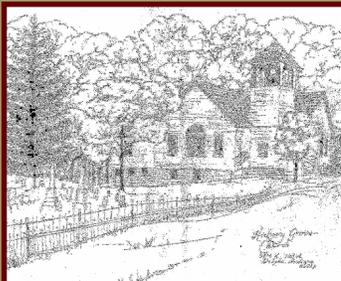


# Hickory Grove Church

# Hickory Switch

December  
2018



## Upcoming Events

## December

- 1 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- 2 – Mission Possible
- 5 – Women's Fellow
- 8 – Craft Day
- 9—10:00 AM Christmas Program with Punch and Cookies following service
- 9 – Christmas in the Park 5:30-7PM
- 15 – Emmaus Christmas Dinner & Bingo
- 16—3:30 Lakeview Nursing Home Church Service
- 24—10:00PM Christmas Eve Service



## Hickory Switch Announcement

Amy and Brenda are retiring from preparing the Hickory Switch. As I recall Pastor Herm Fisher was the one who started the Hickory Switch newsletter back in the 70's during his years as our Pastor. Della Dill picked it up for a good many years after that and I believe we have been doing it for around 10 years. I'm sure there were many others who've helped with it over the years. It was an honor to follow those who went before us and we look forward to what the next people will do with it! Please send future items you want in the Hickory Switch to [hickorygrove@ytci.com](mailto:hickorygrove@ytci.com)



## A Moment To Spur



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (Hebrews 10:24)

From  
Erick Riddle  
Pastor



Prince George

I remember how the whole world was waiting breathlessly for the birth of Prince George in 2013. He was the firstborn son of Prince Harry and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge.

It is impossible to exaggerate the attention this birth received--before, during, and after. It was a feeding frenzy for the news media. The number of reporters competing for every imaginable scrap of news about it must have been like the Old Testament plague of the locusts with reporters desperately scraping London for a news story. It was an obsession.

This was the birth of a king.

With things taking their natural course, this baby will one day be the King of England.

It is rather a hollow position, holding primarily ceremonial and diplomatic duties, with the governing functions being the role of Parliament and a Prime Minister.

Still, the British monarchy has captured the fascination of the world.

Every aspect of Prince George's birth was extremely formal--programmed and formatted by the traditions of royalty.

Compare this recent birth of a king to the birth of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as it is recorded in Luke 2:4-7.

Both births were anticipated and celebrated, but in very different ways. Jesus was born to a betrothed peasant couple far away from home in Bethlehem where they had come to be counted in the census and pay their taxes. Jesus was born in a place for animals--without

ceremony or formality or instantaneous worldwide news.

With a few exceptions, Jesus' birth went largely unnoticed throughout Israel and the Roman Empire.

Rather than following a stiff tradition, angels appeared to shepherds near Bethlehem, announcing Jesus' birth. The shepherds did not have press passes or mobile satellite links. They were filled with excitement and told everyone who would listen about the birth of the King.

Prince George inspired curiosity for a few weeks. King Jesus not only inspires, he saves souls for all eternity. And HIS reign will never end.

### Revelation 11:15

*The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:*

*"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."*



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# December '18

## Hickory Grove Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
2  Mission Impossible	3  Sara McManus	4  Jo Dill  Youth Group	5  Mark Smerdel  Women's Fellowship	6  Gloria Wharff	7	8  Joe Schwartz  Craft Day
9  10:00 AM Christmas Program  Christmas in the Park 5:30-7:00 PM	10	11  Nancy Jacobs  Youth Group	12	13	14  Jennifer Crowl Jim Pickett Audie Bowman	15  Kenny & Judy Miller Dan Foerman  Emmaus Christmas Dinner & Bingo
16  Don & Violet Hughes	17	18  Youth Group	19	20	21	22  Jackie Schroeder
23	24  Gary Lantz Paul & Pat Cotner  10:00PM Christmas Eve Service	25  John Bowlin	26	27  Chuck & Sara McManus	28	29
30  Mary Ann Smerdel	31	1  Martin & Donna Lewellen	2  	3	4	5
<i>January</i>						

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## Women's Fellowship-November 7th, 2018

Submitted by Brenda Johns

Women's Fellowship November 7, 2018

President Leisha Hill opened meeting with prayer. Refreshments were provided by Lonetta Felz. Vicki Criswell passed cards to be signed for college students, sick and shut-ins.

