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This Is My Body

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance forever. . .and when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the Lord’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt when he slew the Egyptians but spared our houses.’”

Exodus 12.14, 26-27

In the story of Exodus the last of the plagues God strikes Egypt with is the plague of death upon the first-born of Egypt. Through Moses God tells the Israelites living in Egypt to mark their doorways with lamb’s blood. By this the angel of death sees them and *passes them by* in the judgment. This was the first Passover which the memorial meal remembers and honors.

It is this Passover that Jesus celebrates with his disciples on the night of his arrest. Jesus specifically, bluntly, connects himself with God’s Passover for Israel. Here is what Jesus says:

“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. . .and he took the bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them saying, ‘This is my body which is given for you’”. Matthew 22.14,19

Jesus is saying he is the Passover. He is the lamb God offers to spare His people. It’s his blood. Now, we Protestants have heard this many times and we take from it our little inspirational nugget, as we tend to do, and we say, “Well, this is a symbol and it inspires us to feel that Christ is with us. *Pause.* He didn’t mean that it was *really his body and blood.*”

Let’s ask Jesus what he meant. (*continued pg. 2*)

“Truly I say to you unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” John 6.53-54

The crowd of people, people who had been following him, were so upset that they left him then and there. They didn't think he was just talking in symbols or “being spiritual”. Now, I'm not making an argument for transubstantiation here (the literal changing of bread and wine into flesh and blood). What I am saying is that when we talk in symbolic terms only we are missing out on the forceful truth of what Jesus is saying. If we glean our spiritual nugget then we are settling for a little nice thought, a mental assent at best to the great Passover who is Jesus Christ, Son of Man, Son of God.

What is offered to us is God Himself in human flesh – “Here is my body.”

Our appropriate response, *the only appropriate response*, is for us to say, “Yes, Lord, thank you! Here is my body. I'm not just giving my passive agreement. I'm presenting myself to you. This is *my* body. Do with me what you will. You died for me. I live for you.”

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a profoundly physical act. You can't just think it. You've got to do it. You've got to move your body and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in you. It is a picture of the rest of our lives of following Jesus as His disciples.

We do this at church the first Sunday of every month. You should come do it with us.

In Christ,

Rev. Rich Morris



Children's Ministry News



*Psalm 106:1
"Praise the Lord!
Give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
his love endures
forever"*

We lift up praises to the Lord for how He moved through this year's Vacation Bible School. We were able to touch the lives of 88 children through this fantastic week and raise \$658.00 for the "No Strings Attached – GOD" mission, to purchase needed items for local homeless families. The church was overflowing with joy & kids had a blast engaging in the message that God is a friend who loves them & wants to have a relationship with them. Thank you church family, for supporting our VBS mission & helping to give our kids the greatest gift, a

friendship with Jesus.

In addition, a special word of thanks was deeply expressed by Synago 31st Street House of Worship. They are a small church who will be receiving our VBS program to



SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

This summer our Children's Church is taking on a different schedule to enable our team to take some well-deserved time of rest. Children preschool through those who have completed kindergarten are meeting in the Ocean Room. Kids who have completed 1st through 4th grade will gather in the Jungle Room, and children who have completed 5th & 6th grade are invited to join our amazing youth kids and leaders in the upstairs of the church house to make new connections and learn about our Savior.

Full classroom schedules will open back up in September.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR

Dinner, Missions & Movie Night

Join us for this church & community-wide event as we share a meal together, create care packs for local teachers, & enjoy an outdoor film together.

AUG 24, 2024 | 6PM
CHURCH PAVILLION

Let's support & encourage our teachers!



What to expect?

A FUN NIGHT WITH FRIENDS!

We will share a meal together around 6:00PM, followed by creating care packs for our local teachers as they head into the school year. This is a beautiful opportunity to pour out love to those who care for our community children. Finally, we will end the evening with a short film under the stars.

For more information please contact
office@hickschurch.org

Announcements

FAITH NIGHT AT THE CURVE.

Are you looking to have a fun night out with the Church Family? Faith Night at the Curve is August 18th at 6 P.M. Tickets will be box office pick up this year. The more tickets purchased, the lower the cost. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk by Sunday, August 4th.

