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THE HICKORY BRANCH

October and November 2026

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Thank you all for praying for General Conference. While my travel was relatively smooth, others had a lot of issues due to weather, other friends from around the globe struggled to get the needed visas and all the travel documents, but as always God was good and provided and most everyone got there and we celebrated all He has done and is doing.

We worshiped each morning in multiple languages, we prayed, we had civil dialogue about important topics. New bishops were elected and our Articles of Faith were adopted. We met Jesus daily at His table with communion. I, being part of the prayer team prayed with those from all over the world, Africa, Philippines, India, Europe and the Americas. We were able to pray for healing and direction; we prayed for unity and love.

After conference, I joined with some folks from the Upper Midwest and Florida and traveled to the Limpopo province and spent a few days with Blessman International. On Sunday, we attended a Global Methodist church that was made up of about 300 teens and 10 adults (and then our team). The church is at a boarding school and if your children attend, they agree to attend church on Friday nights and Sunday mornings. It was full of energy, about 10 came forward and gave testimonies and close to 200 responded to the message and came forward to pray with us for different needs weighing heavy on their hearts. Then we went on a game drive and saw God's amazing creation: lion, zebras, rhinos, hippos, buffalo and so much more and enjoyed a bush dinner of South African specialties.

Then through the week we took part in high school assemblies, well drilling, serving at a preschool, touring their large farm and greenhouses where they supply some of the food for feeding 20,000 children each month. We washed feet and gave new socks and shoes to school kids, we did optical examines and gave away glasses, we saw the gardens that were made possible by the wells and gave out re-usable feminine hygiene products which can truly change how young girls live and study.

If you want to hear more, reach out I'd love to share a coffee or a meal and share more about what God is doing in South Africa. As always, if you have a prayer need or would like a visit, please reach out! God is on the move in South Africa and in Hermitage – so keep praying for all He has in store!

Pastor Christine

Upcoming Charge Conference

Conference is Sat Oct 17 th at 11AM in the sanctuary– PLEASE make this date a priority. It won't be a long meeting, but it will be a time to hear about all that's going on at the church and what lies ahead and a time for you to ask questions or share concerns.



I don't math well, but I know life is getting more expensive and making ends meet can be hard both in your house, but also in the church. If you have noticed our giving has not matched what we need. I know God has a plan, and you may be part of it! Please be in prayer for the church and how you may be able to assist in your time, service and finances to help us end 2026 well and move into 2027 ready for all God has for us!

Remember if each giver could give an extra \$3-5 a week our apportionments would be completely covered without touching ministry funds. Would you consider marking your envelopes accordingly when you are giving. GMC apportionments help make accountability and oversight possible as well as connection between churches. Your apportionments help provide care for the pastors and for conference wide events to take place. Thank You for giving in this way.

SOUP MINISTRY



It's that time again -- calling all peelers and soup helpers!! Our soup kitchen will be starting back up on Monday, October 12th. We will be making and packaging our soup on Monday for delivery on Tuesday, October 13th. Our November Fall Treat delivery day will be on Tuesday, November 10th. So, circle those days on your calendar for a special treat. This is always a fun time in the church kitchen. If you would like to come and see what we are all about--- come join us!!

WEST HILL COOKIE MINISTRY



The West Hill After School Program will be starting back up at the end of September, so they will be ready for our cookie ministry to start in October. We deliver cookies to the after-school program on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during the school year. If you would like to participate in this ministry by baking cookies, please bring your goodies to the church by the 2nd Monday of each month. If baking is not your specialty, they also accept individually wrapped Hostess Cakes or Little Debbie Snacks as well.



Grief Share

Grief Share Thursdays from 10:00 am-noon, in the Parlor. We will meet every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) and will conclude Dec 17th. This is a time for everyone living with loss and grief. It is open to anyone from the church or in the community. Share with a friend, family or neighbor that may need a time like this. It doesn't matter how long ago, come learn how to carry your grief better and maybe encourage others along the way.

