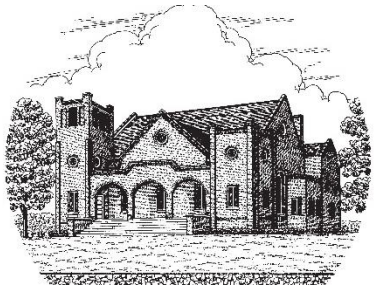
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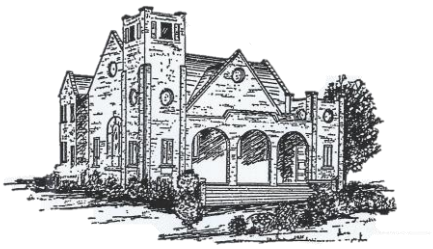
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NEWS AROUND THE GROVE

November 2026

Hedrick's Grove Reformed
United Church of Christ



Join us Sunday morning

at

9:45 for Sunday School

10:45 for Worship Service

or

any day online

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Hello Church Family!

One of the things that I have had to do this month was tell my God story. I thought that I would include it here for you. My goal is twofold: I want to encourage you by sharing with you one of the ways that God spoke to me in a way that was impactful and personal. I also hope this will encourage you to think about and write your own God story. How has God spoken to you? What are the ways that He reveals Himself to you? There are so many different ways that God speaks to us. It can be difficult understanding how He speaks, but God is never silent. I hope this story encourages you in your walk with the Lord.
I grew up in the church as a pastor's kid. There has never been a time when God wasn't in my life in some way. I was saved at the age of five and continued to serve and grow in the church. I began serving the Lord by waking up early with my dad and cleaning the bathrooms prior to the church service. We hosted church in a school auditorium at that time. I grew up with a focus on living a life of service to the Lord. I learned the different ways to serve and how to meet the many needs of a church. I was blessed to be able to watch my father work for the Gospel. This is where I learned that living a life of ministry is really a lifestyle, not a job. I began asking difficult questions about doctrine and covenant theology during my late teens and college years. This moved me to dig into theology and shifted the trajectory of my life.

I began pursuing education in biblical studies. I worked as an EMT when I was in college. I was questioning my call at the time. I arrived on scene to a family that was in a place of hurt. I remember a young girl looking around to the adults. Her father was dying. Her mother was laughing and relieved that she could finally move on from her husband. The child's mother and her boyfriend were openly mocking her husband in front of everyone. The little girl's grandmother was angry at her mother for abandoning both her husband and child in their time of need. The devastation and pain that I saw on her face will haunt me for the rest of my life. I jumped into the back of the ambulance with the child's father. He immediately passed out from exhaustion. I grabbed my Bible and began praying to God about the situation. I asked God why. I knew that God could cause change and healing in their life. The man was only 33, and he was dying. The family was in such disorder and pain, but I knew that God could have transformed their lives. Why hadn't someone told them about You? I wanted to know why. He said in a still, small voice, "Someone should have been there to tell them about Me. Don't you want to be there? Don't you want to go for Me?" Immediately the image of Isaiah came to my mind and I replied, "Yes, Lord. I want to go for You."

This was one moment out of several that led me to pursue God's calling. God doesn't always speak to me like this. Sometimes its circumstances, many times it's through other people who receive God's wisdom. God has a calling for each one of us. None are any less important than others. What is important is that we submit to God in our calling and work. I hope this has been able to be an encouragement to you. I also hope that it encourages you to write your own God story. You may live to be 100 or you may only live to be 33. The amount of time we have doesn't matter as much as how we choose to use it.

> Isaiah 6:4-9:[4] At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. [5] "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." [6] Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7] With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." [8] Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" [9] He said, "Go and tell this people…"

May you find a way to shine your light so that others can see Christ reflected in you.

Foster Carney
PASTOR

I am not a miracle worker,
but I can lead you to someone who is.



Nov 1: Bill & Wonda Frank

Nov 8: Doug & Lisa Younts

Nov 15: Paula Farmer & Renee Byerly

Nov 22: Joyce & Monty Oliver

Nov 29: Women's Fellowship

A sign-up sheet to provide Altar Flowers is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, **November 1**, to discuss the 2027 proposed budget and the nominations for elders, deacons, and trustee.

Nominees were as follows:



Elders: Shane Barnes
Jeremy Clodfelter

Deacons: Bryan Beck
Holly Poplin

Trustee: Johnny McCarn

A **Congregational Vote** will be held on Sunday, **November 15**.





