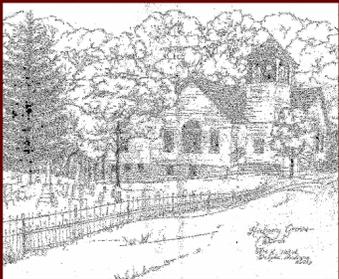


Hickory Grove Church

Hickory Switch

January
2017



Upcoming Events

January

3rd-6:30 Youth Group
8th-Business Meeting reports due
10th-6:30 Youth Group
11th-Bible Study
12th-7:00 Business Meeting
15th-3:30 Nursing Home Service
16th-7:00 Deacon Meeting
17th-6:30 Youth Group
18th-7:00 Bible Study
22nd-Woman's Prayer
24th-6:30 Youth Group
25th-7:00 Bible Study
31st-6:30 Youth Group



Kid's Club



Our second Kids Club night was held December 5th and was a great success once again! There were 11 children and just as many volunteers if not more. We learned of the birth of Jesus and even had Joseph and Mary and the baby Jesus visit, as well as shepherds. It takes



many hands to put on such a great night for the kids and we are blessed that so many give of their time and talents. If you haven't signed up to volunteer on Kids Club night, you don't know what you are missing! See Susan Hill if you would like to participate in a future Kids Club night or know of any children in your neighborhood, ages K-8th grade, that you could bring.



PASTOR'S PEN

“YE OL’ BUCKET LIST”

Here it is January again; yes, so soon. This is when people usually make out their New Year's Resolutions. Most of which never happen. I'm reminded of another list I hear people making out: "A Bucket List". Of course, the idea behind this is to list all the things they want to see and do before they "kick the bucket"; ie: Before they die. Some want to take a trip to Alaska or Europe. They have always wanted to do that. It could be something simpler like traveling to "Old Faithful" or "Niagara Falls". Writing those things down and putting them on the refrigerator is a helpful start to remind ourselves to push towards those things.

I would like to suggest another "Bucket List". Think about this: Someday, should God delay Jesus' coming, we will all "kick the bucket". When that happens the Bible tells us what will happen next as stated in the following verses. Rom 14:11 (Is 45:23) "It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" II Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. I Cor 13:12 "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known".

I must ask myself, as I hope you will also: "Do I have anything I would like to, or should do, before that time comes?" After all, I don't want to stand before God and say "I know I should have but I just didn't have or take the time." I don't want Him to look at me and say "You had 24 hours in a day just like everyone else." Let me suggest a list all Christians would be wise to consider.

Ye Ol' Bucket List-

1) Read the only book God ever wrote: The Bible.

God's love letter to mankind complete with instructions on how to live a holy life.

II Tim 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth".

2) Pray for myself and my family.

Sounds simple enough.

I Thes 5:17 "Pray without ceasing".

3) Give God thanks for all His blessings.

I Thes 5:18 "Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

4) Tell someone what great things my God has done for me.

Luke 8:39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So, the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him." (remember home does not mean just the house you live in but where your home is.)

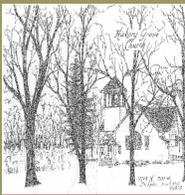
5) Made a disciple and taught him/her all I know about Jesus.

Matt 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

I found something interesting in a book I have been reading titled "The Insanity of Obedience" by Nik Ripkin. Nik in his earlier years was a Missionary to Somalia. His travels and studies enlightened him to the life of house churches in China. They had house churches because the government would not allow traditional houses of worship; it was against the law. House Church Requirement: To lead a Bible Study, the leader must have led at least 10 people to Jesus. House Church Requirement: To Pastor a house church, the leader must have led between 20 and 30 people to Jesus.

Are you ready to stand before God? Why not make out your list right now?
Blessings.

