



# FEBRUARY 2022

## THE HICKORY MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER FROM HICKORY UNITED EPC

### NAME YOUR PRICE FLEA MARKET

MARCH 19, 2022 • 9 AM - 2 PM  
COVENANT CENTER • FOOD AVAILABLE

It's that time of year again to start cleaning out those closets for our annual Name Your Price Flea Market! Mark your calendars for March 17th, 18th, and 19th. Please read ALL of the information listed below as there are some changes this year.

- Donation drop-off times for the flea market will be Thursday, March 17th from 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Friday, March 18th from 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS BEFORE the start time each day as it may interfere with the preschool activities and drop-off/pick-up times.
- There will be no pick-up of items this year. You must bring them to the church, and we will help unload.
- We are not accepting clothing, including shoes and hats, stuffed animals, TVs, computers, cribs, and expired car seats (check the back for the expiration date).
- Church members are invited to presale shop on Friday, March 18th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
- The flea market is Saturday, March 19th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Food will also be available to purchase, so come hungry or get it to go to enjoy later.
- Large items that cannot be carried while shopping should be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall.

As always, thank you in advance for your donations, it wouldn't be a success without all of you.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please get in touch with Shelly, [svhouat@hotmail.com](mailto:svhouat@hotmail.com), or Sherry, [sherrystrnisa@verizon.net](mailto:sherrystrnisa@verizon.net).

We look forward to seeing you!



**Sunday Worship Services:** 8:30 am Contemporary | 11:00 am Traditional | 9:45 am Sunday School  
Childcare Available | Worship Videos At: [HickoryUnitedEPC.org](http://HickoryUnitedEPC.org) & [facebook.com/hickorychurch](https://facebook.com/hickorychurch)

**Leading one another into growing relationships with Jesus Christ  
by the power of the Holy Spirit all for the glory of God.**

**- Vision Statement**

**Reaching *upward* to God,  
Growing *inward* with God,  
Serving *outward* for God.**

**- Mission Statement**

### 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022

**When they had brought their boats to shore, Simon, James and John left everything and followed Jesus. Luke 5:11**

They 'left everything and followed Jesus.' What a simple statement for such an incredible response! Obviously, these three men were just blown away by Jesus, as would many others in the days to come. We, too, are called to respond to Jesus' call... few will 'leave everything', but we can well ask: what is our response?

### 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

**"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Luke 6:20**

As Christians, we embrace the mystery that God's plan, revealed in Jesus, is being fulfilled at a time and way beyond our understanding. It may be a mystery but it surely includes our participation. As stewards, we are called to aid the poor and many others too. By our efforts, we help to bring the Kingdom of God into our world.

### 7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

**"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Luke 6:27-28**

These words of Jesus have always been difficult to follow, but in today's world, even more so. Division and anger abound, with many families divided within themselves. Love, patience, listening, an attempt to understand... perhaps these are the virtues we need most today.

### Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022

**"Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter, John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white." Luke 9:28-29**

**Jesus invited his closest friends to witness his Transfiguration. He invites us, not to that unique experience, but to be daily shining examples of love and compassion for the poor and needy.**

# Deacon's Corner



COMMUNION  
SCHEDULE

**FEBRUARY 13th**

Donations of cereal and pasta for the Fort Cherry Helping Hands program are collected Sundays when Communion is served. Thank you for giving generously to this program. Please place your items on the metal rack in the foyer of the main church entrance.

**Thank You!** Everyone's generosity is simply incredible. The first Sunday, the Thanksgiving food donation leaves and the Angel Tree angels were made available; they were gone. With your generous giving, we assisted many families in the Fort Cherry Helping Hands program, Washington City Mission families, and families in the Deacons' Outreach Support Program with extra food and gifts during the holiday season. Glory to God!

## Hello...and...Goodbye

Please join the Deacons in extending a warm welcome to our newest members: Ken Alrutz, Janet Green, Barb Rea, and Deb Rea. At the same time, we are sad to say goodbye to Gretta MacIntyre, Marty McCrory, Janet Mucha, Deb Stevenson, and Kathy Yonker. We thank you all for your hard work and service to the congregation/church family as a Deacon.

