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Sunday School at 9:45 AM



Church Family News
November 2014

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Attention Cookie Bakers & Buyers

The Christian Ed Team would like to thank everyone for ALL of your years of helping with our Annual Cookie Sale in December. We are truly blessed with a very giving congregation and wouldn't have been so successful all these years without YOU!! We will not be having the cookie sale this year, but stay tuned next year for something bigger and better! See you next year.



Abundant Blessing

We thank you for the turkey,
The gravy and the dressing.
Dear Lord, this table overflows
With Thy abundant blessing.

Let us always be aware
That all gifts come from You,
And may we serve Your heavenly will
In everything we do. Amen.

-Joanna Fuchs



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Sunday School
9:45 AM

Worship Services
8:30 AM
Contemporary
11:00 AM
Traditional

Pastor's Perspective
Senior Pastor, Bob Shull

Dear Church Family,

I like November. My birthday is in November and so is Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. I hope you are able to share Thanksgiving dinner with family and/or friends and take time to give God thanks for all His blessings.

Psalm 118:28-29 says, "You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." The psalmist speaks first for himself – that he will give God thanks, and then urges others to do as he does – to give thanks to the Lord. Why? Because 1) God is our God, a personal God with whom we have an intimate personal relationship through Christ, and 2) God is good; his steadfast love endures forever. As Christians say today, "God is good – all the time."

So what will you thank God for this Thanksgiving?

Seems to me, if God is loving and good all the time, then our giving Him thanks should be all the time too. Maybe **every day** should be Thanksgiving (but not necessarily with the big meal!). Maybe instead of a day of **thanks-giving**, we have a continual practice of **thanks-living**...living in appreciation of God's love and goodness to us every day.

So at the end of the day, perhaps at the dinner table, you ask those with you (or to yourself if you are alone) "How has God been good to you this day? How has He shown His love for you? What would you like to thank God for today?" In that simple way, every day becomes Thanksgiving Day...a day of *Thanksgiving*.

May the Lord give us eyes to see His many blessings, great and small.

Following Jesus With You,

Bob

Pastor Bob

November 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Memorial Sunday 8:15am-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11am-Worship 3pm-Scavenger Hunt for Food	6pm-HCS Cm 7pm-Worship Cm 7pm-CE Team 7pm-Boy Scouts	10am-Staff Meeting 6:30pm-HCS TAPS meeting 7pm-Core Sr High	5:30pm-Puddle Jumpers Choir 6pm-Flying Angels Choir 7pm- One Way Jr High 7:30pm-Prayer Gp	7pm- Choir 7pm-Praise Band	Youth Fall Retreat	9am-3pm Elder Retreat 9-11am-Cub Scouts(CC) Youth Fall Retreat
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Shoe Box Collection 8:15am-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11am-Worship 5pm-Leadership Event Youth Fall Retreat	6pm-Wolf Pack 7pm-Outreach 7pm-Stewardship 7pm-Boy Scouts	1pm-Staff Meeting 7pm-Core Sr High	1pm-Prayer Shawl 3:30pm-NJSS 5:30pm-Puddle Jumpers Choir 6pm-Flying Angels Choir 7pm- One Way Jr High 7pm-Bldg & Prop 7pm-Cub Scouts 7:30pm-Prayer Gp	7pm- Choir 7pm-Praise Band		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Consecration Sunday 9:45-Sunday School 11am-One Worship Service Celebration Luncheon to follow	7pm-Boy Scouts 7pm- Boy Scout Comm	10am-Staff Meeting 7pm-Core Sr High	11am-HCS Thanksgiving Feast 5:30pm-Puddle Jumpers Choir 6pm-Flying Angels Choir 7pm- One Way Jr High 7pm-Session 7:30pm-Prayer Gp	7pm- Choir 7pm-Praise Band		Presbytery Meeting in Bakerstown 10am-Deacons Food Distribution
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
Communion 1st Sunday of Advent	7pm- Boy Scouts 7:30pm- Deacons	10am-Staff Meeting No Youth Group	7:30pm-Thanksgiving Eve Service at Venice EPC No Youth Group	Office Closed 	Office Closed	9am-Hanging of the Greens 5:30pm-Family Advent Gathering

Deacon's Corner

Lesley Alexander



Fall Blood Drive

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who came out to the Fall Blood Drive and donated blood. Not only did the donors donate a unit of blood, but they helped give hope to a person in need. Also, thank you to everyone who was able to help out to make this event a success.

