

The Grove Echoes

February 2020

Hickory Grove United Methodist Church

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<http://www.hickorygroveumc.com>

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm and Friday 8:30am - Noon



Dr. Samuel (Sam) Moore, Jr.
Senior Pastor

February 2020

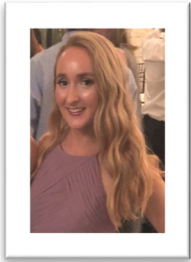
As January 2020 ends, I am reflecting on what we have accomplished. I thank God and I thank each of you for all that God has accomplished through us.

I thank you for all that you have done, so that we are where we are in ministry. I am grateful for the leaders who share with me the direction that this church needs to move. They give of their time, talents, and resources so that we may accomplish the work in our church. We spent a great deal of time in 2019 on refinancing our debt. The leaders helped us to chart a direction in which we could bring this to reality. I thank them for their ideas and for their work.

I thank the membership for your patience and providing us with feedback. I remember all the meetings we held in which we shared information with you. You gave up time from Sunday School, attended the meetings, listened to the information, asked important questions, and voted so that we could complete the task. We are at a better place financially because of your actions. Thank you!

Now, we may better focus on the other ministries of the church. We are attempting to equip each member so that you will be able to practice and share your faith. This is the purpose of the Connect book study. I am grateful for our facilitators who are providing leadership for our small groups. I am also grateful for each one who has registered. I believe that you will be blessed by this ministry. We will offer additional sessions in the future for anyone who missed this opportunity to participate in the book study. Our goal is to assist each member so that all will be mature disciples of Jesus who are working with the Holy Spirit to make a difference wherever we may be.

*Thanks,
Sam*



Courtney Boger
Director of Christian Discipleship

Youth Worship is held on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning at 11:11 am, downstairs (sanctuary).

Young Adult Bible Study, Feb. 3, 10, 17 in the Spirit Seekers Room.

Youth Summer Mission Trip to Wilmington, NC, June 13-19. Cost: \$395, includes housing and food. *Registration deadline: March 13.* 50% of funds due: April 13 and the balance on May 13. Contact Courtney for more information.

United Methodist Women:
Sunday, February 16:
United Methodist Women Day
February 16: 12:30 pm, Trinity Room
Call to Prayer and Self Denial Unit Meeting

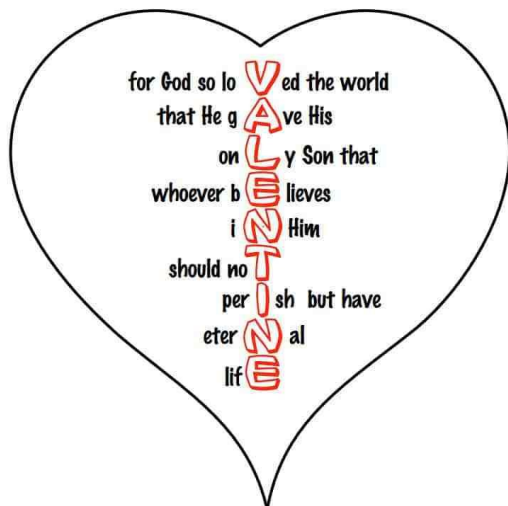
The February United Methodist Men Meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020– 7:00 PM in the FLC Trinity Room.



February WeCare Needs:
Jelly, Pork & Beans
and Toilet Paper

Food Pantry Dates:
February 8 and 22

John 3:16



News



January passed quickly with cold weather, Music Class, Stories with Mrs. Marie, Pajama Day, Bible Stories, and FitKids. We look forward to February when we will celebrate Valentine's Day with decorations, treats and exchanging cards. We will focus on Acts of Kindness at our parties – making special treats for others.

Our Bible memory verse for February is "God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7. We will show love to our community and "share what we have" by collecting canned pasta for the Snack Pack program during our Valentine party. Our Preschool staff will prepare and serve dinner and breakfast for Room in the Inn along with packing lunches for them to take with them.

Would you like to have great impact on the life of a preschooler? We have a young child who has been with us all year but because of many struggles, the family is unable to continue to pay tuition. We will not let this child go, but will seek to find ways to pay this tuition. Our program is a safe place where children are free to laugh, play and stay warm all while learning and developing much needed basic skills that will give them a better start to education and life. More importantly, they will learn the stories of Jesus and God's great love for us. Would you consider partnering with us to keep this child in school? If you are led to contribute, simply send your contribution to HGUMC and designate your payment to Preschool Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Happy February!

Sharon Freeze
Preschool Director
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January Memorials:

Edna Highsmith

Snack Pack: Jeff and Channing Kirkpatrick

Ralph and Pat Fulk

General: Ron and Jatana Royster

January Honorariums:

Betty Ensley

General: Cokesbury Class

Evelyn Davis

Snack Pack: Jeff and Channing Kirkpatrick

Connect Book Study Group Availabilities:

****Please register for the class with the group leaders and to order your book.****

- ♦ **Tuesday evenings**, beginning February 11 at 7:00 pm in the Trinity Room, led by Mike and Michelle Jones
- ♦ **Wednesday evenings**, beginning March 4 at 7:00 pm in the Trinity Room, led by the Roysters and the Longs
- ♦ **Friday evenings**, led by Pilar Perez and the Bunnells*

*Start date, time and location will be announced soon. Thank you!