Brenda Johns gave report secretary report. There was a correction made to 2nd to last paragraph where a partial sentence was omitted. It should have read "Ruth Crawn motioned that we accept slate of officers as presented". Gloria Wharff motioned that minutes be accepted as corrected. Donna Riddle 2nd motion. Vote taken and motion carried.

Treasure report was read by Vicki Criswell with a balance of \$1,323.64 at November 1, 2018. The fall bazaar brought in \$907 and the brunch netted \$231 for a total of \$1,138.00.

Material aid committee reported that the Birthright baby bottle fundraiser brought in \$1,026.70 and a few bottles were still coming in. Lonetta reported on Birthright's amazement at how much was given to them and were very appreciative of the blessing. A thank you was read from Carroll Manor for the pillow cases we provided. A thank you was also shared from Linda Harmon at Women 2 Women for our support of them.

Emmaus Christmas Dinner was discussed. Emmaus

confirmed (after the meeting) that December 15th was open for us that night for dinner and bingo. Vicki Criswell motioned that we no longer purchase individual gifts and Angie Altman 2nd motion. Vote taken and motion carried. This was determined because we often don't know how many kids, sizes and whether the children wear the clothes, pajama's purchased due to individual style preferences. We will ask for donations of stuffed animals along with our usual bingo prizes. The menu will remain similar to prior years and Lonetta will provide a sign up sheet in back of sanctuary.

We collected Thank Offering at this meeting. Pat Cotner read devotions from Matthew 7:15 about False Prophets and she chose roll call of our favorite pie. 12 women were present. Donna Riddle won the door prize this month.

Brenda Johns motioned that we give \$300 to both the White and Carroll County Food Pantries. Angie Altman 2nd motion. Vote taken and motion carried.

Remember to bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies to December meeting. Brenda will have drinks and bring the left right game for those wanting to participate in Christmas ornament game. If you do, please bring wrapped ornament of approximate \$5 value or less.

Brenda closed meeting with prayer.

## Golden Agers

Submitted by Violet Hughes

The Golden Agers met at Esmeralda's on November 7 with 12 present. Pastor Erick and Gary Reedy led in a discussion for a larger Sunday School classroom. Plans are being made for the removal of a wall between 2 smaller classrooms and to add a small cabinet for storage. Don Hughes offered prayer before lunch. After lunch, Bob Toby gave devotions on the comparison of Bible translations. No matter which translation you prefer, it is important to read your Bible daily. We ended our meeting with each person telling about something they are thankful for. Our next meeting will be December 5<sup>th</sup> at noon at Esmeralda's. Ann Bowman will give devotions.

## CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS

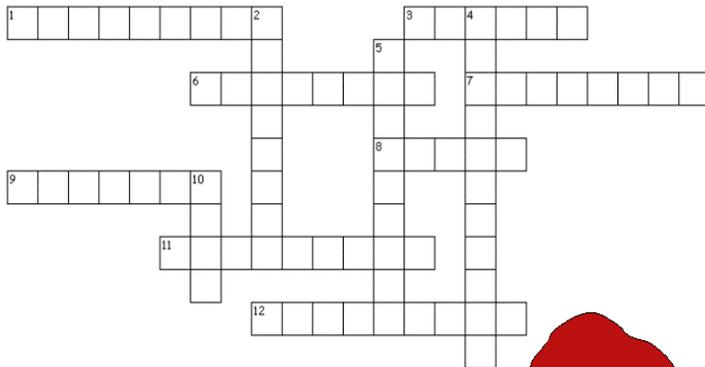
Submitted by Stephanie Felz  
For those who may be interested in listening to Christians music or Christian talk radio, here are a few stations you might tune into!