Clothing and Paper Recycling

Thank you to those who took the time to drop off clothing and paper. The Washington City Mission and those who depend on the City Mission appreciated the clothing that we collected. Paper collected will be recycled and funds will go to help our church family.

Communion

Thank you to everyone who donated cereal and pasta on October 5th & 19th. If you forgot to bring your cereal in October, that's ok. We will be collecting cereal and pasta on November 30th and December 7th. There will be a box in the Greeting Area for your donations.

Next Communion will be given on December 1st.

Angel Tree

It's that time of year again for our annual "Angel Tree". Please keep an eye out for the Angels and help a child in our Family Outreach Program. Thank you in advance to all you "angels" for your generous gifts, they may be the only gifts some of these children receive for Christmas.

Thanksgiving / Christmas Baskets

With the holidays around the corner we start to think about family gatherings and meals. For many of us we are blessed with the memories of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. This year please help bless those less fortunate with wonderful memories of family gatherings and meals.

The Deacons will be collecting food through November 16th for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Our Youth Group will be helping by going door to door collecting food by holding their annual "SCAVENGER HUNT FOR FOOD" on November 2nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. [Thank you Jim Thomas and a special thanks to Logan Barton, Grant Bevier, and Collin Weinbrenner who made the Scavenger Hunt for Food their senior project.... I would also like to thank all the volunteers and the youth for their participation.](#)

Since the youth cannot get to everyone's home, there will also be a box in the Greeting Area for your donations. Some suggested items:

Canned Gravy	Cake Mixes
Stove Top Stuffing	Icing
Cranberries	Jell-o
Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Pudding
Canned Vegetables - all varieties	5lb sugar

Please contact Gretta MacIntyre with any question 724-356-2284. Thank you in advance for donating and helping our Family Outreach Program.

Music & Worship Committee

Marilyn Grove, Chairperson

November Volunteer Schedules

Greeters - 8:15 AM

November 2	John Coulter and Karen Plunkett
November 9	Bonnie McClure and Cameron Schaub
November 16	COMBINED SERVICE AT 11:00
November 23	Van and Bonnie Cowden
November 30	Ron and Cheryl Caltumo

Greeters - 11:00 AM

November 2	Marjorie Curran and Barbara Fasnacht
November 9	Jim Marsteller and Gretta MacIntyre
November 16	Trish Goodwin
November 23	Tim and Colleen Allison
November 30	Carol Galbreath

Nursery - 8:15 AM

November 2	Krystal Motor & Jackie Fawley
November 9	Ashley Strnisa & Lexus Strnisa
November 16	
November 23	Lynn Jones & Paula Steele
November 30	Melissa Mechtel & Lexus Strnisa

Nursery - 11:00 AM

November 2	Ben & Elena Scott
November 9	Mary Jordan & Cindy Semack
November 16	
November 23	Dave & Margaret Wasco
November 30	Sue & Amy Alrutz

Sound System

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
November 2	Matt McDonald	Blake Grove
November 9	Frank Strnisa	Lucas Barton
November 16	Matt McDonald	Blake Grove
November 23	Frank Strnisa	Lucas Barton
November 30	Matt McDonald	Blake Grove

Video System

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
November 2	Janet Greene	Evan Alrutz
November 9	Ellen Warren	Colleen Allison
November 16	Carol Staley	Ellen Warren
November 23	Scott Strisa	Evan Alrutz
November 30	Janet Greene	Colleen Allison

Usher Captain

	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
November 2	Tim Growden	
November 9	Tim Growden	
November 16	Tim Growden	
November 23	Tim Growden	
November 30	Tim Growden	

WELCOME THE NEW MEMBER OF OUR STAFF

B. J. Collins joins us as Director of Music concentrating on our contemporary worship. He is married to Lori and has a musical son, Bo, who has also been playing with our Praise Band.

