

JUNE 2021 *The Grapevine*

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Therefore, return to your God, observe kindness and justice, and wait for your God continually.
Hosea 12:6

Hallelujah! The time is here! The time is now!

The time we have all been longing for is finally here. The time when we can physically gather with each other, having been brought through this pandemic by our faithful God, in fellowship to worship with the restrictions that have had us bound lifted. While this is a joyous time, we cannot allow ourselves to relax in our efforts to continue to love our neighbors. It is a time for all of us to return to God in worship while continuing to observe kindness and respect for those who gather with us. Each of us are still at different places when it comes to the issues pertaining to the virus. Some have received the vaccine, while others have yet to do so for their own reasons. Some rejoice at being able to remove their masks, while others find comfort in crowds by continuing to wear their mask. Therefore, we must continue to meet everyone where they are and to exhibit Christian love to all.

On May 28th, the Governor lifted most of the restrictions placed on the Commonwealth over the past 14 months and has suggested that everyone follow the guidelines given by the CDC. Also, the Bishop of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church has followed suit, providing guidelines for each church to consider while allowing each church to decide how best to move forward in this post-pandemic time. With this in mind, the Administrative Council has begun to make decisions concerning what Hopewell's return to "normal" will look. I am happy to report the following changes that take affect Sunday May 30, 2021:

- Distancing requirements have been removed but suggested when possible.
- The need to call the church to "register" for Sunday service has been discontinued.
- Those that are fully vaccinated are no longer *required* to wear a mask.
- Per CDC recommendations, those who are not fully vaccinated are asked to continue to wear a face covering during worship and other group activities.
- Proof of vaccination will NOT be required of anyone.
- Restrictions on singing have been lifted. Let us sing praises to the Lord!
- Decisions on how to return to fellowship activities indoors that include food is ongoing. Outside events can include pre-packaged food at this time.
- All groups, including Sunday School and non-worship groups such as AA, will have the autonomy to regulate their gathering within the CDC guidelines.

This is both an exciting and anxious time for many and we need to respect everyone's comfort level during this time of transitioning in our worship and gathering. We have accomplished great things over the past 14 months and are leaps and bounds ahead of the curve as other churches plan their return to in-person gathering. We have been blessed for our faithful worship and are seeing the return of many more of our faithful members who have been with us virtually. Therefore, let us continue to place our focus where it should be... on worshipping God! He will take care of the rest!

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): \$12,272.35
(over/short): (-\$2,602.75)

MISSION SPOTLIGHT for JUNE

Project HOMES is a non-profit organization located in south Richmond that improves homes and revitalizes communities for low income homeowners in Central Virginia.

Website: www.projecthomes.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/projectHOMES/

They are in need of volunteers, especially in the mornings. Carolyn Jacobs volunteers usually on Friday mornings to help build ramps for the disabled. She will be happy to talk with you about this or call Pete Adler at 804-283-3830 and he will tell you where a ramp is currently being built.

MISSION FOCUS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2021

SAFE HARBOR –during June we will continue to collect personal items including: hand soap, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, pain relievers, tissues, feminine hygiene items.

We will also accept new pillows and pillowcases. There is a box next to the food tree for your items.



May Worship

Attendance Average

In-person: 47

Online: 67

- 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.
- Kingdom Seekers Sunday School has resumed Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Other classes are welcome to return if desired. If you would like to help facilitate a class contact Pastor Bob.

JOYFULLY SERVING

June 6th

Lay Reader: Steve Hague

Ushers: Howard Johnston & Mike Rapalee

Greeter: Dennis & Judy Crostic

June 13th

Lay Reader: Carolyn Jacobs

Ushers: Mary Francis & Roger Williams

Greeter: Kitty Beck

June 20th

Lay Reader: Becky Wistrom

Ushers: Dennis & Judy Crostic

Greeter: Frankie & Linda Morris

June 27th

Lay Reader: Mike Rapalee

Ushers: Jim & Irene Kweeder

Greeter: Mary Frances & Roger Williams

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.



6/1/2021	Psalm 119:89-176
6/2/2021	Song of Solomon 1-8
6/3/2021	Proverbs 1-3
6/4/2021	Proverbs 4-6
6/5/2021	Proverbs 7-9
6/6/2021	Proverbs 10-12
6/7/2021	Proverbs 13-15
6/8/2021	Proverbs 16-18
6/9/2021	Proverbs 19-21
6/10/2021	Proverbs 22-24
6/11/2021	1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3
6/12/2021	1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4
6/13/2021	1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5
6/14/2021	2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136
6/15/2021	Psalm 134, 146-150
6/16/2021	1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8
6/17/2021	Proverbs 25-26
6/18/2021	Proverbs 27-29
6/19/2021	Ecclesiastes 1-6
6/20/2021	Ecclesiastes 7-12
6/21/2021	1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9
6/22/2021	Proverbs 30-31
6/23/2021	1 Kings 12-14
6/24/2021	2 Chronicles 10-12
6/25/2021	1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16
6/26/2021	1 Kings 15:25-34; 1 Kings 16:1-34; 2 Chronicles 17
6/27/2021	1 Kings 17-19
6/28/2021	1 Kings 20-21
6/29/2021	1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18
6/30/2021	2 Chronicles 19-23