Pastor Ken



January '17

Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Martin & Donna Lewellen	2 	3 6:30 Youth Group	4	5	6	7 Jana Schwartz
8 Business meeting reports are due	9 Shannon Kelly	10 Nolan Evans 6:30 Youth Group	11 7:00 Bible Study	12 Diana Bailey 7:00 Business Meeting	13	14 Mairi Cunningham Aaron Nacke
15 Susan Hill 3:30 Nursing Home Service	16 7:00 Deacon Meeting	17 6:30 Youth Group	18 7:00 Bible Study	19 Myca Hill	20 Bud Stangle Mark & Mary Ann Smerdel	21 Terry & Jo Dill Women's Prayer
22 Bob White	23	24 Melanie Campbell 6:30 Youth Group	25 Tom & Sue Armstrong	26	27	28 Shawna Cunningham
29	30	31 6:30 Youth Group	1 Cassie Evans	2 Leisha Hill Dan & Roxie Foerman	3 Marlita Joseph	4

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Women's Fellowship-December 7th, 2016

Submitted by Brenda Johns

Our meeting was opened by President, Leisha Hill, who asked Gloria Heber to say prayer. Gloria also provided refreshments as well as devotions and chose roll call of "Name 1 thing that you do to get ready for Christmas each year". 14 women were present. Gloria read "Ready for Christmas" for devotions, reading from scripture Matthew 3: 1-3, 5-6, reminding us that we need to get ready for Jesus. Secretary and treasurer reports were given. There is a balance in the treasury of \$1,409 as of December 1, 2016. Gloria Wharff motioned that minutes be accepted

and Gloria Heber 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Material aid report was given by Judy Crowel, thanking all who participated in the donations for Emmaus Christmas dinner and bingo and told of what a good time we had and how much everything was appreciated.

We discussed Family Night on March 1, 2017. Carryin dinner will be at 6:00. Leisha is to look into a band she knows for entertainment. All officers chose to retain their current positions for 2017. Leisha is to ask the committee members not present if they will retain theirs. Thank offering was taken and proceeds will go to Women 2 Women.

Angie Altman won the door prize this month. We played the "left right" game for our ornament exchange. Jackie Johns read the story and we had a lot of fun playing the game and sharing our ornaments. We then divided the cookies we brought for our cookie exchange, saving some for the Christmas party at church that Sunday. Our next meeting will not be until March 1, 2017 and Violet Hughes will be our host and provide refreshments and devotions.

Remember your secret sister in prayer and reach out to her to let her know you care!



Golden Agers

Submitted by Sherry Hantschel

The Golden Agers luncheon on December 7, 2016 found Sherry Hantschel missing because of an infected tooth and Gary Reedy missing because of a health problem. Therefore, Arleen Stangle came to the rescue and took notes of the meeting and also, gave the devotions.

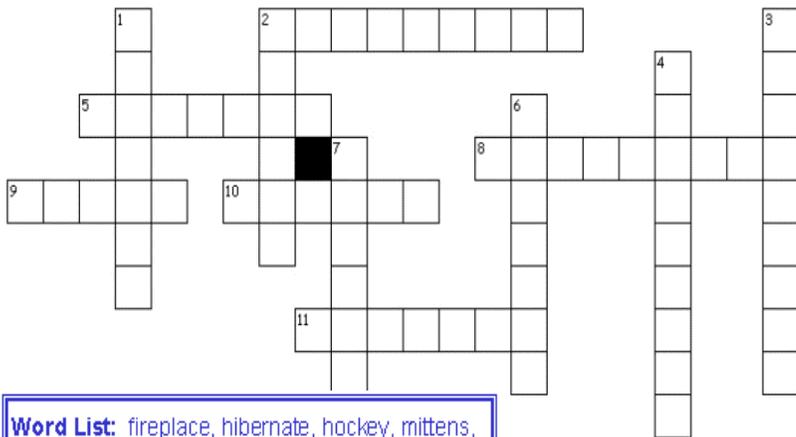
Audie Bowman opened the meeting with prayer. After a wonderful luncheon Arleen read "Away in the Manger" by Cliff Miller. This wasn't the usual "Away in the Manger" story, but an adaptation. Arleen presented us with another reading entitled "Our Father Magnifique" penned by Marcelina Chamtagnate. (I apologize for any misspelling of this author's name).

Considering the bad weather and the potential of driving hazards, for the next few months, we Golden Agers decided to cancel our meetings in January and February. We'll see how March comes in, whether like a lamb or a lion, before scheduling our meeting that month.

Don Hughes dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Valentine's Day to each and everyone of you!