B. J. has an extensive resume including performances with *The Marcells* and *Rick K. and the Allnighters*; recognition as one of the best blues and country keyboardists; songwriting and recording with the Christian group 70x7 (see his license plate!) and contemporary worship leader at several area churches. We will also be relying on B. J. in our Audio and Visual Ministries as he has a vast knowledge and background in both.

In addition, B. J. has a Bachelor's degree from West Virginia University School of Journalism with an emphasis in Advertising Copywriting and a minor in Marketing. His hobbies are many: hiking in the woods with his dogs, throwing frisbees, playing pickup basketball, listening to music of all kinds, reading, blogging, and planning and preparing the family meals.

Now, we have told you a little about that big, ponytailed guy that you have seen around lately. Strike up a conversation with him and find out more. He's a very interesting and knowledgeable guy!

Check him out at [YouTube.com/70x7Band](https://www.youtube.com/70x7Band)



Highlights of the October 15th Meeting of Session

- A message delivered at the September Presbytery meeting in a sermon was “Don’t let the BUSINESS of the church interfere with the WORK of the church.” This message applies to all of us.
- Pastor Bob and the elders take spiritual leadership seriously and will be studying “Spiritual Leadership,” by J. Oswald Sanders at the November elder retreat.
- November 16 is Consecration Sunday with one (1) Worship service at 11:00 am followed by a luncheon about the noon hour.
- Various options for Sight & Sound are being investigated to improve worship and communications. We invite comments from all on these improvements and changes.
- Ron Stewart has agreed to again lead the Krepps Covered Bridge Festival in 2015. Thanks to Ron for all coordinating work for this past Covered Bridge Festival.
- The Nominating Committee still needs people called to serve on the Family Pastor Search Team.

Please be praying for

- the Session Retreat on Saturday November 8th at Camp Agape
- wisdom for discerning the Lord’s priorities for our church in 2015
- the right search team to look for a new Associate Pastor of Family Ministry
- all of the members of our church family

Your Servant Leaders,

The Session

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for Christmas in memory of a loved one, please give your order and money to Mary Creighton, Peggy Kotyk, or Gretta MacIntyre using the order form below. Orders may also be turned into the church office.

Each Plant is \$6.00 - Please make checks payable to “Hickory U.E.P. Church.” **ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN BY:** Sunday, December 14, 2014.

Please **PRINT** on the order form:

YOUR NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

HOW MANY POINSETTIAS? _____

Please be sure to check one of the following so that we know what to do with the poinsettias that are remaining after services on December 24.

_____ Please donate poinsettia to a shut-in

OR

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after the 6:30 or 8:30 PM worship service on December 24.

IN MEMORY OF:



Any Plants left after December 29th will be donated at the Deacon’s discretion.

Transportation Ministry

The Transportation Ministry is a ministry of volunteers who are willing to make rides available to church members who are in need of transportation to a doctor’s appointment, medical test, or a church service and have no other source of transportation.

The Deacons would like to thank all the drivers and volunteers who make this ministry possible. You are all appreciated and we are all blessed by your generosity and commitment... Thank You

We are also looking for additional church members who are willing to volunteer for this ministry for the occasional person needing transportation.

If you are being called to help in this ministry, in any way, please call the church office or Cindy Semack for more information: Cindy Semack 724-356-2519

Transportation Ministry

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

**The Deacon’s would like to wish you a
Happy and Safe Thanksgiving**

Hickory Christian School

Shelly Heinlein, Director HCS



The HCS hosted a Grandparents' Breakfast on September 24. The students shared their morning songs, Pledge to the Christian Flag and Pledge of Alliance. Pictures were taken of the students with their grandparents and together they made fall picture frames.

First grade has started a "Flat Stanley" project. Flat Stanley is fun way for the students to learn about the world and the people in it. An outline of a person, along with a letter, is mailed off to some far away place. Right now our Flat Stanley's are in Vermont and France.

The 4 year old classes have been enjoying "Knock Knock" jokes. The children are making up their own, as well as learning some of the old standards such as:

Knock Knock
Who's There?
Boo
Boo Who?
Well you don't have to cry about it!

The three year olds have been working on sharing, following classroom rules and hand washing. As they wash their hands, they sing the ABC's knowing that when the song is done their hands are clean.

