

Hickory Grove Church

October
2018

Hickory Switch

Upcoming Events

October

2nd-Youth Group
3rd-Women's Fellowship
7th-150th Year Celebration
9th-Youth Group
10th-Golden Agers
10th-Bible Study
11th-Business Meeting
16th-Youth Group
17th-Bible Study
20th-8:00-12:00 Fall Breakfast and Bazaar-Bazaar
24th-Bible Study
30th-Youth Group
31st-Bible Study



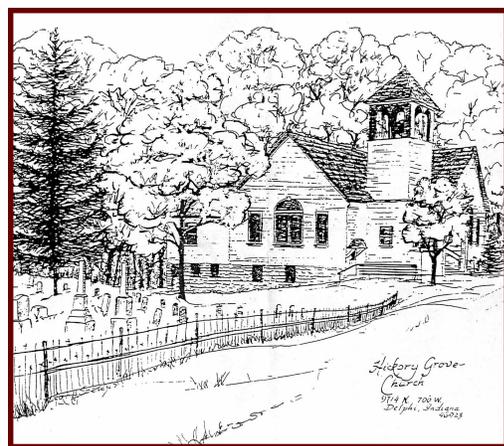
150th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us!

150th Anniversary Celebration to be held October 7, 2018 with Malachi Jagers entertaining us during our morning service and a carry-in lunch following church.

150 years of history....

According to our history records, the original name of our church was Union Christian Church on Rattlesnake, an organization that came into being in 1868. The cemetery just south of the present church building was 50 years old when the church was erected in 1875. A 1913 acetylene light plant explosion set the church on fire and in 1915 the church was remodeled and a basement was placed under most of the building and a large Sunday school room was added.



The Union Christian Church on the Rattlesnake evolved into a New Light Christian Church. In 1931, with the merger of the Congregational Churches, we became Hickory Grove Congregational Christian Church.

The parsonage was built in 1947 and the first full-time pastor was called. In 1951 Wilbur Crowell willed the church Trustees an 80-acre farm. In 1957 the church added a modern kitchen, additional classrooms and restrooms. Stained-glass windows and carpet were later added in 1960.

The Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ, thus we became Hickory Grove United Church of Christ in 1961.

The park located behind the present building includes a shelter house (moved from the Wilbur Crowell Farm), basketball court, playground, footbridges and a dam to convert Rattlesnake Creek into a baptismal pool. We stopped using the creek for baptisms around 2010 when it became hard to keep water contained in the baptism area. We purchased a portable indoor baptismal in which we can bring to the front of the sanctuary when needed.

A handicapped ramp and a parking lot were constructed in 1989 and in 1995 the church basement was remodeled.

On October 7, 2004 we withdrew from the United Church of Christ and became Hickory Grove Church, a non-denominational church. We were blessed with growth, both spiritually and in our membership, and in 2009 we decided to build an addition to the South end of the church. This 20 foot

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 6:30 Youth Group	3 Women's Fellowship	4 Thomas Thompson	5 Lily Jacob Nicholas Schroeder	6 Sarah Felz
7 150th Anniversary Celebration	8	9 Brice Crowel 6:30 Youth Group	10 Golden Agers 7:00 Bible Study	11 Ron & Lonetta Felz Business Meeting	12 Jo White	13
14	15 Sue Armstrong	16 6:30 Youth Group	17 7:00 Bible Study	18	19	20 8:00-12:00 Women's Fellowship Fall Breakfast and Bazaar
21	22	23	24 7:00 Bible Study	25 Bryan & Stephanie Felz	26	27
29 Bud & Arleen Stangle Paul Cotner Luke Jacob	29 Amy White-Spitzer Brenda White-Johns	30 6:30 Youth Group	31 7:00 Bible Study	1 <i>November</i>	2 Bill Chanley	3

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Women's Fellowship-September 5th, 2018

Submitted by Brenda Johns

Women's Fellowship meeting September 5, 2018
President Leisha Hill opened our meeting with prayer. 8 women met at the Birthright facility in Delphi.

