

## THE HICKORY FLAT CHURCH DECLARATION

Hickory Flat United Methodist Church exists to:  
**Glorify God, Follow Christ, Lead others to Christ.**

- We will **Glorify God** in all we do –

1 Corinthians 10:31 – “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the *glory of God.*”

Philippians 1:9-11 – “And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the *glory and praise of God.*”

Every thing we do, every word we say, every breath we breathe is meant to Glorify God.

- We will **Follow Christ** in all we do –

1 Corinthians 11:1 – “Follow my example, as I *follow the example of Christ.*”

Romans 15:5 – “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you *follow Christ Jesus*”

Following Christ means that we **acknowledge** him as our leader. We **commit** ourselves to follow Christ. As the good shepherd we **trust** Christ to lead us. We **ACT** as followers of Christ.

- We will **Lead Others to Christ** –

Matthew 28:19-20 – “Go therefore and *make disciples of all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, *so that everyone who believes in him* may not perish but may have eternal life.”

- We will be **INTENTIONAL** in Sharing God’s Love.

- We will **NOTICE** the needs of the world around us and respond to those needs following God’s instructions to Love one another.

- We will be **VIGILANT** in the way we live and always seek ways to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world today.

- We will be **INTERESTED** in the lives of people around us, those we know and those we do not yet know.

- We will take every opportunity to **TELL** others about Jesus’ Love and how Jesus’ Love has changed our lives.

- We will live our lives as **EXAMPLES** of Jesus’ Love in the world today!

- We will lead others to Christ as we **INVITE** people to follow Jesus. Through our invitations we will lead others to discover a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and welcome them to be a part of the Christian Community at Hickory Flat.