**DEACON SPOTLIGHT "The McDonald Food Pantry"** During the holiday season especially, the McDonald Food Pantry was blessed to provide many families with precious amounts of groceries & goods.

**Nov 23 (Thanksgiving week)** 86 households, 5 new clients, 182 total people served.

**Dec 21 (Christmas week)** 89 households, 6 new clients, 187 total people served.

What a wonderful experience to witness our local ministers sharing God's love in the form of praying with those in each car as they awaited their pick up & as their vehicles were being loaded.

Another blessing was that a local craft person knitted beautiful winter hats to be included as a special gift for families.

It's a pleasure to be part of the Food Pantry Team serving as God's hands & feet.

In His name,  
Patti Jacobs (HUEPC Deacon)

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE - SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH**  
**7:30 am-noon\* | Covenant Center**



Because of You, Life Doesn't Stop! Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This could be a little girl in the ICU or a mother with Stage 3 leukemia. If you're worried about needles, don't be—most blood donors compare the experience to a mild, split-second pinch! The entire process is very safe and fast, and you will feel amazing knowing you potentially saved up to three people. If you've been vaccinated against COVID-19, you may still donate blood or platelets if you meet all general blood donation eligibility criteria. We will be communicating more information in the next few weeks. \* Times to be confirmed.

# Deacon's Corner



**MEALS**  
ON WHEELS

*Working together to feed more*

## 1069 Blessings

The Meals on Wheels Program is a service project of the Deacons Committee of Hickory United EPC. In 2021, 34 volunteers as young as 10 years old and up into their 90's were involved in delivering meals to those who are unable to make meals for themselves. The meals are prepared 5 days a week at the Community Meals on Wheels Kitchen at the McDonald Presbyterian Church. Hot meals and bagged items are picked up by faithful volunteers and personally delivered to the home of the recipients for a noontime meal.

In 2021, 17 individuals received meals along the Hickory route. Throughout the year, a total of 1069 meals were delivered! In addition to receiving the meal, a short visit with the volunteers brightens the day for those who are often homebound or living alone. Client needs change frequently and are added and removed as needed. The daily count fluctuated from 2 to 11 meals a day!

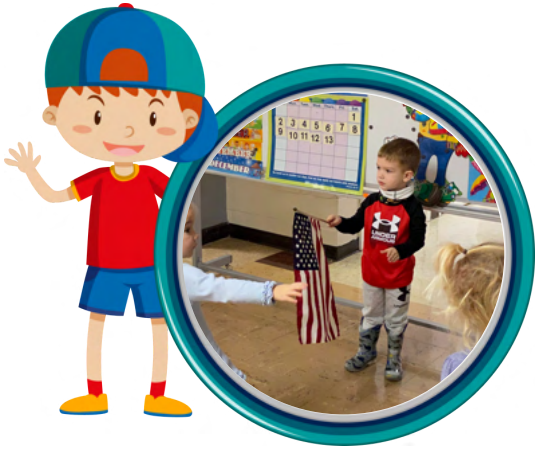
Thank you to every individual who has volunteered with Meals on Wheels during 2021.

Jane Adamson	Lisa Alexander	Betty Allison	Priscilla Bernard
Marian Campbell	Jay Carter	Mac Carter	Wanda Carter
Carolyn Chuba	Tom Cowden	Darlene Emanuel	Kathy Farner
Jackie, Pierce, Hazel and Seth Fawley		Mary Jordan	Jean Laurick
Clarence Lofstead	Valetta Lofstead	Clair McCracken	Joann McCracken
Marty McCrory	Jeanine Miles	Janet Mucha	Corky Narigon
Dave Narigon	Steve Novicki	Deb Rea	Linda Schweitzer
Mike Schultz	Dick Smith	Hope Tauch	Elsie Temple

### Want to make a difference?

Please consider donating one morning a month to this service! Volunteers begin their day at 9:30 am and are done by 11:30 am at the latest each day. Most volunteer just one or two mornings a month on a regular schedule. It would be wonderful to see some new volunteers added to the rotation. Students and families are a welcome addition particularly over the summer and other days off school. Our clients just love to see new faces at their door!