During the month of November, we will be talking about being thankful. What are we thankful for and whom are we thanking? (God). We will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Feast on November 19 with the children dressing as Pilgrims and Native Americans, to present a small program of songs, poems and prayer.

I would once again like to thank everyone for the words of supports, donations, offers of help and visits. Stop in to see what is going on in our classrooms, hear the laughter and see the smiles of the children.

Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving,

Miss Heinlein
Director HCS

Christopher Morrow
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ONE WAY

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Upcoming Events

November 2 : Annual Scavenger Hunt for Food
November 7-9 : Annual Fall retreat
November 24: Game night (JR/Sr. High) 6-9PM
December 6: Annual Christmas Party.

Both the JR. and SR. High classes will resume our use of the Known series which is through Lifeway. The KNOWN series has a distinct focus with each lesson. Know-ing which focuses on learning what scripture says in the lesson. Own-ing which helps us to take in the truth of the message and learn how to apply it. Lastly we have Known, which is learning to make "known" to others what we have learned and applied to our lives.

November lesson series is on. The Promises of God and how students can trust and see how God is true to his word.

Thank you to all who donated and helped out in any way during the Scavenger Hunt for Food! You helped us collect 1030 + items to help the needy!



Upward Basketball Sports Ministry is a HUGE event that invests in the future! But it's not just about the children... it's about families and Christian men and women being visible in an outreach to all. The program is looking for the following VIPs (Very Important Participants):

- **Coaches/Assistant Coaches** – You don't actually need to know how to coach. We'll teach you! The time required away from your home is about one hour once a week for practice and about one hour each Saturday for eight weeks beginning January 4, 2014! We even have some energetic youth from the Jr/Sr High looking forward to assisting you! You don't need to participate in a draft, THAT's done for you also! How much easier could it get!
- **Referees** – You're just helping the coach by explaining to the participants what happened if you stop play! Again, we'll train you AND you get to wear the coveted black and white striped shirt and be admired by everyone!
- **Scholarship Donors** – If you're interested in donating a scholarship to a financially challenged child, let us know and we'll set you up to do so!

Most of all, thank you for continuing to support this program in prayer!

Please contact the Church office at 724-356-4424 or secretary@hickoryup.org to be a VIP.



1	Wayne Berg	13	Ed Laurick, Jr.	28	Stephen Semerod
	Tim Growden		Kim Spencer		Chris Spittler
	Cliff Williams	15	Molly Errett	29	Martha Beard
2	Holly Livolsi	18	Blake Barton		John Skrabski
	Marianne Shumaker	19	Mac Carter	30	Colleen Allison
	Dick Smith	20	Blake Grove		Ping Kerns
3	Emma Brown		Bob Jordan		Richard White
	Dave Errett		Chris Rea		
	Debbie Schaub		Lori Wagner		
	Tom White		Megan Weaver		
4	Jack Creighton	21	William L. Dinsmore		
5	Larry Heckman, Sr.	22	Jean Laurick		
6	Jeanette Korzinski		Bonnie McClure		
	Natalie Thomas		Elizabeth Staley		
7	Bob Shull	24	Bob Brown		
8	Katie Karas	25	Ryan Chuba		
	Dylan Kosarik	26	James Torboli		
10	Darlene Cowden	27	Trish Goodwin		
	Addam Kanish		Pam Staley		
	Bruce Sharpnack		Paula Steele		
11	Olive Ferrell		Mary Ann Stewart		

Golden Age

1	Cliff Williams
2	Marianne Shumaker
	Dick Smith
3	Emma Brown
11	Olive Ferrell
24	Bob Brown
29	Martha Beard
30	Ping Kerns

The Music and Worship team has a vision of "Making Worship the Highlight of the Week for All Ages"

What is the highlight of *your* week? It might be spending time with a dear friend, getting a big project done, or making a special meal for someone you love. And indeed there may be times when worship at Hickory United E. P. C. is the highlight of your week.

We thought it would be interesting to ask members of our session about the highlight of their week. We talked to elders **Ron Stewart** and **Jack Creighton** to find out what is a "highlight" for them.

Ron's week included delivering meals to our church family shut-ins with his wife, Suzanne. That was a highlight for him. Ron referenced that he is sometimes asked to participate in leading worship (and looks forward to it - sometimes with trepidation!). He has to "quiet his heart" and focus on who God is and what He has in store for him. Ron said that praise and worship that week (September 28) was particularly meaningful.