Register by calling the church or going online to griefshare.org, \$20 covers the cost of the material if you are able.



Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet Hour of Prayer –a time of self-guided prayer

Oct. : Tuesday 13th 6-8pm & Wednesday 14th 10am -noon

Nov. : Tuesday 10th 6-8pm & Wednesday 11th 10am – noon

This will take place in the sanctuary. There will be a prayer guide and different stations for you to spend time in prayer. You can spend as long as you would like in prayer during these times.

“The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.” – F. B. Meyer

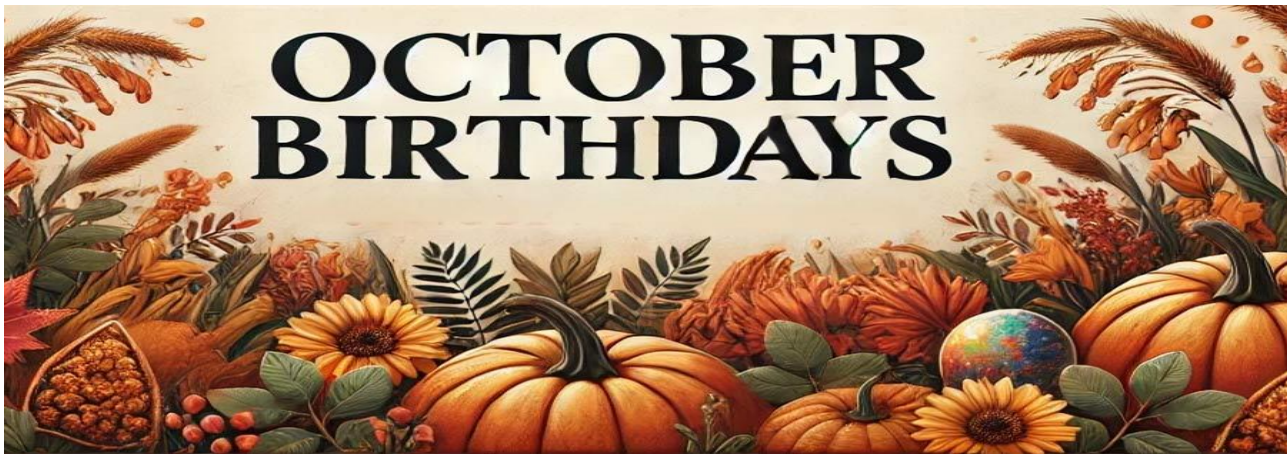


Trunk or Treat – Sat. Oct 31 from 3-5.

We will need folks to decorate their trunks and hand out candy!
Candy donations for inside games ,
volunteers for games and food inside Swanson Hall.



You CAN turn back time – Daylight Savings is Nov 1st , so turn those clocks back to be on time for church Sunday morning!



10/2 Kristen Thompson

10/23 Corey Ward

10/6 Joyce Hettrick Holste

10/24 Kendra Darr

10/11 Thelma Barnes

10/24 Jan Matchak

10/14 Debbie Robich

10/27 Nancy Leo

10/15 Leanne Martin

10/28 Vince Comiskey

10/16 Rick Carly

10/28 Sharon Ference

10/21 Virginia Curtis

10/29 Tammy Bonanni Hurton

10/23 Pat Lorenzo

10/29 Nancy Hipkins



The Blessing Box

Please feel free to donate what you can.

It is used daily.