# Hickory Christian Preschool



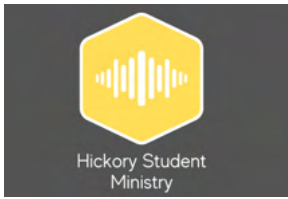
**We were so happy that we could return to in-person learning in January. We sure do miss the students when we need to learn remotely. Please pray that we can continue to meet in person in the months ahead.**

**OPEN REGISTRATION:** We are currently accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration forms can be found on our website page or picked up in the preschool office. If you would like to learn more about our program for 3 and 4 year-olds, check out our website [hickoryunitedepc.org](http://hickoryunitedepc.org) (under the preschool tab), or give us a call, and we will be happy to tell you about our school and answer any questions that you may have. Hope to hear from you soon!

In February, we will learn what love is and talk about what it means to be a true friend. Like Paul teaches us in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, the students will be encouraged to love one another. We will practice being kind to everyone, sharing our toys, taking turns, waiting patiently, and putting others first. This month, we will also celebrate Valentine's Day with a party and exchange Valentine's with our classmates.



**Sarris Easter Candy Fundraiser Coming Soon!**



## HICKORY STUDENTS 6th - 12th GRADE

### Winter Schedule - February

#### YOUTH GROUP

Sundays 6:30 - 8:00 pm

FEB 6th

FEB 13th Not Meeting

FEB 20th

FEB 27th

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 - 10:45 am

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Snowed In**

**FEB 11th 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Family Funday**

**FEB 20th @ Sunday School**

**KIDS/YOUTH COORDINATOR, Dan Bender**

Dan.Bender@HickoryUnitedEPC.org | Text: 262-287-1583 | Sunday School (K-12th) 9:45 - 10:45 am



## KIDVENTURE K-5th GRADE

### THURSDAYS 6:00 - 7:15 pm

### Winter Schedule - February

FEB 3rd • FEB 10th SNOW GLO NIGHT  
FEB 17th • FEB 24th

**KIDS/YOUTH COORDINATOR, Dan Bender**

Dan.Bender@HickoryUnitedEPC.org | Text: 262-287-1583 | Sunday School (K-12th) 9:45 - 10:45 am

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 - 10:45 am

**More Information at HickoryUnitedEPC.org | All are welcome at any time during these studies.**

- **Topic:** A study of the gospel of John called "Be Alive: Get To Know The Living Savior" by Warren Wiersbe. The focus is the life of Jesus Christ. This study will last approximately twelve weeks.

This Biblical study helps us to see the significance of Jesus Christ's life in this world; it will help us understand the deity of Christ and awaken us to the life He has planned. We follow an inductive form of study -- what does the Biblical text say, what does it mean, and what does it mean in my life? You are encouraged to bring a Bible, and if you need one, we will gladly supply one for you.

**Location:** Fellowship Hall | **Teacher:** Patty Hamilton

- **Topic:** A study of the Book of Hebrews called "Be Confident" based on Warren Wiersbe's Be Confident Bible Commentary.

**Location:** Parlor | **Teacher:** Ron Stewart



# Many Thanks From the LaCroix New Testament Mission!

January 1, 2022

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress" (Psalm 46:10-11).

Greetings in the name of IMMANUEL- GOD WITH US.

The survival of this ministry during these difficult times that the country is experiencing, is GREAT EVIDENCE of God's Approval. Our Lord is Great and worthy to be praised. We thank the Lord for His protection over our school students, teachers, and staff and over the properties of the mission including the vehicles.

We also thank the Lord for a good school year. Children were fed as well as teachers and workers five days a week. General food distribution was done once a month to help the population with the famine. Teachers and workers are paid on a regular basis. All this is because of your prayers and your great generosity.

We are very THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL for your support. We are at a loss for how to express our gratitude. "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them" Hebrews 6:10.

Please PRAY FOR HAITI. We need a GREAT SPIRITUAL AWAKENING. we can see that it is about to take place in Lacroix with God's help.

We pray that this new year brings YOU GREAT SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS and all that come with it: Good Health Spiritually, Physically, and Mentally, PROSPERITY, LONGEVITY, and HAPPINESS. MAY YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

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January 24, 2022

"Thanks to your generous hearts, Hickory United EPC recently sent \$15,000 to the LaCroix New Testament Mission for food distribution. To God be the Glory!

