

## Praise & Prayer Request

Families of Claire & Trey Ginn and Kimberly & Chris Petersen  
 Marjorie Thompson Nana Brown  
 Barbara Butler Dan Geddie  
 Alan Sparks & Sheila Sparks  
 Guerry Taylor Jimmy Hinson  
 Hibben UMC Stephen Ministry Program

You can contact the Prayer Team directly for prayer concerns and/or join them via Zoom on Wednesday @ 2:30 p.m. You can contact Terry Lupo at [terry@lupofamily.org](mailto:terry@lupofamily.org) or call the church office. Anyone that is interested in joining is welcome!

## Florence Crittenton

An ongoing mission of Hibben is support for Florence Crittenton Home where young pregnant women come to have their babies. The following items below are needed and cash donations can be made through Hibben. If you have questions about other items, please call Donna Johnson at (336) 404-6734.

Diapers	New slippers
Wipes	New robes
Formula	New socks
New baby clothes	New large bath towels
New blankets	New stuffed animals
	New baby toys/books
	New yoga pants/sweatshirts/t-shirts M-XXL

## Operation Christmas Child

The OCC team would like to thank everyone for their generosity, dedication and support with help packing shoeboxes this year. So far the total of Gospel Opportunities from Hibben is 1278. That is AMAZING! God is GOOD!

## Hibben's Weekly Schedule

\*Sunday - 9:15 Sunday School for all ages  
 \*Sunday - 10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary  
 \*Sunday - Sonshine Singers (children/youth) immediately following worship.  
 \*Sunday - 5:00 Youth Group CLLC  
 \*Tuesday - 11:00 Women's online connection/support group.  
 Contact: Elaine Niebauer 704-608-1339  
 \*Wednesday - 10:30 Women's Bible Study - library.  
 Contact: Sharon Thompson 843-367-9779.  
 \*Wednesday - 6:00 Slowskies Bible Study - Conference Room or via Zoom. Contact: Guerry Taylor 843-729-8101.  
 \*Wednesday - 6:15 Hibben Ringers Practice  
 \*Wednesday - 7:30 Choir Practice

## Little Free Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of Hibben's pantries. Our boxes are always in use. Please be on the lookout for the following items:

Peanut butter	Canned chicken
Grape jelly	Canned tuna
Chef Boyardee	Vienna sausages
Canned items with pop tops	

\*\*Please remember that anyone can stock the pantry.\*\*



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to find all the links from this bulletin.

Realm is an interactive church portal that is used by staff and ministry groups for communication, as well as a way to set up online giving. Once you have become active in the ministry at Hibben United Methodist Church, you may request an invitation to sign up by emailing [thaigler@hibbenumc.org](mailto:thaigler@hibbenumc.org).



### Attendance & Giving - November 26, 2023

Stephen Ministers serve because no one should have to suffer alone.	10:30 Morning Worship	
	In Person	154
	Online - households	26
	2023 General Budget	\$870,718.00
	Needed Each Week	\$16,744.58
	Received last week (Operations)	\$8207.00
	Received last week (Miscellaneous)	\$711.75
	Online Giving: <a href="http://hibbenumc.org/give">hibbenumc.org/give</a>	

If you need a Stephen Minister please call the church office for assistance. 843-884-9761

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Hibben United Methodist Church

December 3, 2023

## Holiday Schedule

- \*December 3 - First Sunday of Advent
- \*December 9 - Gift Hope
- \*December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent  
 Children's Christmas Musical
- \*December 15 - Emmet Cahill Concert
- \*December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent  
 Christmas Cantata
- \*December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve Services  
 10:30 - Regular Worship Service

5:00 - Family Service

7:30 - Candlelight and Communion

DECEMBER 3, 2023

**Prelude** Jesús Toro

**Gathering and Welcome** Rev. Sara White

Please fill out the pew pads to let us know you are here.

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** The Morris Family

**\*Hymn** UMH 211

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
vs. (1-3)

**Children's Moment** Rev. Katie Brock

**Anthem** by: McDonald

*In A Manger*  
Chancel Choir

**Old Testament Lesson** Rev. Katie Brock

Isaiah 64: 1-9

**The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Call**

Online Giving

Visit our website at [hibbenumc.org/give](http://hibbenumc.org/give) for all our giving information.  
For questions please contact the church office.

