
Youth Ministry	6,000
Worship (Flowers and Candles)	2,300
Leadership Development	1,000
Stewardship	400
Communications/Advertising	2,000
Special Events	3,000
Publications/Subscriptions	400
Annual Conference Hershey	1,400
Young Adult Ministry	500
Total Program Expense	\$36,500

Benevolences

Conference Benevolence	13,455
Senior Gifts	500
Camping Scholarships	7,000
Mission Central	2,000
Altoona Mission Hub	500
Precious Life	500
Sowing Seeds in Belize (Noels)	500
Young Life	500
Sierra Leone Initiative	1,200
Mexico Mission Trip	2,500
Evergreen Ministry	1,000
Kevin Dellape Backyard Ministries	500
UMCOR and One Great Hour	
Christian Education Day	
UM Homes Dove Tree	
World Communion	
Neighborhood Center	
Children's Fund for Christian Mission	
Caring Cupboard	5,000
American Rescue Workers	4,000
Family Services	1,000
Fire Company	200
Hollidaysburg YMCA	500
Boy Scouts	250
Cub Scouts	250
Annual Conference Special Offerings	300
Miscellaneous	700
Total Benevolences	\$42,355

Total Projected Budget	\$466,044
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Leadership Teams for 2020

Administrative Council

Chair	Craig Brennecke	695-5434
Secretary		
Pastor- Parish	Brian Bell	696-7877
Trustees	Greg Ackinclose	330-0859
Pastor	Rich Morris	931-9956
Finance	Paul Good	941-8297
Member	Sam Dunkle	695-5912
Member	Whitney Moritz	241-2844
Member	Richard Fruth	695-6236
Member	Scott Magnetti	505-6195
Member	Dennis Ridenour	695-7902
Member	Donna Bon	931-3059

Backyard Club
Dinner Church
UMW
Caring Cupboard

Jeromy McCorriston
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Donna Fruth
Dan Bon

Committees

Trustees

Class of 2020

Ray Rettig
Bob Baird
Greg Ackinclose

Greg Ackinclose, chair

Class of 2021

Tim Cherry
Paul Fogle

Class of 2022

Scott Imler
Walt Kratzer
Roger Lindsey

Staff

Assimilation	Robin Ritchey	330-8233
Children	Katie Guise	210-347-6810
Financial Sec.	Jolene Cidor	941-5645
Choir	Sandy Steele	696-0312
Nursery	Billie Jo Jackson	327-3216
Organist	Elaine Mallory	695-2447
Admin. Asst.	Nancy Cherry	312-4062
Custodian	Cathy Baird	696-1245
Discipleship		
Treasurer	Heidi Fogle	695-5391
Youth	Jason Garman	931-4208
Praise Band	Julie Hanlon	931-3911
Bldg. Supr.	Bob Baird	207-6877

Craig Brennecke
Allyce Fogle

Lay Representatives to Annual Conference

Nominations

Rich Morris, Chair

Class of 2020

Whitney Moritz
Joann Lovett
Marcia Bathurst

Class of 2021

Connie Morris
Connie Frazier
Melissa Cutshall

Class of 2022

Katie Guise
Donna Imler

Ministries

Communion Steward	Shirley Geiger
Media	Ryan Lucas
Greeters	Wanda Dunkle
	Donna Imler
	Brigid Dodson

Finance

Paul Good, Chair

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

Outreach Team

World Missions	Sonia Keiper
Mission Week	Jason Garman
No Strings Attached	Melaine Depetro
Coats and Shoes	Tara Henry
Prayer Team	Robin Ritchey
Multimedia	Ryan Lucas
Membership	Nancy Cherry
Friends in Faith	Katie Guise
Champions for Christ	Barbara Webb
Comm. Thanksgiving	Lyndsay Link



JAN. 25TH

8:00AM-1:00PM



HICKS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DOWNSTAIRS SOCIAL HALL

1211 THIRD AVENUE, DUNCANSVILLE

HICKSUMC.ORG/YARDSALE

New Members Class

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF HICKS? Our next New Member class will begin **Wednesday, February 5th** and meet weekly through **February 26th**.

All classes will meet at 7pm on Wednesdays. You may sign up at the Welcome Desk or by emailing or phoning the Church Office. This class is also for anyone seeking to transfer their membership from another church. If you have questions please email or phone Pastor Rich – rich-morris@atlanticbb.net ; 814-931-9956.



In Brief



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION GIVING. If you are age 70 1/2 or older, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) this year to Hicks UMC—tax free! For the charitable distribution to be tax-free qualified, please have the check payable directly to Hicks UMC and not you the owner. For questions on QCD giving, contact Finance Committee member Paul Good at (814) 932-6599 or goodpw@hotmail.com.

