



The Grapevine

**OCTOBER
2021**

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For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

As summer gives way to fall, October marks three important celebrations within the life of the church. It begins with World Communion Sunday on October 3. While there are many issues in the world and topics within the church that can lead to division within the body of Christ, World Communion Sunday reminds us of the unity we experience through the breaking of the bread and drinking from the cup.

What started as one church's desire to show the interconnectedness of all Christian churches in 1933, was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America in 1940 and has now been adopted as a worldwide ecumenical celebration of our unity in Christ. It is the day we all remember the night of Jesus' betrayal and His sacrifice for each of us.

Then on October 17, we celebrate Laity Sunday. The priesthood of all believers is not a body of priests, but rather *all believers* who place their trust in Christ. The laity are the essential members of the body of Christ with each one supplying their own unique gifts given to them by the Spirit. Paul wrote, "For the body is not one member, but many" (1 Cor. 12:14). Therefore, I praise God for all the many gifts that are present in the body at Hopewell United Methodist Church. And as a member of Hopewell United Methodist Church, "You are Christ's body, and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:27).

To mark this special day, we will have a complete laity-led worship service. Mike Sharpe, Lay Leader, will conduct the worship service and Shep Smith will provide a timely message for all of us. Following the service, the church will host its Fall Picnic to celebrate all the laity who faithfully lead, serve, volunteer, and commit to the church their prayers, presence, and gifts.

Lastly, we close out the month with the recognition of Reformation Sunday on October 31. Reformation day marks the day that German monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenburg Church and commemorates the birth of the Protestant Church. The 95 Theses were Luther's concerns over the corruption in the Catholic Church, with the selling of indulgences being a primary concern. These indulgences were sold to people who desired not to serve penitence for their sins. In other words, the Catholic Church was selling tickets to heaven. Because of the Reformation, the primacy of Scripture, clarity concerning salvation by faith alone, the importance of glorifying God, was brought back into focus. The Reformation also resulted in the Word of God being made available for almost everyone to read in a language they can understand.

While the change of season from summer to fall gets us excited for the holiday season that is just a few months away, let us not forget the important celebrations that we have before us right now! I praise God for each of you and I am excited about what God has in store for Hopewell United Methodist Church.

God Bless you,
Pastor Bob

LAITY SUNDAY PICNIC

Hope you will join us!!



October 17th
after service

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, October 26th.

THANK YOU!!

Giving Gladly

General Fund Stewardship for the last 4 weeks :



(required): \$14,875.10
 (received): \$13,332.00
 (over/short): (\$1,543.10)

MISSION SPOTLIGHT and FOCUS for October CCHASM

CCHASM is the acronym for Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry. It was started in 1988 by a group of Chesterfield churches. Today, in conjunction with Social Services and member churches (Hopewell UMC is a member!), CCHASM offers financial assistance, food assistance, women's career clothing and Thanksgiving food distribution to those in emergency situations. We will participate in the Thanksgiving food program again this year during October. A listing of items can be found below. Help is also needed to sort, bag and distribute the food. Also, donations of food and career clothing may be made throughout the year. For more information:

Website: www.cchasm.org

Call: 804-796-3715

or speak with Janet Rapalee

LOOK HERE!



CCHASM
ALLIANCE FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY

During the month of October, we will collect food for the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM). This will be the sixteenth year that our church has supported this ministry. CCHASM has asked for a specific group of food items, all part of a Thanksgiving meal. Last year we collected 33 complete bags of food. If you cannot fill a complete bag of these items, you may bring any items off the list. All items must be in their original packaging and cannot have an expired "use by" date. Please double-bag all complete bags and mark the bag Complete. The items for a complete bag are:

- 1 – 40 oz. (large) can of yams or sweet potatoes
- 1 – 13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
- 1 – 14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
- 2 – 15 oz. cans of corn
- 2 – 15 oz. cans of green vegetables
- 2 – boxes of "Stove Top" stuffing (no bags)
- 2 – cans or packages of gravy (no glass jars)
- 1 – box of hot chocolate
- 1 – box of regular flavor teabags
- 1 – large box or bag of cookies

You can bring these items to church any Sunday in October. The food will be delivered to the drop-off center in November.

September Worship

Attendance Average

In-person: 36

Online: 44



- 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

October 3

Lay Reader: Jim Kweeder - communion

Ushers: Dennis & Judy Crostic

Greeter: Gil Shand

October 10

Lay Reader: Becky Wistrom

Ushers: Mike & Janet Rapalee

Greeter: Janet Rapalee

October 17

Lay Reader: Mike Sharpe

Ushers: Carolyn Jacobs & Brenda Fones

Greeter: Teresa O'Connor

October 24

Lay Reader: Brenda Fones

Ushers: Roger & Mary Frances Williams

Greeter: Laura Hatfield

October 31

Lay Reader: Mike Rapalee

Ushers: Warren Camp & Howard Johnston

Greeter: TBD

CHESTERFIELD CHRISTMAS MOTHER

MISSION SPOTLIGHT and 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** and a more complete list of suggestions will be in the November Grapevine.

