



# January 2019

## The Grove Echoes

HICKORY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SAM

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



***January 2019***

I begin the New Year with a statement that I am attempting to make the theme of my life. It is “thank you”. First, I am thankful to God for God’s blessings and grace. I have so much to thank God for that I do not deserve. God blesses me not because I have earned God’s blessings, but because God is a gracious God. I thank God for my family, my friends, and my work. I am able to do work that I enjoy. On most days, I enjoy going to work and I experience fulfillment in what I do. When I reach those points in which I consider quitting, God sends someone to remind me that I am making a difference. Therefore, I thank God for the work and I thank you for collaborating with me and allowing God to use us to make differences in this community, and in the world.

More specifically, please accept my gratitude for your generosity that you gave to the staff and to me. We thank you for the Christmas gifts, the cards, treats, and all the other ways that you expressed your gratitude to us.

Finally, allow me to express gratitude from Marva and me to a very special elf. Many of you know that we spend my day off in Reidsville. One Friday evening during early December, when we arrived home, we found a wonderful gift on the back deck. It was a live Christmas tree, with an angel, a bow, and lights on it. As I was placing items in the kitchen, I noticed it. Marva said that she saw it as we passed by the side of the house on Rocky River Road, but she thought it was on our neighbor’s deck. Once she stopped trying to guess who gave it; she placed it on the table and moved it to the front of the deck and we enjoyed it during Advent and Christmas. We may never know who the kind elf is, but as we are thankful for all the gifts that you share with us, we are thankful for that kind Christmas elf. As we move into 2019, we are thankful to God, and to each one of you for allowing us to share ministry with you. As we live out our gratitude and our thankfulness, I believe we will honor God and we will bless others.

Peace,  
Sam

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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 4 years of age and younger.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**We Care January needs:  
canned vegetables and jelly**

**We Care Dates:  
Saturdays, January 12 and 26**

### Upcoming Events 1/13-1/28, 2019

#### Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 13, 2019 / 5:00 pm / Parlor B

#### Administrative Council

Sunday, January 13, 2019 / 6:00 pm / Parlor B

#### Quilting Ministry

Tuesday, January 15 / 6:00 pm / Trinity Room

Saturday, January 19 / 8:00 am / Trinity Room

Tuesday, January 29 / 6:00 pm / Trinity Room

#### Group Lydia

Monday, January 14 / 2:00 pm / Parlor B

#### Group Tabitha

Monday, January 14 / 6:30 pm / Trinity Room

#### Preschool Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 15 / 6:30 pm / Conference Room

#### Day of Fasting and Prayer Service

Friday, January 25 / 5:15 pm / Sanctuary

#### United Methodist Men

Monday, January 28 / 7:00 pm / Trinity Room

#### Weekly Sunday Activities

9:15 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 am Latino Bible Study (Parlors & Conference Room)

10:20 am Sunday School

11:11 am Contemporary Worship (FWC)

11:30 am Mini Church (Learning Center)

11:11 am African Ministry Worship (Sanctuary)

11:11 am Servicio Hispano: (Chapel)

St. Gabriel Worship (Epworth Bldg.)

8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Epworth)\*

#### Weekly Monday Activities

5:00 pm Latino Dance Group (Room 202, FLC)

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

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Epworth Building)\*

#### Weekly Tuesday Activities

7:00 am Prayer Breakfast (Epworth Bldg.)

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

3:30 pm Staff Meeting (Conference Room)

5:00 pm Latino Dance Group (Room 202, FLC)

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

7:00 pm Latino Worship Practice (Chapel)

#### Weekly Wednesday Activates

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

8:00 am Candlelight—Narcotics Anonymous (Epworth)\*

#### Weekly Thursday Activities

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

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:00 pm African Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### Weekly Friday Activities

5:00 pm Latino Dance Group (Room 202, FLC)

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

#### Weekly Saturday Activities

10:00 am African Ministry Basketball (Gym)

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

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

5:00 pm African Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

\* Not a HGUMC event/group

## Music News

Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly as your new music director. I look forward to working with everyone on the following three goals. I would like:

1. To include everyone in music ministry who has any desire to participate,
2. To foster connections between the different venues, and
3. To expand HGUMC's reach into the greater community.

But I need everyone's help! Over the next few Sundays, I will be making the rounds of the different venues according to this schedule:

Traditional: Every Sunday  
Latino: Sun Jan 13  
African: Sun Jan 20  
Contemporary: Sun Jan 27

This will be an opportunity for us to chat after the service and for you to let me know:

1. The talents that you would like to share,
2. How you would like your children to participate and when they would be available to rehearse, and
3. Anything else that you want to share or discuss.

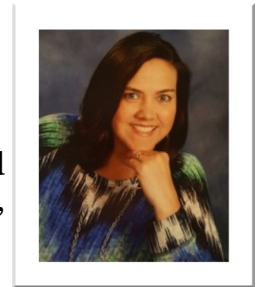
If I miss you on Sunday, please feel free to e-mail me at [gkorf@hgumc.com](mailto:gkorf@hgumc.com). Thank you!

**Geoffrey R. Korf**  
*Music Director*  
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## *News*

The Preschool Staff wishes you all a Happy New Year! We are especially grateful to be a part of the ministry here at Hickory Grove UMC. We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break after a month filled with 1) learning, practicing, and performing our Christmas program – “Happy Birthday Jesus” 2) doing lots of art activities and making decorations and special gifts for our families 3) celebrating the real reason for Christmas, the birth of the Christ child, as we collected canned goods for the We Care ministry at our Birthday Party for Jesus. (We were so happy to collect 206 items for We Care!) It was a really busy month!



