

The Grapevine



Hopewell United Methodist Church

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For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

With the start of Advent season upon us we bring to close another year in the church's liturgical calendar. Advent begins the 4th Sunday before Christmas and appropriately follows our season of Thanksgiving. The season of Thanksgiving allows us to pause and reflect on the many blessings we have received over the past liturgical year. I believe we can all agree the blessings have been abundantly more than we could have imagined. Like many churches, we have had to learn to live life in new ways as we continue to come out of this pandemic that has affected so many. However, I believe that because we kept our focus on Christ and not on Covid, we have experienced many blessings in which we can celebrate: the return of singing in our worship, the return to fellowshiping over a meal, the growth of our family with the reception of two households into the church.

This reflection on the blessings turns to gleeful anticipation with the beginning of Advent. The word "advent" is taken from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival," and is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*. *Parousia* is the term used in the New Testament referring to Christ second coming. The season of advent is the time that we remember the anticipated arrival of Christ in His first coming, celebrating His arrival, and the continued anticipation of His second coming. Therefore, as we anticipate the arrival of Christmas morning 2021 and the gifts that we hope to discover under the tree this year, let us not forget the greatest gift that God has already given each of us, eternal life through His son Jesus. All other earthly gifts fall short in comparison to the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love we possess in Jesus Christ.

As we look around our communities, our country, and our world... the gift appears to be one that has been forgotten, one that has been set aside in our waiting, one that has been lost or misplaced by the temporal things of this world. However, let us be like the woman in the parable of the lost coin. Let us look exhaustively until we find, or rediscover, the gift of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love we have in Jesus. And in the coming year, let us share the gift of Jesus with others as we anticipate the *parousia*.

God bless you,

Pastor Bob

THANK YOU!

The Chili Cook-off was a success!

It was a wonderful time to enjoy some fellowship and show off some talented chefs! A big thank you to everyone who provided their chili creations and also to those who helped set up and clean up. The United Methodist Men raised \$348 for their missions or needs! What a blessing!!

Congratulations to the trophy winners:

1st - Judy Reid, Hillbilly Chili

2nd - Marion Smith

3rd - Howard Johnston, Himalayan Chili

Christmas Luncheon

We hope that you will join us on
Sunday, December 12th
After service for a traditional
Christmas meal.

Please register with the office

by De-
5th.

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Giving Gladly

General Fund Stewardship for the last 4 weeks :



(required): \$14,875.10
 (received): \$11,819.00
 over/short): (\$ 3,056.10)

September Worship

Attendance Average

In-person: 52

Online: 48



- 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

December 5

Lay Reader: Mike Scheivert
 Ushers: Mike & Janet Rapalee
 Greeter: Gil Shand

December 12

Lay Reader: Dennis Crostic
 Ushers: Frankie & Linda Morris
 Greeter: Judy Crostic

December 19

Lay Reader: Roger Williams
 Ushers: Dennis & Judy Crostic
 Greeter: Lee Livingston

December 26

Lay Reader: Andi Taylor
 Ushers: Warren Camp & Steve Hague
 Greeter: Kitty Beck

Nursery – not available at this time.

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.

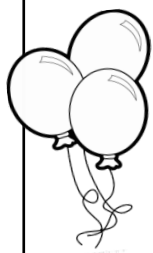
CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Steve Hague
- 10 – Doris Edwards
- 11 – Bryana Sparkman
- 13 – Kitty Beck
- 15 – Jeff Jacobs
- 15 – David Moss
- 23 – Dorothy Smith
- 23 – Preston Taylor
- 28 – Maddie Gazzo

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 – David & Marthanna Moss
- 31 – Ricky & Laura Hatfield



WELCOME

We're always happy to have new members!

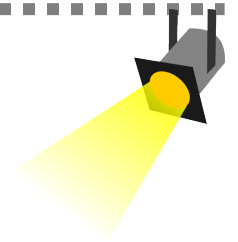
Please join us in welcoming our new member!

Mike & Robin Scheivert

Mark & Diana Patriquin

*Contact information has been added to the directory.

**MISSION SPOTLIGHT
FOCUS for DECEMBER**



The Missions Committee is happy to announce ...

RINGING THE RAILS FOR ADVENT

We will collect the following items for a different ministry each week.

December 5 — Fisher House

Keuring Cups for coffee and tea, body wash, hand soap, aluminum foil

December 12 — FACES (Family Advocacy Creating Education and Services)

Lotion, toothbrushes, toothpastes, tissues, toilet paper and paper towels

December 19 — Grace Home Ministries

Diapers and baby wipes

GOSPEL MUSIC NIGHTS



Join us in fellowship @ 7PM

January 21st — Just Us

February 18th — Amy Ladd & Friends

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Sometimes, things change. We have added new members to our church family, people have moved, and we want to get all of our information up to date! Please let us know if any of your information has changed.

Also, please let us know if you'd like to receive the ALL CALL?

And please let us know if you do **not** want to receive the call.



