

AUGUST 2021 *The Grapevine*



Hopewell United Methodist Church

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

These words conveyed by the prophet Jeremiah to the people of Israel were meant to bring them peace and reassurance. Though they were about to enter a time of exile in Babylon, their time of despair would not last forever. God reminds the people of Israel that His plan for them is still in place and that the hope they possessed should remain as their future was secure.

These words should bring peace to each of us as we not only continue to navigate the post pandemic period, but also as we discern and contemplate the future of Hopewell United Methodist Church. Each of us plays a vital role in that future and together, with the leading of the Holy Spirit, will help His plans come to fruition. Therefore, the question is where is God leading you in this process?

There are several opportunities that are available in the coming months to allow you to be a vessel for God's grace to flow through you as we discern the next season for HUMC. First, on August 28, Pastor Steven Snodgrass will come in to facilitate a discernment workshop for the possible transition from our current leadership structure to the Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS). The SAS is an alternative leadership structure that merges many of the leadership councils into one. The purpose of this new structure is to allow churches to focus on the vision and mission of the church, which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. There will be more information forthcoming, however, mark the date so that you can provide your input into defining the purpose and vision of HUMC.

Second, the nominations committee will be meeting soon to discuss leadership positions for 2022. Should the SAS be approved for implementation, that implementation would not take place until January 2023. Therefore, nominations will be looking for those who want to help implement the vision and mission of the church. If there is a position of the council that you are interested in serving, please schedule a time to discuss with me. All positions should be considered available.

Lastly, in the coming year the church will be discerning their decision as it relates to the vote of the proposed Protocol for Separation at the UMC General Conference in August of next year. I encourage each of you to be diligent in staying abreast of all information as it pertains to the Protocol and General Conference. To help with this, there will be an information session in September to discuss the current status of the Protocol and GC, what the proposed options are for the local church, and how the church can go about preparing for GC 2022.

As each of us discerns our place and the part we will serve in the plans God has for us, we know that He who is able will do abundantly more than we could ever ask or image is the source of our hope and future. And for that we give thanks and rejoice!

God Bless you,
Pastor Bob



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.

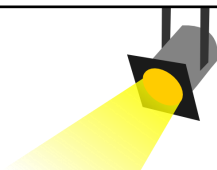
Giving Gladly

General Fund Stewardship for the last 4 weeks :



(required): \$14,875.10
 (received): \$11,713.00
 (over/short): (\$3,162.10)

MISSION SPOTLIGHT for AUGUST



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 Summer Food Program: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 to noon at Chesterfield Meadows Shopping Center on Rt. 10 until mid-August

For more information visit their website:

[Chesterfield Food Bank, Serving Chesterfield County](#)

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2021 FRIENDS OF BARNABAS

This organization sponsors medical mission trips to Honduras where team members provide high-quality sustainable medical care to families and children. Pastor Bob has been to Honduras with this group. During July, August & September we will collect flipflops, sunglasses, cloth diapers and face masks. Child size is preferred, adult items accepted. All of the items must be NEW.

Website: www.fobf.org

JUNE Worship

Attendance Average

In-person: 50

Online: 53



- 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 a facilitate a class contact Pastor Bob.

JOYFULLY SERVING

August 1st

Lay Reader: Anne Moseley—communion
Ushers: Warren Camp & Preston Taylor
Greeter: Roger Williams

August 8th

Lay Reader: Karan Wilson
Ushers: Howard Johnston & Steve Hague
Greeter: Janet Rapalee

August 15th

Lay Reader: Irene Purdy
Ushers: Frankie & Linda Morris
Greeter: Laura Hatfield

August 22nd

Lay Reader: Becky Wistrom
Ushers: Brenda Fones & Janet Rapalee
Greeter: Carolyn Jacobs

August 29th

Lay Reader: Gayle Miller
Ushers: Laura Hatfield & Gil Shand
Greeter: Gayle Smith

Nursery – not available at this time.



Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Join us in a plan to read the Bible in its entirety this year in chronological order.

This plan provides an easy to follow plan to read the Bible in the order that the events happened.

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| 8/1/2021 | Isaiah 64-66 |
| 8/2/2021 | 2 Kings 20-21 |
| 8/3/2021 | 2 Chronicles 32-33 |
| 8/4/2021 | Nahum 1-3 |
| 8/5/2021 | 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35 |
| 8/6/2021 | Zephaniah 1-3 |
| 8/7/2021 | Jeremiah 1-3 |
| 8/8/2021 | Jeremiah 4-6 |
| 8/9/2021 | Jeremiah 7-9 |
| 8/10/2021 | Jeremiah 10-13 |
| 8/11/2021 | Jeremiah 14-17 |
| 8/12/2021 | Jeremiah 18-22 |
| 8/13/2021 | Jeremiah 23-25 |
| 8/14/2021 | Jeremiah 26-29 |
| 8/15/2021 | Jeremiah 30-31 |
| 8/16/2021 | Jeremiah 32-34 |
| 8/17/2021 | Jeremiah 35-37 |
| 8/18/2021 | Jeremiah 38-40; Psalm 74, 79 |
| 8/19/2021 | 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36 |
| 8/20/2021 | Habakkuk 1-3 |
| 8/21/2021 | Jeremiah 41-45 |
| 8/22/2021 | Jeremiah 46-48 |
| 8/23/2021 | Jeremiah 49-50 |
| 8/24/2021 | Jeremiah 51-52 |
| 8/25/2021 | Lamentations 1; Lamentations 2; Lamentations 3:1-36 |
| 8/26/2021 | Lamentations 3:37-66; Lamentations 4; Lamentations 5:1-22 |
| 8/27/2021 | Ezekiel 1-4 |
| 8/28/2021 | Ezekiel 5-8 |
| 8/29/2021 | Ezekiel 9-12 |
| 8/30/2021 | Ezekiel 13-15 |
| 8/31/2021 | Ezekiel 16-17 |

CELEBRATIONS BIRTHDAYS



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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

WATCH THE SERVICE

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

<https://hopewellunitedmethodist.org/>



ONLINE 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!!