CELEBRATIONS BIRTHDAYS

2 – Amanda Toms	18 – Wendy Rosen
6 – Gil Shand	21 – Kathleen Mallory
7 – Chris Smith	21 – Mike Sharpe
7 – Shep Smith	22 – Jonathan Toms
10 – Kathleen Toms	24 – Helen Leneave
11 – David Davis	25 – Marion Smith
16 – Troy Wilson	

ANNIVERSARIES

3 – Troy & Vicky Allen
20 – Thom & Beth Gann
20 – Jeff & Carolyn Jacobs
23 – Kent & Kathleen Toms

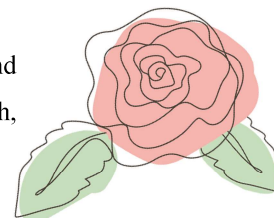


OUTLOOK by Priscilla Leonard

Forget each kindness that you do as soon as you have done it.
Forget the praise that falls on you the moment you have won it.
Forget the slander that you hear before you can repeat it.
Forget each slight, each spite, each sheer where you may meet it.

Remember ever kindness done to you, whate'er it's measure.
Remember praise by others won and pass it on with pleasure.
Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter.
Remember those who lend you aid and be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living.
Forget each worry and distress; be hopeful and forgiving.
Remember good, remember truth,
remember Heaven is above you, and
you will find through age and youth,
true joys and hearts
to love you.



Contributed by Kitty Beck

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

MEET A MEMBER ... Shep Smith

Sheppard Wayne Smith was born Grace Hospital in Richmond in June of 1940. He was one of three children, an older sister and a younger brother who has passed. Shep grew up in Richmond, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School. He continued his education at RPI, which is now VCU, and then went to the University of Richmond where he obtained his Masters Degree in History.

Shep taught school at Thomas Dale High School in Chesterfield. He now teaches for Chesterfield Life Long Learning for Seniors. Once a teacher, it's always in your blood. When Shep retired he worked as tour guide at Berkeley Plantations for over five years.

For hobbies, Shep enjoyed target practice, canoeing and hiking. Today his favorite hobby is sitting in the lounge chair... his words.

Shep has also served as the organist at Hopewell UMC for over 30 years. This was his gift to Hopewell as he was not a paid employee. That gift has been so appreciated for the joy it brings to our church.

He and Margie have been married for 48 years. His favorite food is old fashion strawberry short cake. His favorite hymn is "Victory In Jesus", and his favorite bible verse, all of them!



DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET??

Alma Williams Shawl Group has started meeting again on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at 10am. Newcomers are welcome!



Want to contribute to The Grapevine?

We welcome your contributions! To be included in the **JULY Newsletter**, please have your submissions to the church office no later than **Wednesday, JUNE 23rd. THANK YOU!!**

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

GIVE

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!!



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

All Children

First Responders

Healthcare Providers

Our Police

Those affected by COVID

Our Country

Our President

Government Leaders

Also pray for:

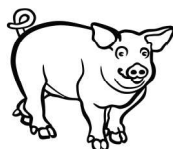
Noah Anderson	Kathleen Mallory	Judy Reid	Marion Smith
Pauline Burnette	Noxon Family	Mary Sharpe	Joseph Sparkman
Rose Burton	Charlotte Panther	Mike Sharpe	Lynwood Thompson
Janet Greene	Kenny Powers	Dorothy Smith	Dorma Thompson
Jeanette Gross	Linda Powers	Lewis Smith	
Roger Gross	Robin Reed	Kristen Smith	
Mike Krenik	Al Reid	Wayne Smith	

METHODIST MEN



Available July 18th

\$25/Butt



\$10/Quart

Please contact the office

by June 30th to pre-order.

Please make checks payable to:

Hopewell United Methodist Men

The Lord's Prayer

T A R D S Y D K H D
E E O E R I I X A K
V T M O H N M E L R
I E L P G T R S L E
L G J D T B A X O W
B Q O O Y A V F W O
R M Q L Q I T M E P
E V I G R O F I D Q
X A X W I L L K O G
D L J G F H B A J N

FATHER	DAILY BREAD	GLORY	HALLOWED
FORGIVE	EVIL	WILL	KINGDOM
POWER	TEMPTAION	SINS	