HGMC Dinner Theatre 25th Anniversary

November 6, 7, 13 & 14 Dinner at 6:00 Show 7:00

Adults \$20.00 Children 10 and under \$10.00

Call linda for available tickets 724-699-9360



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10am Grief Share	2 Good Used Clothing sale 9am-3pm Clergy Retreat	3 Good Used Clothing sale 9am-11am
4 Let's Chat 8am -Panera 9am-Adult Sunday school -Parlor 10am WORSHIP No evening Bible study Clergy retreat	5 Clergy retreat	6 DT rehearsal 6:30-9pm Clergy retreat	7 Clergy retreat	8 10am Grief Share Pastor returns	9	10
11 Let's Chat 8am -Panera 9am-Adult Sunday school -Parlor 10am WORSHIP 6:30- Bible Study - Parlor	12 soup ministry 8am-2pm	13 soup delivery 8am-11am West Hill Cookies DT rehearsal 6:30-9pm	14	15 10am Grief Share	16	17
18 Let's Chat 8am -Panera 9am -Adult Sunday school -Parlor 10am WORSHIP 6:30- Bible Study - Parlor	19 Admin meeting 7:00PM	20 HGMW 10am Eat n Park DT rehearsal 6:30-9pm Pastor out	21	22 10am Grief Share	23	24
25 Let's Chat 6pm- Church 9am-Adult Sunday school Parlor 10am WORSHIP 6:30- Bible Study – Parlor	26	27 DT rehearsal 6:30-9pm	28 Pastor out	29 10am Grief Share	30	31  Trunk or Treat 3-5pm



Happy Birthday!

11/1 Beth Messett

11/1 Alana Murphy

11/01 Emily Sacket Granger

11/2 Pam Larson

11/02 James Scott

11/8 Amy Bull

11/8 Marty Heben

11/8 Jeff Steiner

11/10 Shirley Dorus

11/12 Dave Coul

11/14 Victoria Lowrey

11/17 Linda Reitz

11/19 Jeffery Thompson

11/21 Abby Bull

11/21 Megan Bull

11/21 Marcie Steiner

11/24 Carol Evans

11/26 Corinne McLallen

11/29 Jan Scott

11/30 Keith Messet



NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Let's Chat 8am -Panera 9am-Adult Sunday school -Parlor 10am WORSHIP 6:30- Bible Study - Parlor	2 DT Dress Rehearsal 4:30-9pm	3 DT Dress Rehearsal 4:30-9pm	4 DT Dress Rehearsal 4:30-9pm	5 10am Grief Share DT Dress Rehearsal 4:30-9pm	6 Opening night Dinner Theater	7 Dinner Theater
8 Let's Chat 8am -Panera 9am-Adult Sunday School -Parlor 10am WORSHIP 6:30- Bible Study - Parlor	9	10 Soup Ministry and delivery 8 am – noon DT Dress Rehearsal 6:30?	11	12 10am Grief Share	13 Dinner Theater	14 Dinner Theater
15 Let's Chat 8am -Panera 9am-Adult Sunday School -Parlor 10am WORSHIP 6:30- Bible Study - Parlor	16 7:00PM Admin meeting	17	18	19 10am Grief Share	20	21 Hermitage Light-up Night
22 Let's Chat To be announced 9am-Adult Sunday School -Parlor 10am WORSHIP 6:30- Bible Study - Parlor	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Small Business Sale 10am -5pm
29 10am WORSHIP	30					

Shop Small Saturday – WITH A PURPOSE!!!



Shop Small Saturday – WITH A PURPOSE!!! Did you know that millions of women and children are sold into human trafficking? Did you know there are many organizations offering rescue and hope through trade training? On Nov 28 th you can come support those businesses and help these women and teens have a better life while doing your Christmas shopping!

We will need some help manning the tables of products and selling food!

HICKORY GLOBAL METHODIST WOMEN

MIA - Mission in Action

If you are interested in joining Hickory Global Methodist Women
Just attend a meeting and share your talents with our many yearly projects!

MEETING SCHEDULE

Oct 20th -10:00 AM - BUSINESS MEETING AT EAT' n PARK

All women of the church are invited!

Nov - 10:00 AM BUSINESS MEETING AT EAT' n PARK



October/November Give Away – we will be collecting

Body wash/bar soap, cleaning supplies (toilet cleaner,
cleaning spray) feminine hygiene items and Giveaway Day
will be (a week early) Sat. Nov. 21 from 9-11am