As we settle into January, we look forward to returning to our regular monthly activities and our annual Pajama Day - yes, everyone gets to wear pajamas this day!

Our Bible Memory verse for January is “Trust in the Lord” Psalm 37:3.

Happy 2019!

Sharon Freeze  
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**GIVING AND ATTENDANCE**

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Dec. 2</u>	<u>Dec. 9</u>	<u>Dec. 16</u>	<u>Dec. 23</u>	<u>Fifth Sunday Dec. 30</u>
Received - General Fund	\$10,688.60		\$16,904.90	\$9,209.00	\$16,433.00
Received - Building fund	\$2,339.00		\$2,477.50	\$2,443.00	\$1,325.00
Received - Special	\$968.00		\$2,168.00	\$624.00	\$287.00
Received - Apportionments	\$415.00	<b>S</b>	\$400.00	\$20.00	\$375.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$14,410.60</b>		<b>\$21,950.40</b>	<b>\$12,296.65</b>	<b>\$18,415.00</b>
Needed for General Budget (per week)	\$11,250.00	<b>N</b>	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00
Needed for Building Budget (per week)	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

<u>Attendance</u>		<b>O</b>			<u>Fifth Sunday</u>
9:15 Traditional	90		77	104	73
11:11 Contemporary	53		57	62	140
African	82	<b>M</b>	79	76	
Latino	46		48	-	
Mini Church	9		12	6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>		<b>273</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>213</b>
Sunday School	92		80	-	-

Attendance: 154	Dec.24
Received - General Fund	\$1,100.50
Received - Building fund	-
Received - Special	\$23.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$1,123.50</b>

Greetings,  
 The Board of Trustees elected the following people as officers for 2019:  
 Co-Chairmen: Jeff Hensel and Mark Lane  
 Secretary: Dee Dee Edwards.

# MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

## DECEMBER MEMORIALS

**Linda Couch**

General: Carter Bates  
 General: Betty Nunn  
 General: Michael and Cynthia Woodrum  
 General: Martha Alexander  
 General: Jean Long  
 General: Susan Quillin  
 General: Betty Cox  
 General: John and Earle Black  
 Building Fund: Chap and Nokie Tuttle  
 Building Fund: Floyd and Kathy Sistrunk  
 General: Margaret Norwood  
 General: Music Makers

**Thelma Snover**

Snack Pack: Nancy Williams  
 Building Fund: Epworth Class  
 Building Fund: Frank and Dorothy Carbone  
 WeCare and Building Fund: Frank & Dorothy Carbone  
 Building Fund: Floyd and Kathy Sistrunk  
 General: Lovyonne Weathers  
 Snack Pack: Nancy Williams  
 Building Fund: Gerry Little  
 Building Fund: Epworth Class  
 General: Gail Dobbins and Susie Parks  
 General: Betty Nunn  
 General: Tom Stewart  
 General: Rountree Plantation  
 General: John and Frances Dobbins  
 General: John and Earle Black  
 Building fund: Chap and Nokie Tuttle  
 General: Margaret Norwood  
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**Ernie White**

**Virginia Gathings**

**Martha and Tom Dulin**

**Larry Dulin**

**Howard Teeter**

Cemetery Fund: Leon and Anne Dulin Joyner  
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 General: Carol Carman  
 General: Carrie Hyland

## DECEMBER HONORARIUMS

**Mary Lee Aikens**

**Coy and Doris Shue**

**Evelyn Davis**

**Tony Russell**

**Kathleen Robinson**

**Channing Kirkpatrick**

**Marie Casano**

**Jeff and Channing Kirkpatrick**

**Marva Moore**

**Robbie Bost**

**Janice Martin**

**Robbie Bost**

**Pastor Sam and Marva Moore**

**Janice Martin**

**Coy and Doris Shue**

**Kathleen Robinson**

**Evelyn Davis**

**WeCare Food Pantry**

**Mary Martin**

HG Epworth Sunday School Class

WeCare: Marva Moore

WeCare: Marva Moore

WeCare: Marva Moore

WeCare: Marva Moore

WeCare: Marva Moore

General: Cokesbury Class (Given on 12/16/18)

WeCare: Janice Martin

Snack Pack: Robbie Bost

General: Kathleen Robinson

General: Kathleen Robinson

General: Kathleen Robinson

WeCare: Janice Martin

General: Janice Martin

Snack Pack: Robbie Bost

WeCare: Robbie Bost

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WeCare: Robbie Bost

WeCare: Epworth Class

General: Cokesbury Class



# Metro LEADS

*Leading. Equipping. And Discipling.*

## **Register now for Metro LEADS**

**When:** February 2, 2019

**Where:** University City UMC, Charlotte

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. until Noon

**Schedule:** 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. is the Opening /9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. is the first breakout session/11:00 a.m. – noon is the second breakout session.

**You must register on line for the breakout sessions at  
[wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/MetroLEADS](http://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/MetroLEADS)**

**Register today, because classes fill up quickly.**

### **Breakout Sessions: (All classes are offered at both break-out sessions)**

Faithful Risk -Taking in Ministry

Gracious Accountability Groups

Healthy Ministry in the Small Membership Church

Health, Vibrant Churches

Not Another Church Meeting

Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committees and the Mission of the Church

Safe Sanctuaries

What are the Ten Essential issues for Local Church Finance and Stewardship

Why Youth Ministry?

**For a more detailed description about the classes go to [wncumc.org](http://wncumc.org).** This is a wonderful opportunity to take two training classes.

If you have questions please call Star Howell at 704-455-3089.