



# ***The Grapevine***

**Hopewell United Methodist Church**

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## **March 2021**

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### **Time for Healing**

This Lenten season has begun much in the same way the season ended last year, with the church building closed, although this year because of weather, and worship being limited to what we have available online. As I have reflected over the last few weeks, I pondered what God was still trying to say to us in this season. Was there something that we had not grasped? Was there something God was looking for us to do?

While our theology lets us understand that God did not cause the pandemic that has swept the globe over the last year; however, His sovereignty has allowed it to happen. Therefore, we must ask ourselves, why? I believe that the pandemic is a representation of the brokenness of the fallen world that we live in and a reminder of our mortality, the preciousness of this life, and how little, if any, control that we actually have ourselves.

Ash Wednesday was the beginning of the Lenten season in which we observe the beginning of Lent and we are reminded of our mortality... “All come from dust; and to dust all return” (Eccl. 3:20). Ash Wednesday ushers in the season in which we are to pray, fast, and inwardly inspect our lives to identify the sins in our lives and earnestly repent. For many, this verse is seen as a call to the nation of Israel to humble themselves and seek God for the healing of their land.

Over the past year, many people have been posting and sharing this verse as a call to the United States to do the same. Amid a pandemic, social unrest, and political strife, our call as a nation is to pray and turn from our ways. However, maybe this is a call of a more personal level. Maybe this is a call to the church to humble itself, pray, and turn from the path she is on? Maybe it is a call for each of us... and through personal humility and prayer, God will heal the areas in our lives that may be experiencing drought.

In the cross we see sacrifice, we find hope, and we feel love. Over these next few weeks, as we make the journey to the cross together, join me in honest reflection and prayer to see the areas in our lives that have distracted us from focusing on the things of God. And in doing so, the immense love God has for you will be evident in the cross. In this way, God’s healing will begin to spread from within our church.

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.**



**February Worship**



**Attendance Average**

**In-person: 32 Online: 55**

- 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.
- Currently, we are not able to hold Sunday School on Sundays at the normal time. If you would like to consider holding class at a different time (i.e. day or time), please contact Pastor Bob to discuss.

**Giving Gladly**



**General Fund Stewardship through**

**February 21st**

**(required): \$14,875.10**

**(received): \$9,625.35**

**(over/short): (\$5,249.75)**

**Food Ministry:** The donation bins are located outside the church

**MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT**

For 2021 your Missions Committee will be bringing you “new things,” new ways to follow the Lord and be in ministry doing His good works. Please be in prayer for all of these opportunities to bless others in His name.

**BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
3510 Broad Rock Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23234

BUMC operates a food ministry as Belmont Community Resource Services, serving an average of 350 families each week. They need help with packing food on Thursdays (non-contact) starting at 9:30am and distributing the food on Fridays (mostly non-contact) starting at 8:30am. They also have a clothes closet and will accept volunteer help as well as donations.

Ways to contact them for information about volunteering:

Phone: 804-275-6336

Website: <http://bcrsrva.org>

Facebook: Belmont Community Resource Services

Please feel free to just show up at the above times to volunteer. Shifts are about 2 1/2 hours — bring your mask, they provide gloves.

**Don't forget about Donations for Heart Havens**

... the home in Chester is fairly new and we hope to supply them with art supplies and “fun” stuff. See below for items you can bring in March. Put them on the food tree. (Only new items, please.)

**ART SUPPLIES :** Construction paper, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, stickers, coloring books, paint supplies, washable markers, modeling clay, etc.

**FUN STUFF:** DVDs, simple board games, jigsaw puzzles, outdoor games (cornhole, ladder golf, etc.)

**Serving Joyfully**



**Acolytes:**

**Lay Readers:**

03/07 - TBD

03/07 - Mike Rapalee

03/14 - TBD

03/14 - Becky Wistrom

03/21 - TBD

03/21 - Steve Hague

03/28 - TBD

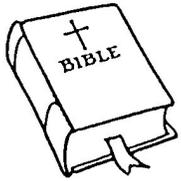
03/28 - Jim Kweeder

**Ushers:** During the current in-person worship, the roles of ushers/greeters will be shared by Jim Kweeder, Mike Sharpe and Mike & Janet Rapalee.

**Nursery:** Not available at this time.

**Volunteers needed:**

We are looking for volunteers for our audio/visual system. If you would like to learn how to serve, contact Pastor Bob.