We gathered around the table in their front room before taking our tour. Brenda Johns read scripture from Proverbs 17:22. In honor of being at Birthright, each of us gave the names of our children and learned a few things we didn't know about each other.

We then took a tour of the facility. Led by 2 lovely ladies who shared their vision as well as their heart regarding the building and the people they help there. The facility located at 411 Rhinehart in Delphi, right off main street and was a God given miracle to the area. Many from Carroll, Cass and White counties as well as other areas have benefited from their services. They are open Mon-Wed 10-4. When we asked what their immediate need was, they responded that they almost always need size 4 and 5 in diapers as well as toddler size clothes. We agreed to do a baby bottle campaign to give them a monetary donation as well.

Lonetta Felz has started volunteering there and is going to start taking classes to assist in counsel-

ing. Please see Lonetta if you have any questions regarding the Birthright of Delphi organization. Correspondence was read from the White County Food Pantry and Women 2 Women organization for our continued support of their organizations. Brenda Johns will be collecting for the annual Matrix Pregnancy Resource walk a thon to be held September 29th . It is an organization much like Birthright (spoke of above) but it is located in Lafayette.

Leisha Hill and Pat Cotner will work on secret sister reveal to be held in October.

Nominating committee, Vicki Criswell and Brenda Johns, offered new slate of officers: Retaining

President Leisha Hill, Vice President Pat Cotner, Treasurer Vicki Criswell and opened floor for secretary.

Lonetta Felz volunteered and vote was taken to approve these 4 as 2019 officers.

Brenda Johns closed meeting with prayer.

We all brought and swapped sack lunches and shared in fellowship the remainder of the meeting.

Brenda provided drinks.

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expansion, both upper and lower levels, was completed in 2010 and included new men and women restrooms on both floors. The \$250,000 construction project was completely paid for and no debt was incurred. Praise God!

Around 2012, our Youth Group took over what was previously the parsonage and turned it into the "Hickory House". Under wonderful leadership, the youth group has been very successful and witnessed much growth over the years. However, May of 2018 saw many of those youth graduate from high school.

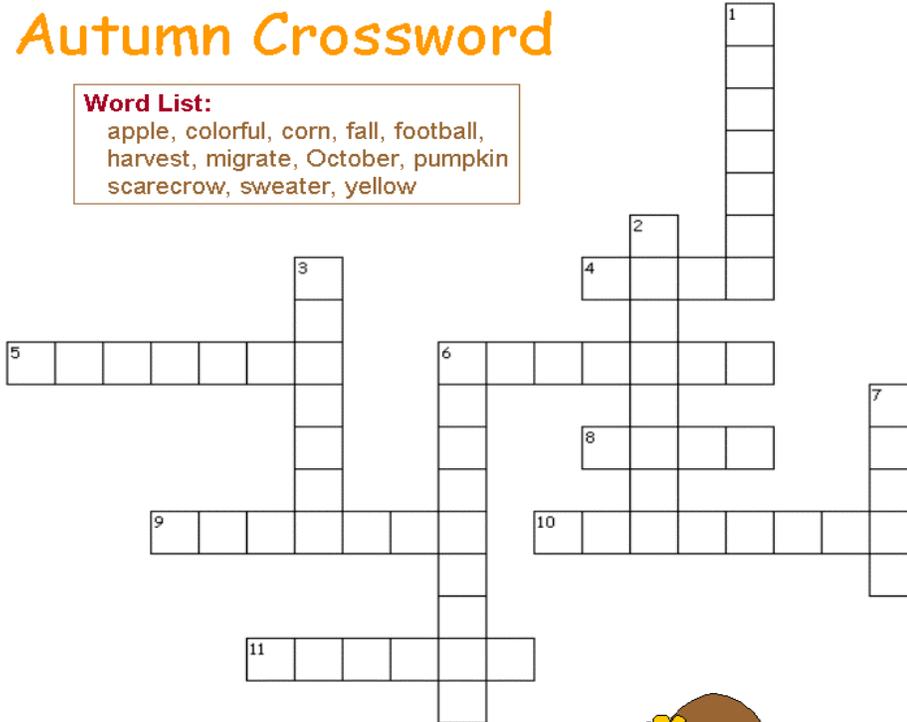
We had many terrific pastors over the years of which we remember fondly. More recent was Ken & Trina Smith who came on full time in 2003. So many wonderful memories of fellowship and working alongside of them. Though we had always been a giving church, Ken helped us to stretch and we started supporting missionaries to Haiti, Guatemala and China as well as many local missions and charities. We learned we couldn't "out give God" as He kept bringing it back to us. We celebrated Ken and Trina's retirement with them on October 1, 2017 with cake and punch in the fellowship hall to say our good bye's. Our Pastor Search committee had already been working on the process of hiring a new pastor for several months. It was not without its challenges but in the end, and as God planned all along, we were blessed with Erick and Donna Riddle. The transition couldn't have gone smoother and they have blended with our congregation so well. We look forward to many years together with them as well as a wonderful future for Hickory Grove Church.