**Offertory** arr: Getty

*In The Bleak Midwinter*  
Marian Holladay

**\*Gospel Lesson** Rev. Katie Brock

Mark 13: 28-29; 32-37

**\*The Baptismal Formula of the Apostle's Creed**

**Sermon** Rev. Sara White

*Keep Awake*

**\*Hymn** UMH 242

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

**Prayer of Confession**

L: Our sins go with us and weigh us until we stumble and fall ...

**All: God with us, Emmanuel; we confess that you can seem far away; seeming to be hidden when we need you near. In hurt, doubt and fear we do not try to draw closer to you; instead we pull away from our neighbor, even those we love and from you. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us. Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins faded and hope restored. Help us to continue to watch for you for we know that we belong to you, and in your hands we are made new.**

L: The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to...

**All: Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord for it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: God of power and glory, we remember your awesome deeds across...

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: In the gift of Jesus Christ you have renewed a world grown weary...

**The Words of Institution**

**The Prayers of the Holy Spirit**

**The Giving of the Bread and Cup**

**The Prayer After Receiving**

**\*Hymn** UMH 218

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*  
vs. 1&4

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Sara White

L: Beware. Keep alert. Keep awake. God is doing awesome things that...

**All: And Christ is coming near...with power, glory and tenderness. Amen.**

**\*Postlude** Jesús Toro

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our 11th wedding anniversary by Kristen & Keith Rising.*

## Children and Youth

### Christmas Musical

December 10 at 10:30 during Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

### Children's Ministry Needs

\*Old fake Christmas trees for our Christmas Program.

\*Our Amazon Wish list (QR code) for ways to help.

\*We also need many pool noodles- new or used for VBS this summer.

## YOUTH NEWS

12/10 - Christmas Party at the Parsonage 5:00-7:30

12/17 - James Island Lights 5:00-7:30

2/16 - 2/19 - Lake Junaluska Youth Retreat

### Preschool Enrollment

Hibben preschool enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. We are in priority 1 registration for currently enrolled students and their siblings. Enrollment for Hibben church members and previously enrolled families is open. You can find registration paperwork on the website or email [preschool@hibbenumc.org](mailto:preschool@hibbenumc.org) for a copy.

### Donations In Lieu of Poinsettias

We will not be ordering poinsettias for Christmas this year. If you would like to give a monetary donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please drop in the offering plate, drop by office, or mail to Hibben. The deadline for the donations will be Dec.17. The list of donors and recipients will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Women's Christmas Advent Dinner

December 7 @ 6:00 in the CLLC; Bring a covered dish. A sign-up is now available through the QR code or you can sign up on the Women's Bulletin Board. Please contact Heidi Mortimer if you need a ride at (843) 412-6856.

### Gift Hope

Please plan to join us on the lawn Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11am-2pm. Gift Hope gives you the opportunity to give back while checking names off your holiday shopping list. A website with more

information and organizations will be available this week. Spread the word - invite your friends!

### Lunch Bunch

Celebrate Christmas at Burton's on Thursday, Dec 14 @ 11:30. Wear your bows and bells and please join the lunch bunch!

### Emmet Cahill

Save the date: December 15 @ 7:30 pm, join us for an Emmet Cahill Christmas concert featuring our Chancel Choir! Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family!

**TICKETS** - Tickets are available for purchase online. Follow the link in the QR code to purchase. If needed, help with ticket purchases will be available today, December 3 in the Narthex

### Women's Retreat

April 19-21 2024; Women's retreat at St. Christopher on Seabrook Island. Details to follow.

## Ministry & Mission Opportunities

### SEAFARERS

Again this year, the Seafarers will be distributing "Christmas At Sea" boxes to more than 3,800 visiting seamen and women at the ports of Charleston. For many of these people the Christmas box you pack will be the only present they receive this year. Empty boxes and packing instructions are available on the bench in the missions corner in the office lobby.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

A new Stephen Ministry Training Class is set to begin! The Stephen Minister training that we periodically offer here at Hibben focuses on the caregiving skills Stephen Ministers will use in their caregiving relationships. Stephen Ministers provide one to one care for those who are experiencing loneliness, death of a loved one, retirement changes, loss of a job, an empty nest, the birth of a child, hospitalization, divorce, grief, terminal illness, being a shut in, a spiritual crisis and more. Training is only offered every two years and it starts January 7th. If you are feeling a call to this ministry, applications are available in the church office and should be returned to the church by Dec 15th.