OFFERING ENVELOPES. Offering envelopes for 2020 are available on a table beside the Welcome Desk. Please pick up your envelopes today.

YOUTH CHOIR. Are you a youth who likes to sing? Have you wondered why American Idol hasn't called? Well, we have an opportunity that is even better. We want to form a youth choir here at Hicks. If you are a youth in grades 7-12 we invite you to join this group directed by Julie Hanlon. There will be opportunities for the group to sing at church and perhaps also in the community as a way to serve. Please reach out to Julie by email at juliehanlon75@gmail.com or by cell 814-931-3911.

ELEMENTARY GROUPS. The Friends 'n Faith and Champions 4 Christ Elementary Groups will begin their spring 2020 season on Sunday, January 26th from 6:00-7:30pm. Girls 3rd-6th grade or boys 1st-6th grade are welcome to join this evening of fun, faith and friendship.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE DONATION. Do you have any artificial Christmas trees you are done with? If so, please donate your old tree to our 2020 VBS program. This year our VBS theme is "Rocky Railway" and we will be using lots of artificial pine trees to create the room scenes. Please let Katie know or email her at katie@hicksumc.org if you have a tree to donate.

Christmas Eve Family Service 2019



Hicks Youth Fellowship Winter Retreat

THE EPIC YOUTH EVENT

Youth in grades 7th-12th will enjoy a weekend retreat in the Wesley Forest lodge with sledding, nine square, bible study, worship, friends, indoor and outdoor games, lots of their favorite camp activities, and epic winter fun!

Dates: **Jan 24th-26th**

Report time: Friday, 4:30 PM at Hicks UMC

Return time: Sunday, 2:00 PM at Hicks UMC

Cost: **\$20.00** (*youth may bring cash or checks made payable to Hicks Youth Fellowship on or before our Jan. 24th departure*)

All youth are encouraged to bring friends! [REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!](#)



Happy January/February Birthday to You

Betty Wilkinson	January 3	Cameron Nebelski	February 7
Ethan Cutshall	January 4	Roran Robison	February 7
John Dively	January 5	Brandon Stewart	February 8
Ella Ruth Black	January 6	Matthew Dodson	February 10
Keegan Henry	January 10	Bob Baird	February 11
Scott Magnetti	January 10	Melissa Cutshall	February 11
Donna Lindsey	January 12	Stacey Fleck	February 12
Cindy Odell	January 12	Ella Monahan	February 14
Deborah Treese	January 13	Marsha Smith	February 14
Glenn Keiper	January 14	Lauren Simpson	February 15
Luke Jandora	January 19	Sandy Thomas	February 15
Tucker Selfridge	January 19	Ryan Priel	February 17
Bella DeStefano	January 21	Whitney Moritz	February 18
Jodi Albarano	January 26	Amina Jandora	February 19
Linzi Biesinger	January 26	Kenlie Krug	February 19
Paula Brennecke	January 27	Heather Merriman	February 19
Mel George	January 27	Simon Adams	February 21
Terry Koelle	January 27	Terry Bowser	February 22
Bracken Ackinclose	January 29	Carly Ackinclose	February 24
Joanne Rodgers	February 1	Tyden Basenback	February 24
Gavin Bell	February 2	Sarah DeStefano	February 26
Roger Lindsey	February 2	Richard Wilkinson	February 26
J. Richard Fruth	February 3		
Elaine Mallory	February 5		
Sofia Moritz	February 6		
Tom O'Connor	February 6		
Darleanne Evangelista	February 7		

Did we miss your birthday?

Send us your birthdate to
Nancy Cherry at
office@hicksumc.org so we
can update our
database!



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE HICKS UMC WINTER DINNER!

SUNDAY, FEB. 9TH AT 5:00PM

ENJOY DINNER AND AN ICE CREAM WITH WAFFLE BAR FOR DESSERT

BRING A DESSERT FOR OUR DESSERT RAFFLE

RSVP BY CALLING 814-695-8529 OR OFFICE@HICKSUMC.ORG



OUR STAFF

Rev. Rich Morris, Pastor

Cathy Baird, Sexton
Bob Baird, Building Superintendent
Nancy Cherry, Church Secretary
Jolene Cidor, Financial Secretary
Heidi Fogle, Treasurer
Jason Garman, Youth Director
Katie Guise, Children's Ministry Director
Julie Hanlon, 11:00 Praise Band Leader
Billie Jo Jackson, Nursery Coordinator
Robin Ritchey, Assimilation
Elaine Mallory, Organist
Sandy Steele, Choir Director
Jeromy McCorriston, Ministry Intern



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