Please help us update our Prayer List by contacting the Church Office. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Nursery Workers needed,

please contact
Jennifer Stribling to volunteer.
jstribling@hgumc.com
704-617-2520



**Service begins at 12:00 pm
Imposition of Ashes
February 26, 2020
Sanctuary**

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Sunday Morning Worship Services:

9:15 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10:20 am Sunday School, Various Classrooms

11:11 am Contemporary Worship,

Family Worship Center

11:30 am Mini Church, Learning Center

11:11 am African Ministry Worship, Sanctuary

11:11 am Servicio Hispano, Chapel

Nursery is provided in the Preschool Area every Sunday from 9:15 am - 12:30 pm for children 5 years of age and younger.

Upcoming Events February 1-29



Quilting Ministry

Saturday, February 1 / 9:00 am / Agape Room
Tuesday, February 4 / 5:00 pm / Agape Room
Tuesday, February 11 / 5:00 pm / Agape Room
Tuesday, February 18 / 9:00 am / Agape Room
Tuesday, February 25 / 5:00 pm / Agape Room

We Care Food Pantry Saturdays, February 8 & 22 / 10:00 am - Noon / WeCare House

Latino Venue Dinner Saturday, February 8 / 7:00 pm / Trinity Room

Youth Worship Services Sundays, February 2, 9, 16 / 11:11 am / Youth Room (for rising 6th graders—12th graders)

Music Makers Monday, February 10 / 10:00 am / Choir Room

Group Lydia Monday, February 10 / 2:00 pm / Parlor B

UMW Sunday February 16 / Traditional & Contemporary Services

UMW Call to Prayer and Self Denial Unit Meeting Sunday, February 16 / 12:30 pm / Trinity Room

Group Naomi Sunday, February 16 / 1:00 pm / Bride's Room

United Methodist Men Monday, February 24 / 7:00 pm / Family Life Center & Trinity Room

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner February 25 (more details to come)

Ash Wednesday Service February 26 / 12:00 pm / Sanctuary

Epiphany Training Saturday, February 29 / 8:30 am / Parlors

Preschool: Stories with Mrs. Marie Friday, February 7 / 9:00 am / Parlor B

Bible Stories Wednesday, February 12 / 9:30 am / Family Worship Center

FitKids Wednesday, February 19 / 9:00 am / Family Worship Center

Music Class / Friday, February 28 / 9:00 am / Parlor B

Grove Echoes Deadline: Thursday, February 20 (Please email Word or Publisher documents.)

Weekly Sunday Activities

* Not a HGUMC event/group

9:15 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:20 am Sunday School

11:11 am Contemporary Worship (FWC)

11:30 am Mini Church (Learning Center)

11:11 am Youth Worship (1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays, downstairs-basement)

11:11 am African Ministry Worship (Sanctuary)

11:11 am Servicio Hispano: (Chapel)

3:00pm Latino Venue (FLC)

St. Gabriel Worship (Epworth Bldg.)*

8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Epworth)*

Weekly Monday Activities

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Epworth Building)*

Weekly Tuesday Activities

7:00 am Prayer Breakfast (Epworth Bldg.)

8:30 am Arts & Crafts (Epworth Bldg.)

10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Parlor B), begins 2/25

3:30 pm Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

7:00 pm Latino Worship Practice (Chapel)

Weekly Wednesday Activities

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Parlor B)

6:00 pm Girl Scouts (2nd floor Susanna Wesley Bldg.)*

8:00 pm Candlelight - Narcotics Anonymous (Epworth)*

Weekly Thursday Activities

7:00 pm Cub Scouts (2nd floor, Susanna Wesley Bldg.)*

7:00 pm Praise Band Practice (Family Worship Center)

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)

7:00 pm Latino Worship Practice (Chapel)

7:00 pm Latino AA Meeting (Epworth Bldg.)

Weekly Friday Activities

6:30 pm Girl Scouts (2nd floor, Susanna Wesley Bldg.)*

7:30 pm Latino Venue Rehearsal (FLC)

Weekly Saturday Activities

10:00 am African Ministry Basketball (Gym)

11:30 am Girl Scouts (2nd floor, Susanna Wesley Bldg.)*

4:00 pm St. Gabriel Worship Set Up (Epworth Bldg.)*

5:00 pm African Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Average Attendance for January:

9:15: 90

11:11: 44

African Venue: 69

Latino Venue: 40

Nursery / Mini Church: 4 / 7

Sunday School: 97

**(For week to week attendance,
please check the Sunday bulletins.)**

January Financial Report

Totals

General: \$35,526.05

Building: \$7,109.00

Special: \$891.00

Apportionments: \$385.00

Monthly Goals

General \$45,000.00

Building \$12,000.00

Apportionments: \$1000.00

Needed for General Budget (per week) \$11,250.00

Needed for Building Budget (per week) \$3,000.00