

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:

— 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile (to reduce the Building Debt)



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 two years ago, 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  
— 2019 —

HixsonUnitedMethodistChurch







## 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:

**TOTAL BUDGET: \$1,525,708**



Your contributions to the General Ministry Budget have allowed our students the opportunity to partner with mission organizations, such as SunShine Gospel Ministries, based in the innercity Chicago area. This opportunity has impacted our youth in ways that cannot be overstated, and it is a partnership that we hope to continue for years to come.

"I saw God at work on the Chicago Trip when we had worship. We were really excited about the week. *We really felt the Holy Spirit.* We learned how it's not always people's fault that they're in poverty and how we need to be more accepting of why they're in that situation and how they got there." - **KENNEDY MOORE**



## BECAUSE OF YOUR *Giving...*

Over 100 volunteers were able to provide and package over 13,000 meals to send to famished countries around the world. Our volunteers ranged in age from 1 years old to mid 80's. Rise Against Hunger is a wonderful opportunity for a intergenerational mission.

*Next year's goal is to prepare over 20,000 meals please help us reach our goal through your donation to our general budget.*

Because our church supports missions in Haiti, over \$5,000 was raised for the Family Healthcare Fund. This will assist many families in covering medical cost at the clinic in Foret des Pins., Haiti.

**KEVIN GRAY**



Hixson United Methodist Church has been an impact on my life. I have been able to meet many genuine people there. What a great place to worship and praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**RUSS BIEGER**

### PASTORAL MINISTRY \$235,740

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

### MUSIC & WORSHIP \$139,622

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 \$164,153

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 \$291,674

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 \$217,283

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

### FACILITIES \$477,196

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



Because of your generosity, Hixson UMC was able to offer regular gatherings and groups on important topics of mental health. More than 1000 people from our community have attended to learn about and find resources and support to address growing concerns like depression, addiction, Alzheimer's and suicide. As a direct result of these efforts, a member of Hixson UMC was also honored to receive the Madge and Ken Tillis Award for outstanding contributions to suicide prevention in the state of Tennessee.

*How great to be a part of a congregation that cares and supports its community through this outreach.*



Everyone was very welcoming, but not over aggressive with kindness. Our joining the church started with our oldest daughter, Ella, attending VBS 2017. Until then we had been lax in our attendance. After VBS, Ella was super excited about God and what He had in store for her life. She learned about the Tween ministry and fell in love. As Ella became more involved, Jesse in turn became more involved. Through Jesse helping with Tween events, I have seen their relationship, with each other and with God, Flourish. We love HUMC and have always felt very welcome and invited every time we walk through the door. We have been blessed to have found a wonderful home at HUMC.

*We fell in love with HUMC from the moment we walked through the doors.*

**JESSE & KATIE STONE / ELLA & LORELEI**