



The Grapevine

Hopewell United Methodist Church

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"Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

If you are like me, spring is one of your favorite times of the year. After spending months in the cold dark days of winter, spring brings forth longer periods of daylight, warmer temperatures, the sounds of the songbirds, and the emergence of life from our trees and shrubs. However, it is also a time when we do the work of preparing our landscape for this new growth.

This past weekend, members of the church's Buildings and Grounds team gathered at the church to prepare the space for new growth. There was the pruning of some plants that took place. There was the removal of the dead leaves that had fallen from the trees. And there was treating weeds so that they would not grow to chock out the desired growth. All of this in preparation for Easter and the celebration of new life we have in Christ.

As I was observing the activities that were taking place at the church, it reminded me of the activities we all have been doing in this season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for that celebration. Lent is a time of spring cleaning of self where we are to examine our personal landscape to see areas in our lives that need pruning. To discover those areas where sin has crept in (death) or have become inundated with distractions (thorns) that turn our attention away from God.

And just as we see the newness of life spring forth in our yards after the proper spring cleaning, we will see the newness of life spring fourth in the church and in our own lives. We continue to see evidence of new life in the church and in many of you within the church. Jesus said the kingdom of God will not come with observation because the kingdom of God is within you! (Luke 17:21). Therefore, as we approach the empty tomb, let us continue to search our souls for the things we need to give to God, so that we can live as the One who is risen indeed!

Grace and Mercy,

Pastor Bob

Join Us for HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday, April 10 @ 11 am

Maundy Thursday, April 14 @ 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 15 @ 6:30 pm

Easter Sunrise Service, April 17 @ 6:30 am

Easter Service, April 17 @ 11 am

COFFEE

WITH THE PASTOR

Wednesdays

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

at Panera on

Brad McNeer Parkway



March Worship

Attendance Average

In-person: 54

Online: 51



- 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.

JOYFULLY SERVING

April 3

Lay Reader: Anne Moseley
Ushers: Mike & Janet Rapalee
Greeter: Laura Hatfield
Nursery: Laura Hatfield & Gil Shand

April 10

Lay Reader: Karan Wilson
Ushers: Gil Shand & Penny Sparkman
Greeter: Gil Shand
Nursery: Marion Smith & Penny Sparkman

April 17

Lay Reader: Gayle Miller
Ushers: Laura Hatfield & Margie Smith
Greeter: Kitty Beck
Nursery: Lee Livingston & Gayle Smith

April 24

Lay Reader: Mike Scheivert
Ushers: Lee Livingston & Andi Taylor
Greeter: Doris Edwards
Nursery: Kitty Beck & Gil Shand

*Nursery – available as needed.

Giving Gladly

General Fund Stewardship for the last 4 weeks :



required: \$15,933.29
 received: \$12,010.00
 over/short: (\$ 3,923.29)

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS



- 4 – Melinda Kennedy
- 5 – Warren Camp
- 9 – Betty Bowen
- 10 – Bob Moseley
- 11 – Ken Jungersen
- 13 – Peggy Dinelli
- 14 – Irene Eagles
- 14 – Tyler Andress
- 16 – Penny Sparkman
- 20 – Gayle Miller
- 21 – Karen Myers
- 23 – Michael Martin



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Warren & Cherie Camp
- 4 – Mike & Robin Scheivert
- 20 – Shep & Margie Smith
- 21 – Preston & Andi Taylor
- 25 – Kevin & Karan Wilson

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/>



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.




In the Easter spirit: hope, love, renewal



2022 Bible Reading Challenge

Week 14	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8
Chapter	James 3	James 4	James 5	Matthew 1	Matthew 2
Week 15	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15
Chapter	Matthew 3	Matthew 4	Matthew 5	Matthew 6	Matthew 7
Week 16	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22
Chapter	Matthew 8	Matthew 9	Matthew 10	Matthew 11	Matthew 12
Week 17	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29
Chapter	Matthew 13	Matthew 14	Matthew 15	Matthew 16	Matthew 17



LET US PRAY DAILY

For the HOMEBOUND:

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

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:

Kim Arnold	Martha Ann Goodrich	Cathy Markham	Mary Sharpe
Laura Brown	Jeanette Gross	Barbara McCourt	Mike Sharpe
Jeanine Burks	Roger Gross	Holly Phillips	Dorothy Smith
Pauline Burnette	Rusty Guess	Patrick Phillips	Lewis Smith
Cheryl Cassedy	Stephanie Hague	Robin Reed	Joseph Sparkman
Karen Cline	Marilyn Hart	Al Reid	Ukraine
Rick Davis	Connie Jacobs	Judy Reid	Russia
Cheryl Dillard	Leneave & Smith	Don Rose	
Jenny Easter	Family	Pam Rose	

LAY LEADER MESSAGE:

Hello everyone! I hope you guys have been enjoying some of this warmer weather we've been having, I know I have. There are a couple of old sayings about this time of year. One is that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a Lamb". That "in like a Lion" part was very apparent to me when I was working in my yard and the wind was blowing so hard that I thought some of the trees around my house might blow over! The other old saying is "April showers bring May flowers".

May flowers are the sign of new growth. I also see signs of new growth in our church. I see the foundation for some new ministries being laid. As with any new idea or ministry, it takes a lot of time, hard work and determination to make things happen. Sometimes things get off to a slow or rocky start. Sometimes people in the group might not see eye to eye... but that's ok. It's all part of understanding what we're doing and what is the best way to get there. Remember you are foundation builders. Once things get up and running they seem to smooth out and people will benefit greatly from all the work you are doing right now. April is also a very big month in our church with Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Let us reflect as we finish out the season of Lent and look forward to the celebration of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it's all about Jesus. Stay focused on Him, and let all that we do bring honor and glory to the name of Jesus... remember Jesus is the reason for the season.

