



The Grapevine

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Hopewell United Methodist Church

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"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."
1 Corinthians 3:6

For several years now, Anne has wanted a garden to grow fresh vegetables for us to eat. However, our yard did not seem conducive for such an endeavor. Too many trees, not enough sun. When we lived at the lake it would have been a field of dreams for the deer. However, through a little thinking outside the box, this year Anne has her garden.

While we were renovating her parents house for us to call home, we pulled up most of the unkept shrubbery in front of the house with grand plans to replant. Yet, time got away from us and we never did. That's when Anne thought, what about a small garden? Plenty of sun... enough space to get started. And after a little prodding, I tilled the area and prepared the soil to receive the seeds. Anne planted, I watered (installed soaker hose), and God has caused the increase.

However, establishing a flourishing garden takes time and it would be easy to get discouraged as you witness the harvest of others. Though we have seen only a couple of cups of green beans, the creation of a sole tomato, and a few modest cucumbers and peppers that are still in need of growth, others have brought in an abundance of same items to share with others.

Isn't that the way it is with our Christian walk too?

I remember as I began my Christian walk just over 8 years ago, I wanted to know all the things my Christian brothers and sisters knew. I wanted to be able to do all the things they were doing. I had the desire... but like Anne's garden, I was a seed that had newly sprouted, and my soil still needed time to produce. Therefore, I immersed myself in Bible studies to be watered by God's Word, and He provided the increase in my faith.

Our church is like a garden as well. The soil must continually be worked, seeds continually planted, and watered by sharing the gospel and studying God's word. Though there had been marginal growth over the last two years, we have been faithful in our worship, in our serving, in our giving, and in our sharing of God's love and grace. As a result, we have seen an increase at Hopewell Church that has not been seen in quite some time. New ministries are blossoming, new members are joining, new births through baptism are taking place! However, let us not forget, we are called to plant and water... we give all the glory to God for the increase!

As we continue to be faithful to God and His word, I am excited to see the growth that is ahead for Hopewell Church. Therefore, keep planting and watering! A harvest is a coming!

God bless,

Pastor Bob



FAITH NIGHT #2 At The Diamond Thursday, August 18th

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH
WITH THE FLYING SQUIRRELS

GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM | GAME TIME 6:35 PM

Contact the office
by August 12th to sign up.

MORE than just a baseball game!

- Pre-game faith-based band performance
- Player testimonials
- Post-game fireworks show
- Memories made at Funville!

Field Level\$13/Ticket
 Terrace Level.....\$10/Ticket
 General Admission.....\$7/Ticket

COFFEE

WITH THE PASTOR

Wednesdays

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

at Panera on

Brad McNeer Parkway



July Worship

Attendance Average

In-person: 64

Online: 103



- Calculating attendance for online worship is difficult with our current technologies. As we look at new solutions for our online platform, if you watch the service during a different time than when live please comment or send us an email to let us know.
- Sunday School classes are welcome to return if desired. If you would like to help facilitate a class contact Pastor Bob.

Giving Gladly

General Fund Stewardship for the last 4 weeks :



required: \$15,933.29
 received: \$11,380.20
 over/short: (\$ 4,553.09)

JOYFULLY SERVING

August 7

Lay Reader: N/A
Ushers: Frankie & Linda Morris
Greeter: Laura Hatfield
Nursery: Lee Livingston & Kitty Beck

August 14

Lay Reader: Steve Hague
Ushers: Laura Hatfield & Karan Wilson
Greeter: Gil Shand
Nursery: Gil Shand & Laura Hatfield

August 21

Lay Reader: Howard Johnston
Ushers: Lee Livingston & Andi Taylor
Greeter: Kitty Beck
Nursery: Karan Wilson & Gayle Smith

August 28

Lay Reader: Laura Hatfield
Ushers: Alan McCann & Frankie Morris
Greeter: Janet Rapalee
Nursery: Marion Smith & Gil Shand

*Nursery – available as needed.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Visit <https://hopewellunitedmethodist.org>

Click the button



To give your tithes and offerings easily online. We also have 2 new giving options:

- Tithely: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2185267>
- Zelle: treasurer@hopewellunitedmethodist.org

If you need assistance with Zelle, please contact the office.

And we still look forward to finding your envelope in the mailbox!!



WORSHIP ONLINE

You can watch the service live on Sunday at 11am or anytime!

<https://hopewellunitedmethodist.org/>



Gospel Music Nights



Join us in fellowship at 7PM

August 19 - IV The Lord
 September 16 - Nikki Headley
 October 21 - Ray Bennett

From the desk of The MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We will be collecting backpacks for high school aged students on July 31, August 7 and August 14, for RVA Hand Up, a community based non-profit organization.