Joy to the World



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- ADVENT
- ANGEL
- BETHLEHEM
- BIRTH
- BLESSINGS
- CAMELS
- FRANKINCENSE

- INFANT
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- MAGI
- MANGER
- MARY
- MIRACLE

- MYRRH
- NATIVITY
- REJOICE
- STABLE
- STAR
- THREE KINGS
- WISE MEN

LET US PRAY DAILY

For the HOMEBOUND:

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

For ALL Military, Including:

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



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

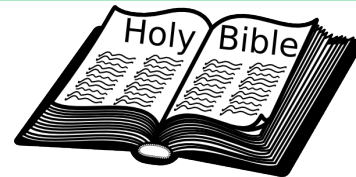
Government Leaders

Also pray for:

Donna Brown	Morgan Harrell	Lisa Melody	Mike Sharpe
Pauline Burnette	Blake Jacobs	Holly Phillips	Dorothy Smith
Karen Cline	Connie Jacobs	Patrick Phillips	Lewis Smith
Tim Davey	Howard Johnston	Robin Reed	Joseph Sparkman
Sue Davey	Pam Kasky	Al Reid	Lynwood Thompson
Marvin Foyles	John Knox	Judy Reid	Dorma Thompson
Janet Green	Jesse James Leneave	Courtney Scheivert	Wade Family
Jeanette Gross	Clara Lewerenz	& Family	Bobby Young, Jr.
Roger Gross	Kathleen Mallory	Mary Sharpe	

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Congrats to everyone who has read along throughout the year!
This plan provided an easy to follow plan to read the Bible in the order that the events happened.



12/1/2021	1 Corinthians 9-11	12/16/2021	Ephesians 1-6
12/2/2021	1 Corinthians 12-14	12/17/2021	Philippians 1-4
12/3/2021	1 Corinthians 15-16	12/18/2021	1 Timothy 1-6
12/4/2021	2 Corinthians 1-4	12/19/2021	Titus 1-3
12/5/2021	2 Corinthians 5-9	12/20/2021	1 Peter 1-5
12/6/2021	2 Corinthians 10-13	12/21/2021	Hebrews 1-6
12/7/2021	Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3	12/22/2021	Hebrews 7-10
12/8/2021	Romans 4-7	12/23/2021	Hebrews 11-13
12/9/2021	Romans 8-10	12/24/2021	2 Timothy 1-4
12/10/2021	Romans 11-13	12/25/2021	2 Peter 1-3; Jude
12/11/2021	Romans 14-16	12/26/2021	1 John 1-5
12/12/2021	Acts 20:4-38; Acts 21; Acts 22; Acts 23:1-35	12/27/2021	2 John; 3 John
12/13/2021	Acts 24-26	12/28/2021	Revelation 1-5
12/14/2021	Acts 27-28	12/29/2021	Revelation 6-11
12/15/2021	Colossians 1-4; Philemon	12/30/2021	Revelation 12-18
		12/31/2021	Revelation 19-22

*“The best portion of a good man's life
is his little, nameless, unremembered
acts of kindness and of love.”*

- William Wordsworth

GROWING THE GRAPEVINE

Would you like to contribute to the church newsletter? We would love to share your favorite recipe, an inspirational quote or maybe something else. Please have your submissions to the church office no later than Thursday, December 23rd.

THANK YOU!!



RECIPE FOR CHICKEN AND DUMPLING

- 6 TO 8 PIECES OF UNCOOKED CHICKEN
- 3 RIBS OF CELERY
- 1 MEDIUM ONION
- 5 TO 6 CUPS OF WATER
- 2 TABLESPOONS SALT

BRING WATER TO BOIL, ADD CELERY, ONION AND CHICKEN. LET COOK ON MEDIUM UNTIL CHICKEN IS TENDER.

I USE BISQUICK TO MAKE MY DUMPLINGS. MAKE LIKE RECIPE FOR BISCUITS. ROLL ON FLOURED BOARD VERY THIN. CUT IN STRIPS AND DROP IN HOT BROTH THAT CONTAINS CELERY, ONION AND CHICKEN.

LET COOK ABOUT TEN MINUTES OR UNTIL DUMPLING DOUGH IS DONE.

BEFORE SERVING SPRINKLE WITH BLACK PEPPER AND YOU MAY NEED TO ADD MORE SALT.

THIS IS GREAT MEAL FOR A COLD WINTER DAY.

I USUALLY ADD A GARDEN SALAD AS AN ACCOMPANIMENT.

From Mary Frances' Food,
Treasured Family Recipes

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Cub Scouts FH	2 7pm Boy Scouts FH	3 2-9PM Patton Private Event Fellowship Hall	4 10am Children Ministry Fundraiser FH 12pm AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
5 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 7 pm Men's Bible Study	6 5:pm AA—Principles #7	7 10am NARFE FH 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Cub Scouts FH	8 10am NARFE FH 12pm AA—Valentine #7 5pm AA—Principles #7 7pm Cub Scouts FH	9 10am Knitting Gals FH 7pm Worthington Women #2	10	11 9am SPRC Meeting FH 12pm AA Group #7 8pm AA—Young Life #7
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