

## OTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:



### PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE

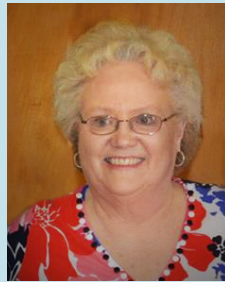
Thank you for investing in the future of Hixson UMC! Additional funds can help us ensure the future church will not be burdened with debt. You may designate your gift to either of these:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile (to reduce the Building Debt)
- Organ Maintenance



### HONOR THE PAST — *Building Preservation Fund*

Several of our wonderful facilities built by those who came before us are in need of restoration. Your pledge to this fund will honor our past and will help us continue to nurture Christians and spread God's love to our surrounding community!



Music has always been a part of my life. When my husband and I joined the HUMC family last year, I was trusting that I would find a place to connect through music. I found that connection when I joined both the Chancel and Handbell Choirs. The music director and members of both choirs welcomed me into their groups and allowed me to join with them in praise and thanksgiving to our Lord through music. The greatest blessing in life to me is nearness to the Lord and I am so thankful to cultivate that nearness through music.

*I look forward to proclaiming "How Great Thou Art" for many days ahead with my musical family at Hixson United Methodist Church.*

SHIRLEY SMITH



# Narrative BUDGET — 2018 —

Hixson United Methodist Church







## SERVE THE PRESENT — General Ministry Budget

This proposed budget serves our ever growing membership and community. Thank you for sending in your pledge and for your continued support of the ministries of our church! Here are just a few ways your giving is impacting the lives of children, students, and adults in our congregation, our community, and our world:



## BECAUSE OF YOUR *Giving...*

Jean Max Goudet was a resident at the Child of Purpose orphanage run by Reach Haiti and supported by Hixson UMC. In the six years we've known him, we've been able to see him grow into an adult and graduate from ministry school this year. Jean Max is now the Reach Network Coordinator for pastors and churches in Haiti, traveling and doing powerful ministry.



I've worked in Children's Ministry for eight years and I've just wrapped up two years assisting with Tweens. When looking back, I have been overwhelmed with seeing these precious kids and leaders grow in their faith.

*I have seen kids and adults, including myself, step out of their comfort zone.*

Whether we've been working with special needs adults, working on a farm, or taking a leap of faith on a zipline, there have been so many amazing opportunities to grow in our faith and be servants of His word.

**KIPP HOUSER**



Because our church supports missions in Haiti, I have experienced the Lord's presence in ways I thought weren't possible. I have seen His work and experienced His love and joy through the people of Haiti.

**WILL FRENCH**



Because of the Saint Simons trip, I was able to learn how to help people more through the Lord. We worked at a homeless shelter for a few days. Being able to reach out to just give them a hand was one of the best things I've ever done.

**CASSIDY GIBSON**

TOTAL BUDGET: **\$1,580,000**

### PASTORAL MINISTRY \$231,040

Partnering with the congregation to lead, nurture and embody Christian discipleship, helping people to grow in loving God and neighbor.

### MUSIC & WORSHIP \$139,639

Providing inspiring worship by giving people of all ages opportunities to express their faith, explore their God-gifted talents and offer those gifts back to God.

### MISSION & OUTREACH \$179,626

Whether down the street or across the ocean, we extend the hope and love of Christ to a world in need by offering our resources, presence and services.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION \$295,971

Children, Youth and Adult ministries strategically work together to create pathways that nurture faith and grow towards maturity in Christ, from birth through adulthood.

### ADMINISTRATION \$230,204

Providing our congregation, pastors and program staff with the support they need to implement and carry out the mission of our church.

### FACILITIES \$503,520

Supporting the mission of our church by providing space and amenities for our existing ministries and the growing needs in our congregation.



When I heard about the church's partnership with Duke University focused on Mental Health, I knew I wanted to get involved. Even though I was fairly new here, I expressed my experience and interest and was invited to be a part of the Mental Health Team. In a culture where people tend to hide their hurts because they feel shame or embarrassment,

*I am thankful to be a part of a congregation that intentionally seeks to connect to and journeys with people through their struggles, hurts, and fears.*

**NANCY BARTLEY & SERVICE DOG RILEY**



Having not grown up in church, we were a little hesitant of what to expect (or what would be expected of us), but Hixson UMC has been so welcoming and patient with us. Our children love their classes and are even incorporating songs and Bible stories into their play at home. Our experience in a Sunday School class has helped us draw closer to each other, new friends, and the Lord.

*We used to see churches as very judgmental places, but the acceptance and love we have received here has been the best thing for our family!*

**SEAN & WENDY ROGERS / KENZIE & EASTON**