ELLEN YARNELL MEMORIAL RUN.

The HASD is sponsoring a memorial run/walk for Ellen Yarnell to benefit their AEVIDUM program and the Cross Country team to honor Ellen's love of running. It will be held on Saturday, August 17th at 8:00am at the Hollidaysburg Senior High School. The run/walk is open to all ages. Registration information will be available next week.

LAPS FOR LIAM.

The 6th annual Laps for Liam will be held on Saturday, August 17th from 11am-3pm at the Altoona Curve field. To register for this event, go to Lovefromliamfoundation.org. Once on the site, click on 'shop' to choose the team you would like to support.



Ben Marney	June 6	Ryan Lucas	July 1	Briana Albrano	Aug. 1
Chase Link	June 7	Dewayne Newman	July 3	Karen Gardner	Aug. 1
Nora Kremer	June 8	John Smith	July 5	Maxine Slagle	Aug. 3
Rowan Sell	June 8	Brittany Good	July 6	Betty Sensabaugh	Aug. 5
Lloyd Forshey	June 9	Jean Rupp	July 8	Ryleigh Wright	Aug. 7
Lilah Zupon	June 9	Anthony Destefano II	July 9	Adelyn Nelson	Aug. 8
Gavyn Jones	June 10	Catherine Newman	July 10	Laura Wallace	Aug. 9
Madison Lucas	June 12	Richard Zimmerman	July 11	Carol Faust	Aug. 13
Connie Morris	June 12	Susan Cameron	July 13	Karrey Plowman	Aug. 13
Caden Downer	June 13	Tabetha Zupon	July 13	Nicky Robison	Aug. 13
Liam Dugan	June 13	Carol Corbin	July 14	Tori Acker	Aug. 14
Caitlyn Nelson	June 14	Jacob Dick	July 14	Denise Catherman	Aug. 15
Alexis Walters	June 14	Joanne Neely	July 14	Jacob Rinier	Aug. 15
Nancy Temple	June 16	Darrell Seymour	July 14	Katie Guise	Aug. 18
Dolores Hendrickson	June 17	Mary Johnsonbaugh	July 16	Rick Zupon	Aug. 18
Carolee Magnetti	June 17	Tabitha Smith	July 16	Luella England	Aug. 19
Gabi Ross	June 18	Andy Cameron	July 17	Edward Jackson	Aug. 19
Bonnie Cramer	June 19	Shae Biesinger	July 19	Muriel Woomer	Aug. 24
Mike Biesinger	June 20	Clare Burk	July 19	Craig Bathurst	Aug. 25
T.J. Franks	June 20	Samuel Brannock	July 20	Lydia Cidor	Aug. 25
Ethan Gardner	June 21	Laura Ford	July 20	Brian Dodson	Aug. 26
Kerrie LeCrone	June 23	Mia Lucas	July 20	Sam Dunkle	Aug. 27
Joy Bell	June 24	Maria McCorrison	July 20	Alayah King	Aug. 28
Connie Frazier	June 26	William Cramer	July 21	Jeromy Ross	Aug. 28
Walt Kratzer	June 26	Della Latoche	July 21	Paul Fogle	Aug. 29
Reagan LeCrone	June 29	Alannah Laird	July 25	Cynthia McCorrison	Aug. 29
Anna Zelem	June 29	Mia LeCrone	July 27	Phyllis Collins	Aug. 30
		Rich Monahan	July 21		

Help us Celebrate everyone's Birthday! Please consider filling out the Church Directory form.



Church Directory Information

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Numbers: _____

Emails: _____

Your Birthday: _____ Spouse Birthday: _____ Wedding Anniversary: _____

Children's Names & Birthdates

May we put your information in the public church directory?

Yes ___ No ___ Yes, but only a portion of my information _____

If we acquire any photographs from church events with you or your family members, may we have your permission to publish them to our website or social media pages?

Yes ___ No ___

**** If you have already filled this form out, you DO NOT need to fill it out again.**

Hicks Memorial Methodist Church Staff

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- Chelsey Dick, Church Secretary & Nursery Coordinator
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