PRECIOUS FRIENDS AND FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS OF GOD'S MINISTRY

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, Our Lord, and Savior.

I take this opportunity to address words of thanks and gratitude to all sponsors for the money they sent to buy food to give not only to their sponsored children but also to other needy children and the families of Pacot. This area is completely devastated by drought. The people who live there don't live; they just survive. *continued on next page*



These people don't eat every day. It is hard to believe. Therefore, It is mandatory that the kids are fed in school. I believe the Lord led Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church to sponsor a food distribution in Pacot this month. We thank the Lord for that. Other churches and individuals have also sent money for food. Needless to say a great majority of people are going to receive food this month. Thank you all for your great heart of gold.

All the beneficiaries enjoyed this gesture with joy and a smile on their faces.

Thank you for praying for this ministry and supporting financially. We would not do it without your help.

For His cause,  
Pastor Evens SALOMON  
Lacroix New Testament Mission

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
ISAIAH 41:9-10

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**Below are emails received from the LaCroix New Testament Mission to Gretta.**

### **HAITI UPDATE**

December 2, 2021

Haiti continues to struggle with gangs and crime. Roads are blocked, cargo was stolen, drivers were kidnapped. The Haitians are struggling, but their faith is strong. Yes, many believe in Vodou, but many are Christians and believe in Jesus Christ. And they thank Jesus when there is a food distribution and when their children go to school and receive an education in a safe environment.

**You** are the people who make that happen. **You** support the LaCroix New Testament Mission. **You** sponsor the children. **You** feed the people. **You** share your blessings. **You** give them hope. All to HIS GLORY.

### **INSECURITY**

January 24, 2022

Finally, I have seen a considerable decrease in the phenomenon of insecurity in LaCroix. This reduction makes it easier for students to return to school in peace. The whole community is satisfied with this apparent calm that returns to the area with the support of the Haitian National Police. I ask everyone to pray for total peace to return definitively to the locality.