Backpacks can be left in the bin at the back of the sanctuary.



CALL-IN SERVICE: for those without internet, we offer a call-in service to be able to listen to the worship service each week. To join over the phone call: 518-318-7925.



To access the recording, dial 720-740-9892. The access code is 3809242# and for the reference number just enter # and you will be given the last recording.

2022 Bible Reading Challenge



Week 31 Chapter	8/1 Luke 24	8/2 1 Corinthians 1	8/3 1 Corinthians 2	8/4 1 Corinthians 3	8/5 1 Corinthians 4
Week 32 Chapter	8/8 1 Corinthians 5	8/9 1 Corinthians 6	8/10 1 Corinthians 7	8/11 1 Corinthians 8	8/12 1 Corinthians 9
Week 33 Chapter	8/15 1 Corinthians 10	8/16 1 Corinthians 11	8/17 1 Corinthians 12	8/18 1 Corinthians 13	8/19 1 Corinthians 14
Week 34 Chapter	8/22 1 Corinthians 15	8/23 1 Corinthians 16	8/24 2 Corinthians 1	8/25 2 Corinthians 2	8/26 2 Corinthians 3
Week 35	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1	9/2

LET US PRAY DAILY



For the HOMEBOUND:

Marie Clark	Sarah Scott	Buz Walters
Irene Eagles	Jean Sharpe	Walter Williams
Bill Leneave	Lois Thomas	

For ALL Military, including:

Daniel Brown	C.J. Kovas
Shannon Brown	Devin Lewerenz
Jason Helhm	Sam Power
Ryan Helhm	Tyler Smith

For Leaders of the UMC, our Bishop and District Superintendent

Teachers	First Responders	New Ministries	Our President
All Children	Healthcare Providers	Government Leaders	Our Country

Also pray for:

Kitty Beck	Claude McKinney	Judy Reid	Lewis Smith
Wanda Caisse	Howard Miller	Rideout Family	Joseph Sparkman
Rick Davis	Jon Noxon	Pam Rose	George Varner
Doris Dean	Freddie Oettinger	Dan Rose	Ukraine
Jeanette Gross	Osterbine Family	Mike Scheivert	Russia
Roger Gross	Irene Purdy	Mary Sharpe	The Empty Pew
Connie Jacobs	Robin Reed	Mike Sharpe	
Sheryl McKinney	Al Reid	Dorothy Smith	

LAY LEADER MESSAGE:

Good day to my Hopewell church family. The dog days of summer are here, and boy has it been hot! The summer season is a time for fishing, swimming, boating, and family vacations.

It has been a busy time at our church as well. A couple of things I'm excited about is the women's ministry getting restarted and of course Vacation Bible School which we had the third week of July. That is always one of my favorite weeks of the year, and this year was no different. I have been very blessed to be a part of VBS for many years and a special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers. I give a special thanks to Marion Smith, our team leader, for all the long hours and hard work that she put into it.

I would like to take this time to speak about the theological concerns within the U.M.C. I have sent out some information for you to view about these concerns, and there may be more to come. There are always two sides to every point... If we're not sure, why don't we turn to our Bibles! We might get opinions from this person or that person but thank God we don't have to rely on that. If you're not sure about something, open your Bible and check it out. If the Bible says its, right then it's right. If the Bible says its wrong, then it's wrong. That seems simple enough to me... how about you?

I hope you have been praying and listening to what God is saying to you this past month. We have an important decision to make in the life of the church. As we move forward in this season as the body of Christ, we know that God will ALWAYS be with us, and He will bring us through. As always, I thank everyone for your help and love.

God Bless.

Mike Sharpe



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Grief Share	2	3 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7	4 7pm Boy Scouts Round Table	5 6:00pm Emmaus Teaming	6 10am AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
7 9:45am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	8 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Grief Share	9	10 10am NARFE FH 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7	11 10am Knitting Gals FH 7pm Worthington Women #2	12 6:00pm Emmaus Teaming	13 10am AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
14 9:45am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	15 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Grief Share	16 7pm Admin Council Meeting	17 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7	18 6:30pm Faith Night @ The Diamond 7pm Order of the Arrow P	19 6:00pm Emmaus Teaming 7pm Gospel Music Night	20 10am AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
21 9:45am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	22 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Grief Share	23 7pm United Methodist Men Meeting 7pm Methodist Women Meeting	24 10am Knitting Gals 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Choir Practice	25 1-7pm Blood Drive 7pm Worthington Women #2	26 6:00pm Emmaus Teaming	27 10am AA Group #7 7pm Youth Movie Night 8pm AA—Young Life #7
28 9:45am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 6 pm Men’s Bible Study	29 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Grief Share	30	31 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7			



LET'S CELEBRATE!