The women will be selling hotdogs and having a bake sale at the BBQ Chicken Fundraiser. If you are interested in donating baked goods, please have them at the church by Saturday, November 7.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RAFFLE



- ✯ Picture of Jesus painted and donated by LeAnn Collett
- ✯ Quilt make and donated by Lisa Younts
- ✯ Mystery Box

Items are on display in the entryway of the educational building along with raffle tickets for purchase. The drawing will be held on November 7 during the BBQ Chicken Fundraiser.

The Women's Fellowship is seeking help to ensure our local school children will have a Merry Christmas! ❤



Please contribute a special love offering on November 8 or November 15.

Contact Lucy Beck (336) 596-0569 if you would like to shop for a special child.

Cards will be available for selection on November 22.



On Sunday, November 22, please place non-perishable food items on the steps of the Sanctuary for us to share with families in need this Thanksgiving!

I wish to place a poinsettia(s) in the church during the Christmas Season. $15.00 each

☐ **Red** QTY _____

☐ **White** QTY _____

Total QTY_____ **X $15.00 = $**_____

Please complete this form and give it to Lucy Beck along with your payment, cash or check, made out to Women's Fellowship by Sunday, November 22. Or you may leave it in her mailbox. Do NOT put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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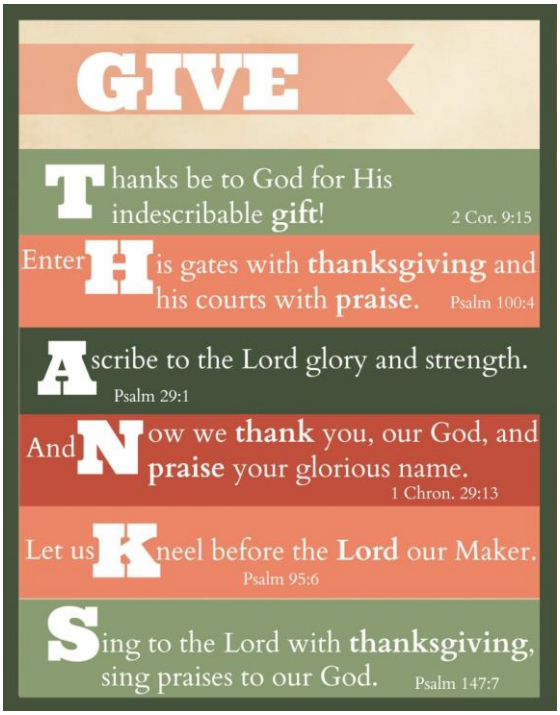
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CALLING ALL ELVES!
Men and women, you're needed Monday, November 23, to help decorate the church, 9 AM.





NOVEMBER 2026 CALENDAR



Sunday	Nov	1	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Nov	1	10:45 AM	Worship, Congregational Meeting on the 2027 Budget and Consistory Nominations
Sunday	Nov	1	3 PM	Pickleball
Monday	Nov	2	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Nov	2	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	Nov	3	7 PM	Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	4	6 PM	Young Adults Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	4	6:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	4	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov	5	7 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Saturday	Nov	7	11 AM – 5 PM	BBQ Chicken Fundraiser
Sunday	Nov	8	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Nov	8	10:45 AM	Worship
Sunday	Nov	8	3 PM	Pickleball
Monday	Nov	9	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Nov	9	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	11		Happy Veterans Day
Wednesday	Nov	11	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov	12	7 PM	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Sunday	Nov	15	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Nov	15	10:45 AM	Worship, Congregational Vote
Sunday	Nov	15	Following Worship	Youth Fellowship Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser
Monday	Nov	16	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Nov	16	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	18	6 PM	Young Adults Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	18	6:30 PM	Grove Friends Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	18	6:30 PM	Youth Fellowship Meal & Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	18	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Nov	19	7 PM	Consistory
Sunday	Nov	22	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Nov	22	10:45 AM	Worship
Sunday	Nov	22	6 PM	Men's Brotherhood Meal & Meeting
Monday	Nov	23	9 AM	Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season
Monday	Nov	23	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Nov	23	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Wednesday	Nov	25	7 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesday	Nov	25	Office Closed	
Thursday	Nov	26	Office Closed	Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday	Nov	29	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	Nov	29	10:45 AM	Woship
Monday	Nov	30	6 PM	Cub Scout Meeting
Monday	Nov	30	7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting







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News for Next Month

Please electronically submit information, by November 15, for December's newsletter to the office email address: office@hgrucc.org

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The Reverend David L. Crook

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final thoughts…

"Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."
~Isaiah 41:10