Grace and peace,  
Gretta

# It's Been An Awesome Journey!

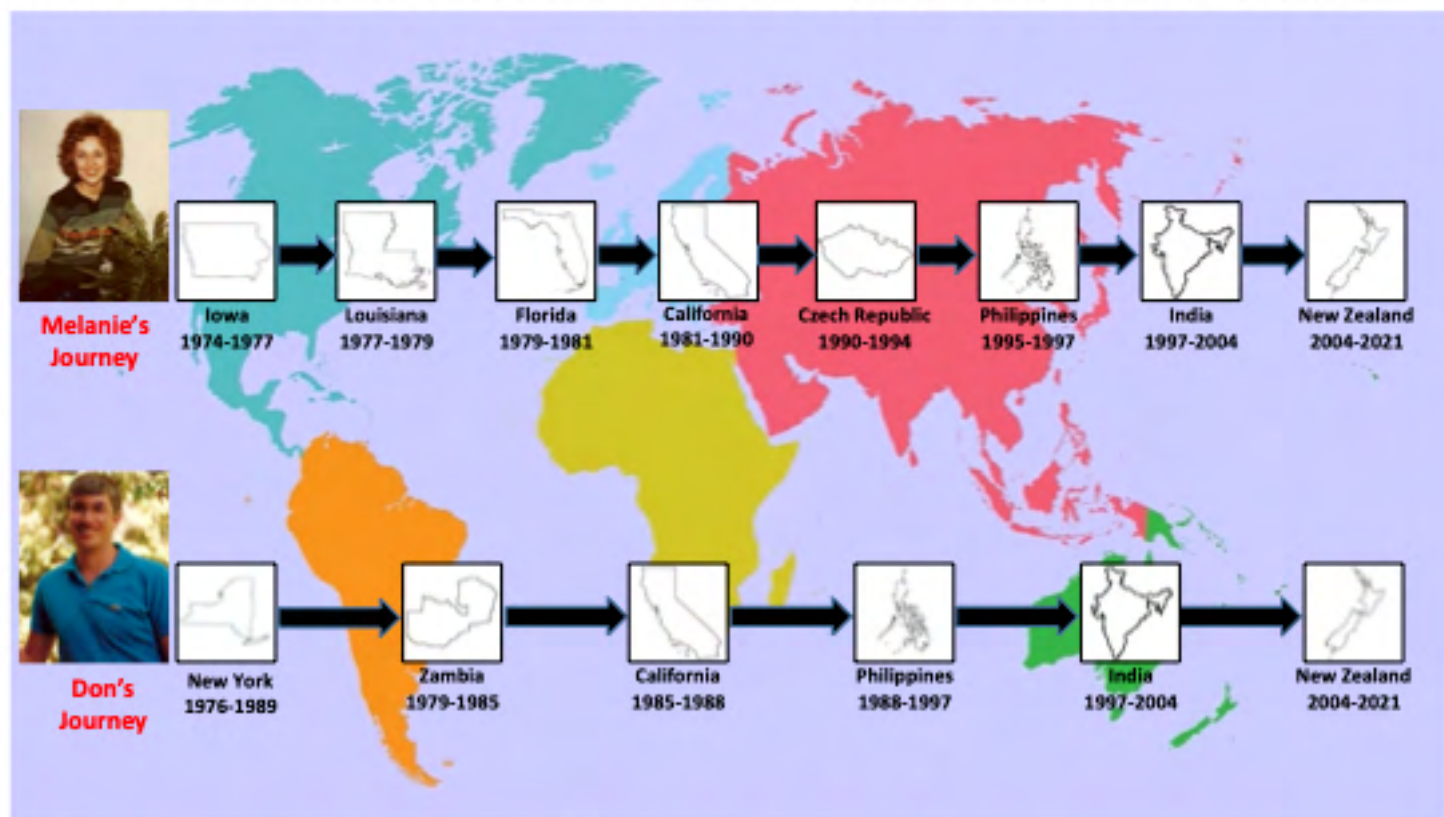
Dear Friends,

December, 2021

**D**on and I have both loved our time with Campus Crusade for Christ. Dr. Bright, Cru's founder, challenged people to come help change the world and he was used by God to touch the lives of many. I joined Cru in 1974 after graduating from Auburn University and being involved in the ministry there. Don joined in 1976 after growing spiritually through the Cru ministry at Penn State. **These life-altering decisions began an incredible journey.**

**T**hough dubious about the idea of support-raising, our parents – Lane and Jean Thigpen and John and Dorothy Roths (all with the Lord now) had the courage to trust God and allow us to move forward. We thank the Lord for them!

**M**any of you became a part of our financial and prayer support teams and have partnered with us for almost 48 years for me and 46 for Don. WOW! We are humbled and blessed that God used you to sustain us during this journey.



**You have been a part of everything we have done! A few of the things you have contributed to include . . .**

- ❖ Producing disciples at the University of Iowa, Tulane University, Buffalo State University, Syracuse University, and the University of Florida.
- ❖ Helping to organize "Here's Life Buffalo", where 170 churches reached out to 82,363 people with the Gospel.
- ❖ Implementing the same strategy in the seven largest cities in Zambia, where the members of 50 churches in each city were trained to share the Gospel during their three week "Ninsanga" (I Found It) Campaign.
- ❖ Translating the JESUS Film into the 7 major languages of Zambia and showing it to enormous crowds. Don personally showed the JESUS film to 110,980 people in the city of Mufulira in just a 3-month period.
- ❖ Helping to organize the Manila 1990 outreach, where 10,000 international missionaries came to help reach the mega-city. Don was responsible for 52 international special ministry sports teams, music groups, Josh McDowell, Andre Krole, and other speakers who conducted 435 evangelistic events attended by 192,174 people.

- ❖ Pioneering a university ministry in the atheistic Czech Republic once the Iron Curtain fell.
- ❖ Coordinating the use of the JESUS film in Central Asia and the Pacific, where the objective was to show the film to 1.5 billion people, including 600 million Hindus, 330 million Muslims, and 100 million Buddhists.
- ❖ Providing leadership to Cru's ministry in Nepal, Myanmar, North India, West India, and North-central India, while seeking to open the ministry in Afghanistan and the Maldives.
- ❖ Implementing the "Youth at the CrossRoads" strategy in India, Tonga, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea to train secular teachers to teach about HIV/AIDS using a morals-based approach as exemplified by the person of Jesus.
- ❖ Pioneering new Cru ministries in Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

**A**fter several changes to our ending date, we will be fully retired from our Cru position by January 10, 2022, but will continue to remain connected to the organization as "Emeritus" staff. We will retain our Cru email addresses. Any remaining funds in our staff account can be used by us to participate in future ministry activities with Cru.