Jack made the point that God is working in his life every day, and that he looks for those special things that happen (highlights!) all week long.

Ron and Jack both said that coming together with the church family was a particular highlight. It's great to be together, and to see how many others are coming together to do the same thing - to publicly acknowledge their commitment, and to worship God and offer praises to Him!

In Memory of the Members, Friends and the Lord's Servants from Our Congregation that have gone on to be with our Heavenly Father in 2013 – 2014.

Memorial Sunday is November 2, 2014

In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

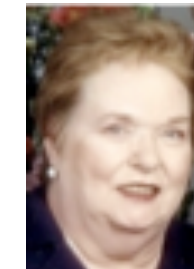
Psalm 22:4



S. Evelyn Athey

June 9, 1928 - December 16, 2013

Evelyn Athey was born June 9, 1928, the 7th child of 9 children, to Lawrence and Thelma Cowden. She lived in Mt. Pleasant Township the majority of her life. Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church was her church for almost the first 20 years of life and she returned to Hickory and Hickory United Presbyterian Church in 1969. She was married for almost 40 years to James B. (J.B.) Athey until his death in 1988. She has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was proud of her nursing career and much enjoyment came from Sunday school, quilting and playing cards. The Bible was her very good friend. She really knew how to enjoy life but had no fear of moving on to eternal life when she left us on December 16, 2013. She is missed but we know she is at peace.



Carol Cowden Caldwell

April 4, 1926 - September 5, 2013

Carol Cowden Caldwell was born October 23, 1934 in North Strabane Township. At the age of 14, she moved with her parents Clair (C.V.) & Bettye Cowden and siblings to Cross Creek Township and attended Hickory U.P. Church. Soon after, she caught the eye of Jerry Caldwell who spotted her during a relay race held in the church parking lot during the church picnic. She graduated from Hickory High School in 1952. Two weeks later Jerry and Carol were married at Hickory Church on June 14, 1952 which was also the 35th anniversary of Jerry's parents John and Helen Caldwell who were also members of the church. They raised five children. Carol was an active member of the church and made sure all the children were involved in the children's choir, Sunday school, and 4-H activities. In addition, she supported her husband's active interest in the choir, session, and the board of trustees. Carol served as a volunteer for the Jr. High Youth Group "Samek Club," represented Hickory U.P. Church serving on the Board of Directors of Youth For Christ/Campus Life, and volunteered as the Wedding Coordinator at the church for many years.



Rowena "Skip" Bedillion

December 1, 1932 - May 19, 2014

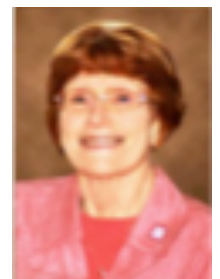
Loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A graduate of Hickory High School and Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh and attended California State Teachers College. As a Registered Nurse, she was the Clinical Supervisor of Professional Services for the VNA of Washington County and later with Physicians Home Care. She was a lifetime member of the Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where she had served on the Board of Deacons, the Memorial Committee and other committees, was a member of the



Mabel McVay Cowden

July 14, 1920 - August 10, 2014

Graduate of Trinity High School. Worked for the Morrow family, Duncan Miller Glass Plant and later her husband's trucking and school bus contracting business which she would later manage until her retirement in 1999. She was always helping others and was truly a very kind, generous, loving soul. Her cooking, baking, and her "sticky buns," in particular. She was always active in the Presbyterian Church, Upper Buffalo Presbyterian, and then Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian, which merged into Hickory U. P. Church, which then became Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church. She was a member of Romane Russell Society, a women's church group. She served as Elder, was a member of the Worthwhile Daughter's Class and Women's Association. She also belonged to Hickory Women's Club and a 500 card club.



Roberta R. Novick

August 31, 1938 - February 11, 2014

Loving wife, mother and grandmother. Graduate of Uniontown High School and Washington Hospital School of Nursing and attended Washington and Jefferson College. She worked as a registered nurse at the Washington Hospital and at Beverly Health Care, from where she retired after 20 years of service. A member of Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Novick enjoyed church activities as well as flower gardening.