God Bless.

Mike Sharpe

Gospel Music Nights



Join us in fellowship at 7PM
 APRIL 22nd - Good News
 MAY 20th - Just Us
 JUNE 17th - Smokey Wilson



ROTARY DAY AT THE DIAMOND



SUNDAY, MAY 1st

Gates open at 12:30pm | Game time at 1:35pm

TERRACE LEVEL TICKETS \$12

- **\$2 off each ticket goes to the Rotary International End Polio Now Foundation**

To order tickets contact Garrett Erwin, 804-359-3866 x327 or email garrett.erwin@squirrelsbaseball.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

Friday, April 29th @ 7PM

A night of contemporary worship led by Rick Mullis.

MISSIONS FOR APRIL



SPOTLIGHT: Chesterfield Food Bank distributes food at various locations:

MONDAY: First and third Mondays at Kingsland Baptist Church, arrive at 3:30 pm, second and fourth Mondays at Journey Christian Church, arrive at 3:30 pm

WEDNESDAY: Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Petersburg, arrive at 3:30 pm

FRIDAY: Warehouse on Rt. 10, arrive at 3:30 pm

SATURDAY: First Saturday at Beulah Elementary, arrive at 9 am, second Saturday at Davis Elementary, arrive at 9 am, third Saturday at Ettrick Elementary, arrive at 9 am, fourth Saturday at Chalkley Elementary, arrive at 9am Kids

For more information visit their website: Chesterfield Food Bank, www.cfbc.org

The church we will be going as a group to the distribution at A.M. Davis on May 14.

EASTER CARDS

Collecting Easter cards to be shared with nursing home residents. Turn in deadline: Sunday, April 10th

SHARING GOD'S WORD

We are accepting donations of Bibles in addition to the devotionals currently accepted. Bibles can be new or used. Used Bibles must be in good condition. Please place all donations of Bibles and devotionals in the box labeled for them in Room 7. These are given to the Mercy Mall for distribution to clients and for their Cases of Hope ministry. Thank you.



Divorce Care Sponsors Needed

We are excited about the Divorce Care and Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) ministries here at Hopewell Church. We started the program on March 28th. The teams are working diligently to help identify supply needs to successfully hold the ministry as they train to facilitate each week's lessons.

Our goal is to offer this as a free ministry to those who are seeking the care and support provided in this setting. To do that, we are offering the members of Hopewell Church to sponsor a child and/or an adult to participate in this ministry. For \$25, your sponsorship will cover the cost of books for the participant, snacks throughout the thirteen-week session, and any craft supplies needed. You will also be provided the name of your sponsored child or adult so that you can send them encouraging notes during the ministry session. If you would like to sponsor a person for the ministry, please make check payable to the church with Divorce Care or DC4K Sponsorship.

We will also be offering a Grief Share ministry and once more information is available about that ministry, we will offer similar sponsorships for the Grief Share participants as well.



APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 10am AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
3 9:45am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 6 pm Men's Bible Study	4 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 6:30pm Divorce Care & DC4K	5 10am Alma Williams Shawl Group #2	6 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Cub Scouts FH	7 11am Lenten Study 7pm Boy Scouts FH	8	9 8am Lay Ministries Training 10am AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
10 9:45am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 6 pm Men's Bible Study	11 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 6:30pm Divorce Care & DC4K	12	13 10am NARFE FH 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Cub Scouts FH	14 10am Knitting Gals FH 11am Lenten Study 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm Worthington Women #2	15 6:30pm Good Friday Service	16 10am AA Group #7 2pm Easter Egg Hunt 8pm AA—Young Life #7
17 9:45am Sunday School 11am EASTER-Sunday Worship 6 pm Men's Bible Study	18 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 6:30pm Divorce Care & DC4K	19 1pm—7pm Blood Drive 7pm United Methodist Men Meeting	20 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Cub Scouts FH	21 7pm Order of the Arrow P	22 7pm Gospel Music Night	23 10am AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
24 9:45am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 6 pm Men's Bible Study	25 5:15pm AA—Principles #7 6:30pm Divorce Care & DC4K	26 7pm Administrative Council Meeting	27 10am Knitting Gals 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Cub Scouts FH	28 7PM Missions Committee Meeting 7pm Worthington Women #2	29 7pm Praise & Worship Night	30 10am AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7

THANK YOU !!

The Missions Committee members want to THANK YOU for taking time to submit the mission survey earlier in the year. Twenty surveys were received with a majority of them expressing interest in our church being involved in ministry in the following areas: veterans, food bank, homelessness, nursing home, and domestic violence. The committee members have discussed ways to be involved in ministry in these areas and will continue to explore this.

- We are exploring various ways to help Soldiers' Angels.
- We will be out in the community to help with the distribution of food by the Chesterfield Food Bank at A.M. Davis Elementary School on **May 14**. And we will continue to offer food through the Blessing Box.
- We will make sandwiches regularly for RVA Hand Up of Chesterfield serving the homeless in Richmond.
- We will also collect hygiene kits for annual conference, due by **May 29**. These kits are distributed to those displaced by disasters in the United States.
- We will continue to collect greeting cards for residents of area nursing homes. Easter cards should be brought in by **April 10**.
- We will collect pillows for Safe Harbor during June.

More information on these projects will be available as the dates near. We hope to expand on these as the pandemic fades. We are always seeking your ideas and feedback.