**You should stop sending in contributions for us this month.** If you would like to re-direct your support to another Cru staff member (and we highly recommend it) please let us know and we will connect you. We recommend two options:

- Soi and Fataki Finau are an indigenous Pacific Islands couple from Tonga who will be taking over our Pacific Island responsibilities.
- Amy (Fahringer) Staszko is a Cru staff member from the Pittsburgh area, who works with university students.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION (for those who give through a recurring automatic bank withdrawal or credit card gift)**

A recurring gift to Cru for us will not stop automatically! Please contact Cru (rather than your bank or credit card company) to STOP or REDIRECT your automatic gift. For legal and privacy reasons, we are not authorized to make changes on your behalf. If you do not contact Cru, the automatic giving continues.

Donation Services needs to know: 1) Your donor number (you can find it on your Cru giving receipts). 2) Our name and Cru staff account number (Don & Melanie Roths – Account # 0043820). 3) You need to inform them that your December gift is your last gift to our account and ask them to stop your recurring gift. To contact Donation Services . . .

1. Phone: (888) 278-7233. Then choose option #1 and option #1 again. This should connect you to a human who will help you.
2. Write an email message to: [donation.services@cru.org](mailto:donation.services@cru.org) including the above information.

If you run into any problems, please let us know and we will try to assist you. Our contact details are below.

**T**hough our regular prayer letters will stop now, we don't want to lose contact with you. You have become a valuable part of our family. If you have an email address, please flick us a quick message so that we have a valid address for you.

**T**hank you, from the bottom of our hearts for your love and support over the years! May the LORD continue to meet your spiritual and physical needs as you have helped to meet ours.

**W**ith love and grateful hearts,

*Melanie, Don & Jack*



**P.S. We are planning on travelling to Alabama in February. We hope to see many of you then.**

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## KREPPS COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL UPDATE

The 2021 Krepps Covered Bridge Festival was held September 18-19 after a year of absence resulting from COVID-19 restrictions in 2020. Due to continuing concerns about COVID, but optimism about the prospect of great weather and people anxious to get outside after being cooped up for over a year, we were uncertain about how many guests we might see. This made planning, especially for food, difficult. We also experienced problems with obtaining supplies. However, with the extraordinary effort of Sheri Strnisa and her crew, everything went smoothly at the Festival.

We had a great turnout of vendors, many of them with us for the first time. All that we talked to were happy with the arrangements and were doing at least as well as they expected; many were doing much better. Also for the first time, we hosted a light artillery Civil War reenactment unit that provided periodic demonstrations of artillery fire, including allowing guests to participate in the firing exercises.

I appreciate all the volunteers who helped set up and take down all of the tents, tables, hay bales, stage decorations, and so many other things. I also appreciate those who worked at the food tent, Kids Zone, and other venues. A special shout out goes to the team leaders who organized and carried out their areas of responsibility: Sheri Strnisa and crew - Food, Natalie and Jake Carter - Kids Zone, Dan Bender - Youth Activities, Suzanne Stewart - Vendors, Marilyn Grove and Barb Rea - Silent Auction, Kathy and George Yonker - Site Layout and Car Show, Lois Templeton and crew - Stage Decorations, Fred Rasel - Security, John Coulter and Jill and Don Ricetti - Civil War and Age of Discovery Reenactors, Josh Strnisa and Gary Klimek - General Oversight and First Aid, and Jim Marstellar, Bob Carter, Jake Carter, and Blake Grove - Set Up and Take Down. Donations of food and other items continue to be an important way of reducing costs—THANK YOU.

We had a total of 1248 guests for the two days. This is the lowest number that we have hosted since we started actual counting about eight years ago. After talking to other covered bridge venues that also experienced reduced turnout, we conclude that the very warm, humid weather and continuing concerns about COVID affected attendance. We also did not advertise as much as we had in the past.