90.7 FM (Christian Talk radio)  
100.1 FM (Christian music)  
88.9 FM (Christian music)



# For The Young At Heart

## Christmas Crossword



**Across**

- 1. Pretty baubles to hang on the Christmas tree.
- 3. Guardians who announce the good news.
- 6. Wrapped with love.
- 7. Jolly old Saint \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8. Dasher, dancer, prancer, vixen, \_\_\_\_\_, cupid, donner, blitzen
- 9. Warm snacks for Santa.
- 11. Sweet and red and white.
- 12. We wish you a merry \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

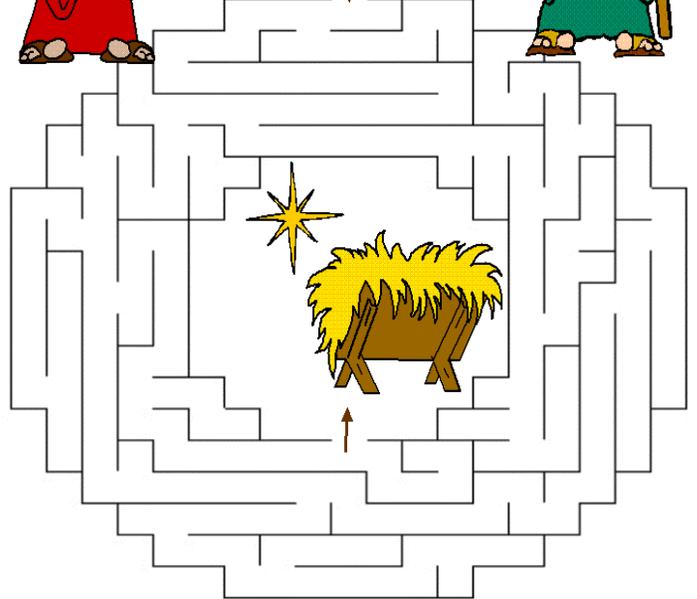
- 2. Keeper of the flocks.
- 4. House made of sweet treats.
- 5. The \_\_\_\_\_ were hung by the chimney with care.
- 10. Bright light marks the way.



## Christmas Maze



Help the wise men find the manger.



### Hope Is Here Christmas Concert With Malachi Jagers

Join us for a time of listening to the sounds of the season as Malachi Jagers reminds us that the birth of Jesus provides hope for all of us during this special time of year!



**Date:** Sunday Dec. 2nd      **Time:** 4:00PM

**Location:** Monon United Methodist Church  
501 N. Market Street, Monon, In

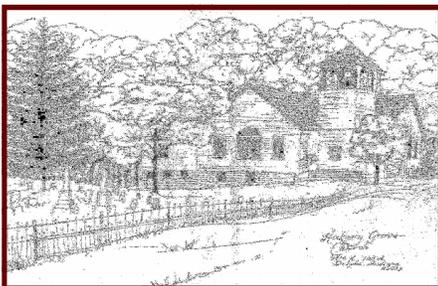
**Tickets:** \$10 Presale      \$12 at the door

Tickets on sale at  
**Monon United Methodist Church 219-253-6466**

### YOUTH GROUP INFO

Submitted by  
Melanie Campbell  
Youth Group will meet the following Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm at Hickory House: **December 4th, 11th and 18th** College-age welcome on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Melanie Campbell [hickoryhouse46923@gmail.com](mailto:hickoryhouse46923@gmail.com) or (574) 601-8189.

**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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## Cards and Visits

People who may appreciate your cards, prayers and visits:

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### College Students

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## In Your Moment of Need...



In your moment of  
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### Or one of our Deacons:

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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 submit it to  
[hickorygrove@ytci.com](mailto:hickorygrove@ytci.com)

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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!