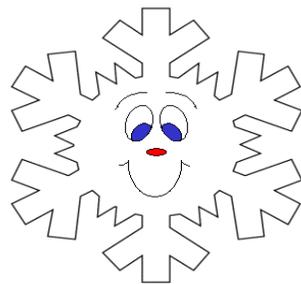
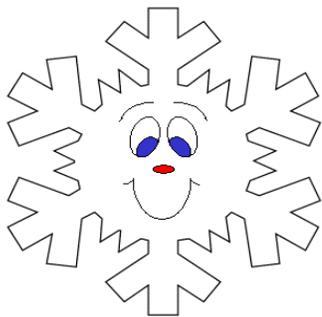
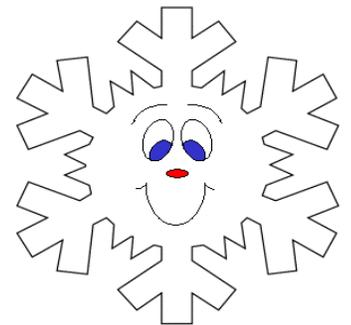
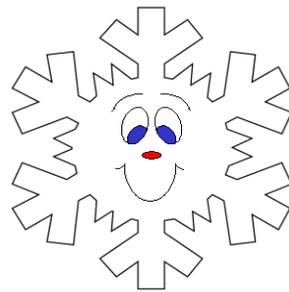
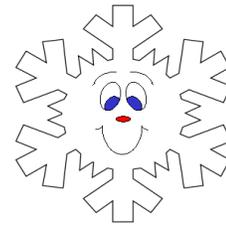
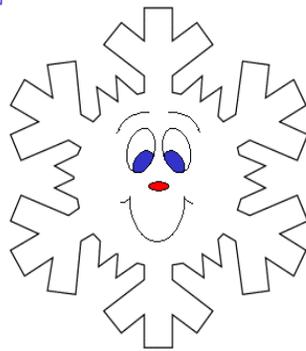
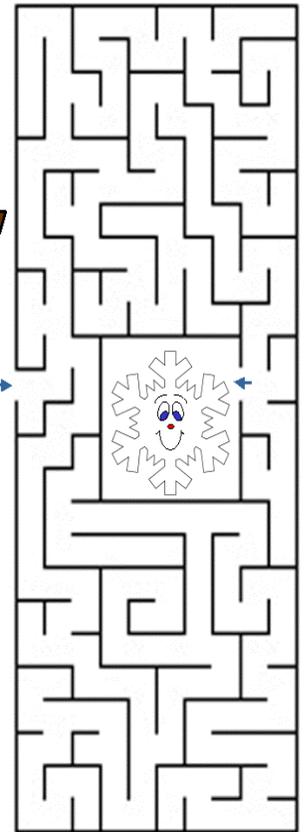
For the Young at Heart



Word List: fireplace, hibernate, hockey, mittens, penguin, polarbear, skidoo, skiing, snowflake, snowman, sweater, white

- Across**
- no two are alike
 - tuxedo with feathers
 - light a fire here to keep warm on chilly days
 - winter's favorite color
 - twelve sticks and one puck
 - frosty fellow with a carrot nose

- Down**
- grandma will knit you one to keep you warm
 - winter vehicle for off road travel
 - some animals do this all winter
 - white teddy
 - covers for cozy hands
 - strap two sticks on your feet and swoosh down a hill



CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

Submitted by Stephanie Felz
 For those who may be interested in listening to Christians music or Christian talk radio, here are a few stations you might tune into!

- 90.7 FM (Christian Talk radio)
- 100.1 FM (Christian music)
- 106.7 FM (Christian music)

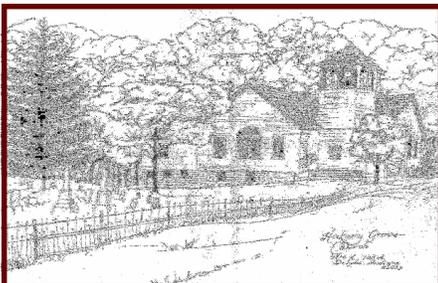


YOUTH GROUP INFO

Submitted by Melanie Campbell
 Youth Group will meet the following Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm at Hickory House: December 6, 13, 20. College-age welcome on December 6th. Meetings will resume January 10.

Winter Reminder: Youth Group will not meet if Delphi and/or Twin Lakes schools are cancelled, release early, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather.

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Have something you want to share...

If you have any minutes to meetings, class party info or anything you think the rest of us might enjoy hearing about, please get it to Amy or Brenda. We can be reached at:

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Sundays in Review...

Did you miss a Sunday recently? No problem, you can now borrow a taped copy of the Sunday service! Copies are made every Sunday to be distributed to Shut-ins or those who were absent for whatever reason. Just contact anyone from the church, and they can get you a copy!

