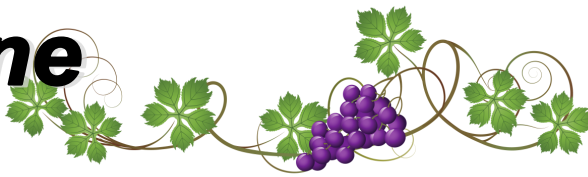


The Grapevine



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Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

It is so easy to get caught up in our circumstances and to think "woe is me." It can happen in an instant. How we perceive something should be, does not come to be. How things are, should not be. However, in most cases, our disappointing circumstances are the result of our expectations. This was the experience Anne and I had recently on our trip to Florida. On our drive down we were met with delays due to traffic jams. Our arrival at the resort left us unimpressed. And the "light construction" became a window replacement project that entailed the roar of a sawzall at 8:30 am every morning. However, while we struggled not to focus on those "less than ideal circumstances," we strived to follow the advice of Paul to the young church in Thessalonica who were facing "less than ideal circumstances" in their new faith in Jesus Christ.

This is no different for us as a church. No one will object to the claim that the last year and a half has been "less than ideal circumstances" for Hopewell UMC. However, we endured the brief shutdown of the church from March -July 2020. We endured virtual church services captured with a simple camera phone. We have endured the return to congregational worship without singing. And we have endured "less than ideal circumstances" for our recent social gatherings that included limited dishes and gloved/masked servers. However, through it all, I could see the joy in those who gathered for worship despite the circumstances. I could sense the joy in those, who could not otherwise, worship with us online despite the quality of the video. And I could hear the joy in those who gathered for fellowship despite the limitations. In all these circumstances there was joy and thanksgiving. I believe we all have realized, as Mr. Mike shared in his Children's Message on Oct. 24, we take things for granted and do not realize what we had until it is gone.

While we are still not back to where we were, we are a lot farther along that path than most. And through our faithfulness to God, God is being faithful to us in more ways than we can imagine. As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, let us remember that we have so much to be thankful for even in our less than ideal circumstances. We have seen the return of the Men's Bible Study and our church family is growing with the reception of new families. By this, I am encouraged that this is just the beginning of what God has planned for Hopewell UMC. Therefore, let us focus on the goodness of God and His blessings. Our joy is in Him.

God bless you,

Pastor Bob

THANK YOU!

The Laity Picnic was a success!

It was a wonderful time to enjoy some fellowship in the fresh, yet chilly, air.

A big thank you to everyone who prepared the meal and served, also to those who helped set up and clean up.

We hope you'll mark your calendar for our next gathering - the Christmas Lunch, December 12th after service.

CHILI COOK-OFF

United Methodist Men

Will be hosting this event on

Saturday, November 13th, 12 - 4 PM

**WE NEED COOKS - please contact
Al Reid @804-745-4999**

**if you are interested in cooking chili so we
can save you a spot to cook your chili and
WIN a trophy!**

10 sample cups—\$5 or a bowl for \$3

Come out to support your favorite chef!!

Giving Gladly

General Fund Stewardship for the last 4 weeks :



(required): \$14,875.10
 (received): \$10,491.00
 (over/short): (\$ 4,984.10)

JOYFULLY SERVING

November 7

Lay Reader: Irene Purdy
Ushers: Jim Kweeder & Mike Sharpe
Greeter: Mary Frances

November 14

Lay Reader: Carolyn Jacobs
Ushers: Alan McCann & Frankie Morris
Greeter: Janet Rapalee

November 21

Lay Reader: Howard Johnston
Ushers: Kevin & Karan Wilson
Greeter: Laura Hatfield

November 28

Lay Reader: Mary Frances
Ushers: Warren Camp & Steve Hague
Greeter: Brenda Fones

Nursery – not available at this time.

September Worship

Attendance Average

In-person: 41
Online: 45



- 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.