We featured great onstage performers, including Fred Barton, the Berean Fellowship Praise Band, Hat Trick, Hickory United E.P.C. Praise Band, Echo Valley Blue Grass Band, and Mansfield Five. And, for the second time, our Boy Scout Troop provided an inspiring flag retirement ceremony following the Sunday morning service. Speaking of the service, I saw many unfamiliar faces—how many did you say “Hello” to? We had four antique tractors, including Jake Carter who provided hayrides throughout the Festival on Saturday, and 30 antique and classic cars and trucks on Sunday.

So, how did we do financially? We had a gross income of \$17,622 and a net profit of \$7,350. In the grey box to the right, is a comparison with previous years.

So, where do we go from here? If the effort and hard work are worth it, we believe that the objective must be to build God’s Kingdom. This means that we need to take maximum advantage of the opportunity to reach between 1200 and 3000 guests with a message of the Gospel and God’s love for them. In the near future, the Session will be deciding if we will continue hosting the Krepps Covered Bridge Festival. Toward that end, we welcome your comments and suggestions, especially in writing. Please contact me, Ron Stewart, at [silvics@aol.com](mailto:silvics@aol.com) or 724-288-5033.

YEAR	NET INCOME
2009	\$11,514
2010	\$11,168
2011	\$9,970
2012	\$12,042
2013	\$8,561
2014	\$11,987
2015	\$12,106
2016	\$9,167
2017	\$11,341
2018 *	\$3,282
2019	\$7,233
2020 *	\$0
2021	\$7,350
TOTAL	\$104,380

**\* Event Cancelled**

# A Quick Glance At February

**FEBRUARY 6, 2022** Our newly elected elders and deacons will be installed during both the 8:30 am and 11:00 am worship services.

Officers stepping down: **Elders:** Lynn Davis and Bobbie Rasel  
**Deacons:** Gretta MacIntyre, Marty McCrory, Janet Mucha, Deb Stevenson, and Kathy Yonker

Officers stepping up: **Elders:** Gary Klimek, Edna Krakosh, and Greg Melone  
**Deacons:** Ken Alrutz, Janet Green, Barb Rea, and Deb Rea

**FEBRUARY 10, 2022** KidVenture Snow Glow Night 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm | Covenant Center

**FEBRUARY 11, 2022** Youth Group Snowed In 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Covenant Center

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022** Communion at 8:30 am and 11:00 am Worship Services

**FEBRUARY 20, 2022** Family Fun Day @ Sunday School (Kids/youth) 9:45 am - 10:45 am



The last game is February 26th, 2022. The banquet will be on March 5, 2022, at 10:00 am in Covenant Center. Please use the link below for more information on game schedules and the Upward Facebook page. [www.hickoryunitedepc.org/2122-upward-basketball.html](http://www.hickoryunitedepc.org/2122-upward-basketball.html)



## Dartball's February Schedule

- 2/1 Dartball vs. Midway - 7:00pm - 10:30pm - Away Game
- 2/8 Dartball vs. Baptist - 7:00pm - 10:30pm - Away Game
- 2/15 Dartball vs. Langeloth - 7:00pm - 10:30pm - Away Game
- 2/22 Dartball vs. Midway - 7:00pm - 10:30pm - Home Game - Covenant Ctr.

People harvest only what they plant.

Galatians 6:7

# THANK YOU NOTES



On behalf of the Mac Carter Family, we wish to thank everyone for the many cards, visits and love you have shown to our family over the past few months. A special thank you to the deacons for a wonderful luncheon and to those men who continued to keep the sidewalks clean during the snowstorm. Your love and support mean more than you will ever know. WE are truly blessed to belong to such a special church family!!

Thank you,  
The Mac Carter Family

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Dear Hickory Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers and cards over the years. Mom really appreciated it.

With Love,  
Family of Martha Bell

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Dear Stewardship,

Thank you so much for rewarding me with the Service Scholarship and for the continuous support through the many years. I'm very grateful for being able to serve the church in many different ways and I'm excited to carry all of the lessons I have learned into my years at Kent State and into the rest of my life.

Thank you again,  
Amy Alrtuz

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Dear Hickory United EPC,

McDonald Meals on Wheels is extremely grateful for your donation of \$750.00. We are blessed to have the generous support of your church. It is a tremendous help to our organization, and we once again thank you for your support and generosity.