** PLEASE REMEMBER to let the office know if your directory information changes .

PRAYING DAILY

For the HOMEBOUND:

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

For ALL Military, Including:

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



For Missionary in Covenant Relationship with HUMC:

Clara Biswas - serving as a community worker in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

For Leaders of the UMC, our Bishop and District Superintendent

Teachers

First Responders

Our Police

Our Country

Our President

All Children

Healthcare Providers

Those affected by COVID

Government Leaders

Also pray for:

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| Pauline Burnette | Sheryl McKinney | Al Reid | Lynwood Thompson |
| Autumn Carolino | Lisa Melody | Judy Reid | Dorma Thompson |
| Marvin Foyle | Sam Mickens | Mary Sharpe | |
| Jeanette Gross | Kenny Powers | Mike Sharpe | People of Haiti |
| Roger Gross | Linda Powers | Dorothy Smith | Families of Florida |
| David Leehy | Kathy Ratcliff | Lewis Smith | building collapse |
| Carol McIntire | Robin Reed | Joseph Sparkman | |

THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE METHODIST MEN



GROWING The Grapevine?

We welcome your contributions! To be included in the AUGUST Newsletter, please have your submissions to the church office no later than Wednesday, AUGUST 25th.

THANK YOU!!

You Are INVITED!

MISSION: POSSIBLE



A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness

What: Simplified Accountable Structure Workshop

When: Saturday, August 28, 2021

Time: 9 am – 3pm

Register to attend by Thursday August 19.

Rev. Steven Snodgrass, pastor of the Waverly-Carsley Cooperative Parish - Waverly UMC and Carsley UMC, will be with us to conduct an exploratory workshop of the Simplified Accountable Structure to discern if this is a new path suitable for Hopewell UMC.

The Simplified Accountable Structure takes the numerous meetings out of the way of doing ministry. However, the purpose of SAS is not just fewer meetings, rather allowing the church to focus on mission. Therefore, plan to attend this important workshop as Hopewell UMC positions itself for a vital future of serving the community in which we live.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th - - Mark Your calendar!

Blue Grass Gospel

The Maple Brook Boys from Woodlake UMC will be leading worship on Sunday, August 29



GOSPEL MUSIC NIGHTS



ARE BACK!!

Join us at 7pm

8/20 Smokey Wilson

9/3 True Spirit

10/15 Good News

11/19 Last Chance

The BEST moment of a Christian's life is their last one, because it is the one that is nearest to heaven.

Charles Spurgeon

* * * VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY * * *



Belmont UMC Food Pantry

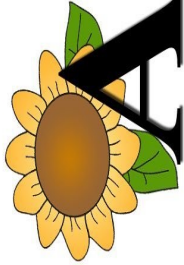
A huge **THANK YOU** to all volunteers at the Belmont UMC Food Pantry who come from various churches in the District!! All the volunteers that help on Thursday morning packing and Friday morning drive-thru days make a huge difference to hungry people in our area.

As summer approaches and calendars fill up with sports, vacations, family outings, etc., could you schedule some volunteer time at the Pantry? VCU students are not

available during the summer and this has created a shortage in volunteers. 40-50 volunteers are needed each week. It's a great way to serve with family and friends, meet new people, and make a difference in the community.

You can sign up at bcrrsra.org through the volunteer link. Two-hour shifts are available every Thursday and Friday.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Larry Cochran at (804) 516-9195.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| |  | | | |  | |
| 1 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship | 2 VBS 6:30 - 9:00 PM 5:45pm AA—Principles | 3 VBS 6:30 - 9:00 PM | 4 VBS 6:30 - 9:00 PM 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts | 5 VBS 6:30 - 9:00 PM 7pm Boy Scouts | 6 VBS 6:30 - 9:00 PM | 7 8am AA—Principles Breakfast Meeting 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life |
| 8 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship | 9 5:45pm AA—Principles | 10 10am Alma Williams Shawl Group | 11 10am NARFE 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts | 12 10am Knitting Gals 7pm Worthington Women | 13 Cub Scouts Overnight event. | 14 Cub Scouts 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life |
| 15 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship | 16 5:45pm AA—Principles | 17 | 18 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts | 19 7pm Order of the Arrow | 20 | 21 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life |
| 22 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship | 23 5:45pm AA—Principles | 24 7pm UM Men | 25 10am Knitting Gals 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts | 26 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting 7pm Worthington Women | 27 | 28 Simplified Accountable Workshop 9am - 3PM 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life |
| 29 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship | 30 5:45pm AA—Principles | 31 | | | | |