Here is a preview list of suggestions for age categories birth to age 2, ages 3-5, ages 6-10 and ages 11-13:

Bilingual (Spanish) books, Board books, picture books, ABC, colors, numbers, non-fiction books (animals, weather, etc.) for ages 3-5, 6-10, 11-13, chapter books for older ages, sports books.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 – Lynwood Thompson
- 6 – Lee Livingston
- 6 – Joseph Sparkman
- 11 – Roger Williams
- 17 – Frankie Morris
- 20 – Judy Crostic
- 23 – Lynette Eanes
- 25 – Mary Frances Williams
- 28 – Peggy Camp
- 31 – Rose Burton
- 31 – Susan Martin



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Ken & Linda Powers
- 7 – Justin & Lori Abbott
- 13 – Paul & Gayle Smith
- 13 – Lynwood & Dorma Thompson
- 19 – Stephen & Lynette Eanes
- 20 – Howard & Robin Reed Johnston
- 20 – Marshall & Kathleen Mallory
- 20 – Lewis & Dorothy Smith
- 20 – Roger & Mary Francis Williams
- 27 – Michael & Janet Rapalee
- 28 – Chris & Marion Smith



COME JOIN IN THE FUN & GOODIES
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH @ 6:00 PM

Gospel Music Night

Join us in fellowship @ 7PM

Friday, October 15th – Good News

Friday, November 19th – Last Chance



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!!



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.



**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

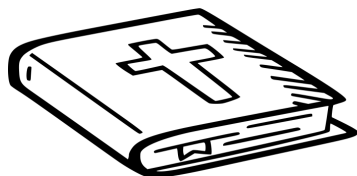
For Leaders of the UMC, our Bishop and District Superintendent**Teachers****First Responders****Our Police****Our Country****Our President****All Children****Healthcare Providers****Those affected by COVID****Government Leaders****Also pray for:**

Pauline Burnette	Blake Jacobs	Family of Kenny Powers	Lewis Smith
Peggy Camp	Carolyn Jacobs	Robin Reed	Joseph Sparkman
Lisa Cerol	Claude McKinney	Al Reid	Betty Stinette
Sue Davey	Cathy Morgan	Judy Reid	Lynwood Thompson
Tim Davey	Frankie Morris	Mary Sharpe	Dorma Thompson
Jeanette Gross	Diana Patriquin	Mike Sharpe	Erin Wilson
Roger Gross	Mark Patriquin	Dorothy Smith	

Please join the Mission Committee of HUMC and all who have supported Missionary Clara Biswas in congratulations and prayers upon her recent retirement. Clara, who has dedicated her life to Cambodian children for the last 21 years, officially retired from UMC-GBGM on August 31, 2021. Clara has been a person of faith and a diligent worker as she reached out to the poorest of the poor in the slums, garbage dumps, resettlement areas, and orphanages in Phnom Penh. With God's help, she has enabled vulnerable children and youth to attend schools, participate in Christmas and Easter celebrations, and have vocational training. Many people have been blessed by her work, and now, we bless her and the next chapter of her life in God!

If you would like to send her words of congratulations and encouragement, her email is (clarabiswas1@gmail.com).

We pray that God continues to be with Clara as she returns to her home in Bangladesh.

**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.

10/1/2021 Luke 1; John 1:1-14	10/17/2021 Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
10/2/2021 Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38	10/18/2021 John 6
10/3/2021 Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52	10/19/2021 Matthew 15; Mark 7
10/4/2021 Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3	10/20/2021 Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
10/5/2021 Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51	10/21/2021 Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62
10/6/2021 John 2-4	10/22/2021 Matthew 18
10/7/2021 Mark 2	10/23/2021 John 7-8
10/8/2021 John 5	10/24/2021 John 9:1-41; John 10:1-21
10/9/2021 Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6	10/25/2021 Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
10/10/2021 Matthew 5-7	10/26/2021 Luke 12-13
10/11/2021 Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7	10/27/2021 Luke 14-15
10/12/2021 Matthew 11	10/28/2021 Luke 16; Luke 17:1-10
10/13/2021 Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11	10/29/2021 John 11
10/14/2021 Matthew 13; Luke 8	10/30/2021 Luke 17:11-37; Luke 18:1-14
10/15/2021 Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5	10/31/2021 Matthew 19; Mark 10
10/16/2021 Matthew 9-10	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Wednesdays @ 5:30pm Hurricane Football		1	2 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life
3 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship	4 5:pm AA—Principles	5 7pm—Charge Conference	6 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	7 7pm Boy Scouts	8	9 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life
10 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship	11 5:pm AA—Principles	12 10am Alma Williams Shawl Group 1 - 7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	13 10am NARFE 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	14 10am Knitting Gals 7pm Worthington Women	15	16 10am Beyer/Private 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life
17 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship	18 5:pm AA—Principles	19 7pm—Admin Council Meeting	20 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	21 7pm Order of the Arrow	22	23 12pm AA Group 8pm AA—Young Life
24 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 7 pm Men's Bible Study	25 5:pm AA—Principles	26 7pm UM Men	27 10am Knitting Gals 12pm AA—Valentine 5pm AA—Principles 7pm Cub Scouts	28 7pm Worthington Women	29	30 12pm AA Group 6pm Trunk or Treat 8pm AA—Young Life
31 9:45am Sunday School 10 am Sunday School 11am Sunday Worship 7 pm Men's Bible Study						

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Just a
reminder...



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 5th @ 7:00 PM

BSA—Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 12th
1—7 PM

Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 19th @ 7:00 PM

Men's Bible Study
will resume

Sunday, October 24th @ 7 PM

United Methodist Men Meeting

Tuesday, October 26th @ 7:00 PM