Meals on Wheels Organization

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind."  
Psalm 107:21

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jim Price      | 22 Justine Semack  |
| 3 Hannah Strnisa | Colton Temple      |
| 4 Evan Alrtuz    | 23 Georgie Turk    |
| 6 Colton Whyte   | 28 Suzanne Stewart |
| 8 Dan Motor      |                    |
| 9 Alexa Miles    | Golden Age         |
| 16 Karen Price   | 1 Jim Price        |
| Elsie Temple     | 23 Georgie Turk    |
|                  | 28 Suzanne Stewart |

# FEBRUARY 2022 Calendar

*All Events, Dates & Times Are Subject to Change  
Be sure to check the calendar on our website for up-to-date information!*

## SPECIAL DATES FOR THIS MONTH

<b>2/5 (Sat)</b>	George Yonker's Visitation 2:30 - 4:30 pm (S) Celebration of Life 4:30 - 5:30 pm (S)	<b>2/11 (Fri)</b>	Youth Group's Snowed In 7:00 pm (CC)
<b>2/6 (Sun)</b>	Installation of Officers - Both Services	<b>2/13 (Sun)</b>	Communion - Both Services Youth Group Not Meeting
<b>2/10 (Thur)</b>	KidVenture's Snow Glow Night - 6:00 pm (CC)	<b>2/20 (Sun)</b>	Family Fun Day (Kids/Youth) @ Sunday School - 9:45 - 10:45 am

## RECURRING WEEKLY MEETINGS/ CLASSES/ GATHERINGS (by Day of Week)

### SUNDAYS

- Worship Service | 8:30 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional (S)
- Sunday School All Ages | 9:45 - 10:45 am (Various Locations)
- Youth Group | 6:30-8:00 pm (CC)

### MONDAYS

- Fit Club | 8:00 am (CC)
- Volleyball | 7:00 pm (CC)

### TUESDAYS

- Staff Meeting | 10:00 am (Welcome Area)
- Boy Scout Meeting | 7:00 pm (FH)
- Dartball Team | 7:00 pm (CC & away games)

### WEDNESDAYS

- Fit Club | 8:00 am (CC)
- Praise Band Practice | 7:00 pm (S)
- Cub Scouts | 7:00 pm | (CC)

### THURSDAYS

- Hanbells | 6:00 pm (S)
- KidVenture | 6:00 - 7:15 pm (CC)
- Choir | 7:00 pm (CL)

### FRIDAYS

- Fit Club | 8:00 am (CC)

### SATURDAYS

- Yoga Class | 9:00 am (CC)

### UPWARD BASKETBALL WEEKLY PRACTICES

Monday - Friday

At Various Times in Covenant Center

Practices and game schedules  
are available on our website.

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS/ GATHERINGS (In Alphabetical Order)

Building & Property Meeting | 7:00 pm | Every 2nd Wednesday (P)  
Christian Education Meeting | 6:30 pm | Monthly meetings are fluid, please check the online church calendar (L)  
Deacons Meeting | 7:00 pm | Every 4th Monday (P)  
Outreach Committee Meeting | 6:30 pm | Every 2nd Tuesday (P)  
Prayer Group | 7:00 am | Every 3rd Saturday (S)  
Prayer Shawl Ministry | 12:00 pm | Every 2nd Wednesday (CC)  
Preschool Team Meeting | 12:30 pm | Every 1st Tuesday (FH)  
Security Team Meeting | Every 1st Tuesday (P)  
Session Meeting | 6:30 pm | Every 3rd Wednesday (P)  
Stewardship Meeting | 6:30 pm | Every 1st Monday **after** 1st Wednesday (P)  
Women's Cancer Survivors Group | 12:00 pm | Every 4th Wednesday (CC) *(Currently not meeting)*  
Women's Ministry Meeting | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Every 1st Monday (P)

**(CC) Covenant Center (CL) Choir Loft (FH) Fellowship Hall (L) Library (P) Parlor (S) Sanctuary (YR) Youth Room**

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## WEBSITE / FACEBOOK (Services live streamed on Facebook / Service Recordings on the website)

[www.HickoryUnitedEPC.org](http://www.HickoryUnitedEPC.org) | [www.facebook.com/hickorychurch](http://www.facebook.com/hickorychurch)

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