For The Young At Heart

Autumn Crossword

Word List:

apple, colorful, corn, fall, football,
harvest, migrate, October, pumpkin
scarecrow, sweater, yellow


Across

4. A tasty yellow vegetable with kernels.
5. Another word for gathering crops before winter.
6. Something people wear during autumn.
8. Another word for autumn.
9. Many animals do this in the autumn.
10. The way trees look during autumn.
11. One of the colors leaves turn in autumn.

Down

1. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.
2. A sport that starts in autumn.
3. The middle month of autumn.
6. Used to scare birds away from the corn.
7. A crisp, red fruit.



YOUTH GROUP INFO

Submitted by
Melanie Campbell
Youth Group will meet the
following Tuesdays 6:30-
8:00pm at Hickory
House: **October 2nd,
9th, 16th, and 30th**
College-age welcome
on the first Tuesday of each
month. For more infor-
mation contact Melanie
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**Reminder: Youth
Group will not meet if
Delphi and/or Twin
Lakes schools are can-
celled, release early, or
cancel after school ac-
tivities due to inclem-
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Ladies Retreat at The Ark Christian Ministries

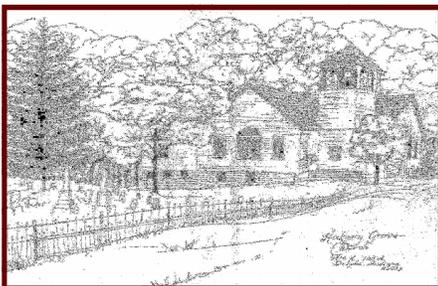
Submitted by Donna Riddle

Ten Hickory Grove women attended the Ladies Retreat at The Ark Christian Ministries on September 14 & 15. The theme of the weekend was "So Be It". Through the main speaker and workshops we were encouraged to surrender our lives BRAVELY to God's call every day. There were pampering sessions, wagon rides for a camp tour and eating, eating, eating!! Sleeping in the cabins was a reminder of the comforts of home and how much laughter can be had when several ladies get together in one place. Everyone is excited to get ready for the retreat next year which is planned for September 13 & 14. Mark your calendars and prepare for a great time!

Golden Agers—September 5th, 2018

Submitted by Violet Hughes

The Golden Agers met at Gary Reedy's home with 17 present. Don Hughes opened with prayer followed by a carry-in lunch. Gary led devotions based on Hebrew 10. He pointed out the importance of the law and prophets. The author of Hebrews states that blood had to be shed on a yearly basis for the forgiveness of sin. It was not a perfect sacrifice, but because of the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ we have been made holy. We want to thank Gary and Teresa for their hospitality. We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon outdoors with a nice breeze. Our next meeting will be October 10, 2018 at the home of Helen Hanna.



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side of the road!

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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!