### 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.

- 3/1/2021 Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90
- 3/2/2021 Numbers 16-17
- 3/3/2021 Numbers 18-20
- 3/4/2021 Numbers 21-22
- 3/5/2021 Numbers 23-25
- 3/6/2021 Numbers 26-27
- 3/7/2021 Numbers 28-30
- 3/8/2021 Numbers 31-32
- 3/9/2021 Numbers 33-34
- 3/10/2021 Numbers 35-36
- 3/11/2021 Deuteronomy 1-2
- 3/12/2021 Deuteronomy 3-4
- 3/13/2021 Deuteronomy 5-7
- 3/14/2021 Deuteronomy 8-10
- 3/15/2021 Deuteronomy 11-13
- 3/16/2021 Deuteronomy 14-16
- 3/17/2021 Deuteronomy 17-20
- 3/18/2021 Deuteronomy 21-23
- 3/19/2021 Deuteronomy 24-27
- 3/20/2021 Deuteronomy 28-29
- 3/21/2021 Deuteronomy 30-31
- 3/22/2021 Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91
- 3/23/2021 Joshua 1-4
- 3/24/2021 Joshua 5-8
- 3/25/2021 Joshua 9-11
- 3/26/2021 Joshua 12-15
- 3/27/2021 Joshua 16-18
- 3/28/2021 Joshua 19-21
- 3/29/2021 Joshua 22-24
- 3/30/2021 Judges 1-2
- 3/31/2021 Judges 3-5

# CELEBRATING!

## BIRTHDAY

- 3 – Linda Morris
- 4 – Cherie Camp
- 6 – Gayle Smith
- 9 – Nancy Jungersen
- 9 – Audra Smith
- 12 – Jennifer Porter
- 12 – Mary Walters
- 17 – Debbie Deavers
- 17 – Judy Reid
- 17 – Scotty Myers
- 19 – Alan McCann
- 20 – Sarah Scott
- 22 – Martha Kay Creasy
- 22 – Delany Deavers
- 22 – Becky Wistrom
- 24 – Walter Williams
- 28 – Mike Scheivert
- 30 – Dale Sheally
- 31 – Thom Gann



## ANNIVERSARY

- 22 – Dennis & Judy Crostic

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2 Chronicles 7:14

### WATCH THE SERVICE

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

<https://hopewellunitedmethodist.org/>



### BIBLE STUDY



### Lenten Bible Study

on Tuesdays @ 11 am and 7 pm

### 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](mailto:treasurer@hopewellunitedmethodist.org)

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



# JOY:FULLY SERVING

### Lay Readers

03/07 Mike Rapalee

03/14 Becky Wistrom

03/21 Steve Hague

03/28 Jim Kweeder

### Ushers

03/07 Preston Taylor & Frankie Morris

03/14 Howard Johnston & Roger Williams

03/21 Jim Kweeder & Kent Toms

03/28 Paul Smith & Steve Hague

### Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, March 14

The clocks will spring forward starting that Saturday, March 13



**PRAYING DAILY**

**For the HOMEBOUND:**

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

**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:**

Mary Jane Beckholt	Pauline Burnette	Rose Burton	Janine Burks
Wanda Caisse	Dianne Conner	Traci Dempsey	Janet Greene
Jeanette Gross	Roger Gross	Betty Michael	David Parsons
Sandy Plath	Kenny Powers	Al Reid	Judy Reid
Ranny Sage	Mary Sharpe	Dorothy Smith	Lewis Smith
Joseph Sparkman	Dorma Thompson	Lynnwood Thompson	David Davis

# The BLESSING BOX Project

Hopewell United Methodist Church, through faithful giving to the Food Ministry, has graciously supported the Manna Food Pantry over the last few years. This year, God has placed a new vision for the Food Ministry at Hopewell United Methodist Church. In the next few weeks, we will place a Blessing Box outside of our church to fill with essential food items to help those in our community feed their families. The Blessing Box will be stocked with a couple of days' worth of food to get a family through a time of need. In churches that have deployed Blessing Boxes, they have seen their community unite to support the effort and help stock the box. We are excited about this new opportunity to serve our community. There will be more information forthcoming as to how you can be involved.