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

- 13 – Phyllis Boyd
- 24 – Paul Smith
- 28 – Robin Scheivert
- 29 – Vicky Allen
- 29 – Anne Moseley
- 30 – Dennis Crostic

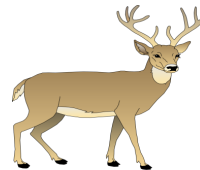


ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 – Bobby & Margaret Thomas
- 20 – Delany & Debbie Deavers
- 23 – Al & Judy Reid



HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY



It's deer season again in Virginia. This gives us, as a church, the opportunity to participate in the "buck" harvest. During the entire month of November, we will be collecting money for the Hunters for the Hungry feeding program. This is a much-respected food ministry, and all the money collected goes to process the venison in Virginia. This is an approved giving program by the United Methodist Church.

The collection box will be in the narthex all month, so drop your "bucks" as you pass by. Thank you for your support of this program.



CHESTERFIELD CHRISTMAS MOTHER

MISSION SPOTLIGHT/FOCUS for NOVEMBER

The Missions Committee is excited to let the congregation know of the opportunity to collect new books for the Chesterfield Christmas Mother.

We will collect the books during **November**.

2021 BOOK PURCHASE SUGGESTIONS

BIRTH THROUGH AGE 2:

Board books including bilingual (Spanish), learning skills development (numbers, colors, shapes), stories (The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Peek-a-Who?, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, etc.), interactive board books (Flip the Flap, touchy-feely)

AGES 3-5 (preschool; picture books with stories; books with diverse characters):

Bilingual (Spanish) books, Skills development (ABCs, shapes, colors, numbers...), Social skills (empathy, forgiveness, kindness, sharing, honesty), STEP books or other "leveled readers" (levels 1, 2), Nonfiction books (animals, dinosaurs, weather, etc.), Pete the Cat, Corduroy, Curious George, Berenstain Bears, Mercer Mayer books

ELEMENTARY AGES 6-10 (more words per page/advanced theme picture books and chapter books; books with diverse characters):

STEP books or other leveled readers (levels 3, 4, 5), Sports books for boys and girls (soccer, basketball, gymnastics, football, baseball/softball), Nonfiction books (animals, science, biographies, etc.; DK and National Geographic series), Almanacs and fun facts books, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dog Man books (especially latest editions), Graphic novels, Animal stories (Pet Rescue Adventures, Magic Kitten series, Puppy Place series)

MIDDLE SCHOOL AGES 11-13 (advanced chapter books, novels; books with diverse characters):

Nonfiction books (DK series, science, animals, space, biographies, etc.)
 Fantasy book series by popular authors Rick Riordan, George R. R. Martin, Eoin Colfer, Philip Pullman, Christopher Paolini, Tahereh Mafi, Max Brallier, J. K. Rowling, Suzanne Collins, etc.
 Middle school books by James Patterson, Raina Telgemeier, Allie Condie, Jerry Spinelli, Gary Paulsen, Walter Dean Myers, Jacqueline Woodson, Christopher Paul Curtis, Carol Hiaasen, Stuart Gibbs, Bruce Cameron,
 Sports book fictions by popular authors Jason Reynolds, Kwame Alexander, Victoria Jamieson, Edward Bloor, Tim Green, Mike Lupica, etc.
 Animal stories and Graphic novels
 Almanacs and fun facts books (Guinness Book of World Records; sports facts)

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that we will again be

RINGING THE RAILS FOR ADVENT

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

November 28 — Children’s Hospital of Richmond at VCU

Toys from the list provided below

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

NEW TOYS AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL ON NOVEMBER 28

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| Stress balls | Friction powered die-cast cars |
| Coloring books for children and adults | Baby toys like building blocks, stacking rings, rattles |
| Music Making Toys | Little People toys |
| Large print word search puzzle books | Jewelry making kit |
| VTech Rhyme and Discover books | Beads for bracelets and jewelry |
| Legos | Craft kits |
| Games such as Hungry Hippos, Life, Trouble, Candy Land, Uno, etc. | |



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 Leaders of the UMC, our Bishop and District Superintendent

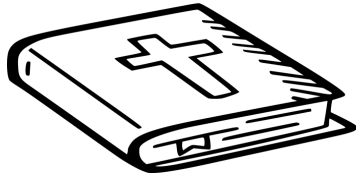
Teachers **First Responders** **Our Police**
All Children **Healthcare Providers** **Those affected by COVID**