BIRTHDAYS

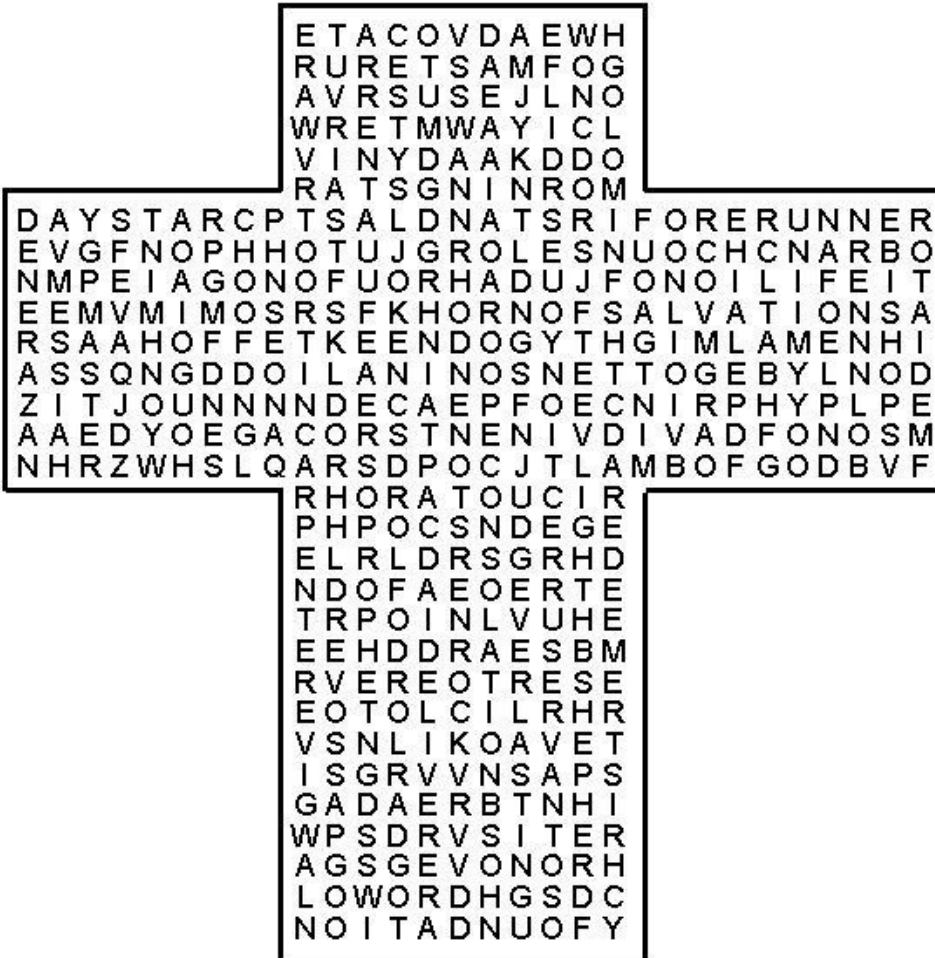
ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Shane Belcher
- 3 – Al Reid
- 3 – Jean Sharpe
- 4 – Morgan Harrell
- 9 – Kristen Smith
- 10 – Travis Sparkman
- 15 – Troy Allen
- 15 – Lorraine Ganczak
- 19 – Marie Clark
- 19 – Tim Monday
- 26 – Andi Taylor
- 27 – Shannon Brown

- 8 – Michael & Susan Martin
- 19 – Roger & Jeanette Gross
- 21 – Matthew & Jennifer Porter



But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
 Almighty
 Alpha and Omega
 Amen
 Apostle
 Beloved Son
 Bishop
 Branch
 Bread
 Captain
 Carpenter
 Chosen
 Christ
 Consolation
 Cornerstone
 Counselor
 Day Star

Door
 Emmanuel
 Everlasting
 Faithful and True
 First and Last
 Forerunner
 Foundation
 Governor
 Head
 High Priest
 Holy and Just One
 Horn of Salvation
 I AM
 Jesus
 Judge
 King
 King of Kings

Lawgiver
 Life
 Light
 Lion of Judah
 Lord
 Lord of Lords
 Master
 Master
 Mediator
 Messiah
 Mighty God
 Morning Star
 Nazarene
 Only Begotten Son
 Passover
 Priest
 Prince of Peace

Redeemer
 Resurrection
 Rock
 Savior
 Servant
 Shepherd
 Son of David
 Son of God
 Son of Man
 Vine
 Way
 Wonderful
 Word

*God will meet you wherever you are
 and help you get to where you need to be.*

Joyce Meyers