We hope to have the Blessing Box ready in the next few weeks. Prior to installation, we will dedicate and pray a blessing over the box during one of our worship services. However, the time to start collecting food is now. Therefore, starting February 27, we will begin collecting for the new box. Below is a list of items that we plan to target for the box. These items can be bought in bulk, such as Costco or Sam's Club, as long as they have individual servings that can be separated. Our goal is not to put large cans or big boxes of items in the box, but rather a variety of items to last a couple days.

We will no longer collect on Saturdays, however, the boxes will be out from MON - FRI 10 am - 1pm, as well as Sunday worship. We will accept monetary donations for the church to purchase items at Sam's Club or Costco. Thank you for your faithfulness to serve and provide for those in need. Let the light shine from HUMC.

All items suggested are traditional size. Bulk items are welcomed if they contain individual packages.

Suggested **non-perishable** food items are:

Canned meats and fish	Canned vegetables	Canned fruits	Canned spaghetti and pastas
Soups and stews	Dried/Canned Beans	Peanut butter	Instant Oatmeal
Box Pasta / Rice	Spaghetti Sauce	Mac & Cheese	Variety Pack Cereal
Canned Pet Food	Jell-O Cups	Juice Boxes	

**MEET A MEMBER ... Peggy Camp**



Peggy Lucille Taylor Camp was born on October 28<sup>th</sup>, here in Chesterfield County. She was one of four children, but the only girl. Peggy is quick to say that she was never the princess; she was treated just like the boys. Everyone was expected to help with chores and do whatever needed to be done. When Peggy started school in first grade, Chesterfield County was much different from today. She attended a variety of schools, to include Ramsey Memorial Church, Reid, Henning, Old Broad Rock and Manchester; just to name a few. Peggy would have finished her education at Manchester High School but she chose a different path at that time by getting married.

Peggy had two children, Warren (who is a member of our church) and Wanda. Unfortunately, Wanda was walking on Route 360 in 1987 and was struck by a car and killed. Today Peggy has one son, one grandson and 3 great grandsons.

For 17 years she was the typical homemaker, wife and mom. Then circumstances in her life changed and she began working a full time job at Curtis Richmond Plastics. In 1993 she went back to school and earned her GED. She then went to work at Reynolds Metal and was employed there for over 13 years before retiring.

Gardening, yard work and growing pretty flowers were things that Peggy always enjoyed. She also took pleasure in canning and freezing the fruits of her labor. She also shared that she took a cake decorating class and would make cakes for all occasions, especially for her family members.

Peggy has been a member of HUMC all of her life starting Sunday School with her dad. She has witnessed many changes, some good and some bad, but she has always stayed true to this church. She remembers MYF, Children’s Choir, and even a church baseball team. Peggy has participated in Bible School, worked in the nursery, served on the Buildings/Grounds committee, also the nominating, cemetery and SPR committees. Peggy is the one ready to help with food for any event in the fellowship hall.

A great example, that’s what Peggy is! She regularly calls and visits church members and shut ins, serves as taxi driver, picks up groceries and prescriptions at the store if someone is in need.

Peggy loves all hymns but thinks her favorite is Mansion Over The Hilltop.

**Did you know...**

March is national Women’s History Month, National Reading Month, and American Dietetic Association National Nutrition Month .

Holidays celebrated in March include Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, St. Patrick’s Day and Good Friday.



**Would you like to contribute to The Grapevine? We welcome your news, articles, recipes, quotes, and jokes! To be included in the February Newsletter, please have your submissions to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 24. THANK YOU!!**



# MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:45pm AA—Principles	2 Lenten Study 11 am & 7 pm	3 10am Kingdom Seekers 7pm—Cub Scouts	4 7pm—Boy Scouts	5	6
7 11am Sunday Worship	8 5:45pm AA—Principles	9 Lenten Study 11 am & 7 pm	10 10am Kingdom Seekers 7pm—Cub Scouts	11 10am Knitting Gals 7pm Worthington Women	12	13
14 11am Sunday Worship	15 5:45pm AA—Principles	16 Lenten Study 11 am & 7 pm	17 10am Kingdom Seekers 7pm—Cub Scouts	18 7pm Administrative Council Meeting 7pm Order of the Arrow	19	20
21 11am Sunday Worship	22 5:45pm AA—Principles	23 Lenten Study 11 am & 7 pm 7pm Methodist Men	24 10am Kingdom Seekers 10am Knitting Gals 7pm—Cub Scouts	25 7pm Worthington Women	26	27
28 11am Sunday Worship 	29	30	31			

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