Our Country

Our President
Government Leaders

Also pray for:

Laura Brown	Jeanette Gross	Cathy Morgan	Mary Sharpe
Pauline Burnette	Roger Gross	Mallory Miller	Mike Sharpe
Peggy Camp	Blake Jacobs	Drew Patriquin	Dorothy Smith
Chris Campbell	Connie Jacobs	Kalie Patriquin	Lewis Smith
Melanie Campbell	Morgan Harrell	Marie Pulley	Joseph Sparkman
Tim Davey	Kathleen Mallory	Robin Reed	Lynwood Thompson
Sue Davey	Claude McKinney	Al Reid	Dorma Thompson
Marvin Foyles	Lisa Melody	Judy Reid	



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.

11/1/2021 Matthew 20-21	11/16/2021 Acts 1-3
11/2/2021 Luke 18:15--43; Luke 19:1-48	11/17/2021 Acts 4-6
11/3/2021 Mark 11; John 12	11/18/2021 Acts 7-8
11/4/2021 Matthew 22; Mark 12	11/19/2021 Acts 9-10
11/5/2021 Matthew 23; Luke 20-21	11/20/2021 Acts 11-12
11/6/2021 Mark 13	11/21/2021 Acts 13-14
11/7/2021 Matthew 24	11/22/2021 James 1-5
11/8/2021 Matthew 25	11/23/2021 Acts 15-16
11/9/2021 Matthew 26; Mark 14	11/24/2021 Galatians 1-3
11/10/2021 Luke 22; John 13	11/25/2021 Galatians 4-6
11/11/2021 John 14-17	11/26/2021 Acts 17; Acts 18:1-18
11/12/2021 Matthew 27; Mark 15	11/27/2021 1 Thessalonians 1-5; 2 Thessalonians 1-3
11/13/2021 Luke 23; John 18-19	11/28/2021 Acts 18:19-28; Acts 19:1-41
11/14/2021 Matthew 28; Mark 16	11/29/2021 1 Corinthians 1-4
11/15/2021 Luke 24; John 20-21	11/30/2021 1 Corinthians 5-8

Gospel Music Night



Join us in fellowship @ 7PM
 Friday, November 19th – Last Chance

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 **Tuesday, November 23rd.**

THANK YOU!!

November



Cream Cheese Poundcake

Ingredients


- 1 1/2 C unsalted butter (3 sticks), softened
- 8 oz (1 pkg) cream cheese, room temp.
- 3 C granulated sugar
- 6 large eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 C all-purpose flour
- 1/8 tsp salt

Beat butter and cream cheese together for 2 minutes or until creamy. Gradually add sugar over 5 to 7 minutes. Add eggs singly, beating until yellow disappears. Add vanilla, mix well.

~Scrape beater, sides and bottom of bowl well prior to adding flour! Combine flour and salt, then gradually add to mixer, beating until just combined after each addition. Scrape well, make certain there are no pockets or streaks before pouring into tube pan.

Bake 1 1/2 hours at 300°F; toothpick should come out clean. Cool on rack for 15 minutes before turning it out, upside down, to cool completely.

(Helen Purdy, 2021)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3	1 5:pm AA—Principles	2	3 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	4 7pm Boy Scouts	5	6 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life
7	8 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 7 pm Men's Bible Study	9 10am Alma Williams Shawl Group 7 pm Service of Healing and Prayer	10 10am NARFE 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	11 10am Knitting Gals 7pm Worthington Women	12	13 12pm AA Group 12-4pm—Chili Cook-off 8pm AA—Young Life
14	15 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 7 pm Men's Bible Study	16 7pm—Admin Council Meeting	17 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	18 7pm Order of the Arrow 7pm UM Men	19	20 12pm—AA Group 1-6pm - Dedmon/Private 8pm AA—Young Life
21	22 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11 am Sunday Worship 7 pm Men's Bible Study	23	24 10am Knitting Gals 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	25 	26	27 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life
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