



Weekly Activities & Prayer Concerns

Sunday: **9:00 am** Advent Adult Study (zoom)
10:00 am Worship Service (online)
11:00 am Virtual Coffee Time (zoom)

Monday: **7:00 pm** Blue Christmas Service at Calvary Baptist Church

Wednesday: **7:00 pm** Prayer Meeting (zoom)
7:00-8:30 pm HUMC at Council of Churches Living Nativity

Thursday: **6:00 pm** Christmas Eve Outdoor Candlelight Service
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Virtual Worship Service

Friday: **8:00 pm** AA meeting (zoom)

Saturday: **9:00-11:30 am** Community Closet CLOSED

For Continued Healing & Strength: Stefanie, Natalie, Malcolm, Kevin and wife, Carol, Bonnie (Georgie), Shana, Marge and Norm, David, Norm, Marilyn and Hal, Cheryl, Marsha, Terry, Pastor Dan Polk, Jody, Jocelyn, Jan, Ellie, Colleen, Sharon, Thelma, Marian, Lorraine, Rose, Barry & Barbara and family, Charles and Francina, Bucky and Sandy, Paul Sr., Pray for healing and calm in the midst of uncertain times.

For Protection: for justice for the African American community and all people of color, for everyone impacted by the Covid-19 virus, for children during shutdown, children with parents working in essential services, children neglected and abused in the secrecy of quarantine, everyone impacted by the Covid-19 virus. Healthcare workers – doctors, nurses, aides, housekeepers, administrators and non-medical staff, and everyone in the hospital setting – that they stay safe and sane.

Guidance and Support: vaccine distribution, government transition, for our leadership that decisions are made with careful consideration and responsibility, for all the essential workers from grocery store clerks, to truck drivers, to gas station workers to delivery drivers. Pray for mental health and their economic health. Pray they feel love and support of the community.

Comfort: for all students, children and parents, those struggling with unemployment and with pay cuts. Pray for our community, our state, nation and world as we go through chaotic and scary times. Pray we are able to connect with the Creator God, maker and sustainer of us all. May we rest in God's goodness, mercy and peace, now and forever.

HUMC STAFF

Rev. Laura Steele: Pastor
Mary McIntyre: Music Director
Rich Grant: Accompanist
Liz McCormack: Secretary
Eva Lucas: Nursery Attendant
Robert Harvey: Church Handyman



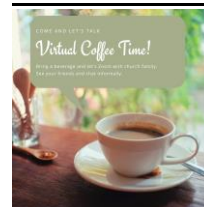
Announcements for Sunday, December 20, 2020

Online Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm Wednesdays.



Let's gather from our homes to bring our concerns to each other and to the Lord. **Prayer Time Zoom Meeting ID:** 867 0701 6102 or **Dial by phone:** 1 929 205 6099 and enter the above meeting ID number.

Virtual Coffee Time



Join us at 11:00 am via Zoom for Coffee Hour! Coffee Time **Zoom Meeting ID:** 878 0513 2866 or **Dial by phone:** 1 929 205 6099 and enter the above meeting ID number.

The Hopewell Council of Churches Living Nativity will be staging its



annual Living Nativity on the lawn of Calvary Baptist Church, Broad Street, Hopewell, from **Sunday, December 20 to Thursday, December 24** (Christmas Eve). The Living Nativity will run each evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will include live actors and animals. HUMC will participate on Wednesday, December 23rd and are

looking for one family unit for that evening. **Please wear masks and practice social distancing if you plan to attend.**

On Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m., all are welcome to gather for a brief



ceremony at the Living Nativity to light a candle in memory of a loved one dearly missed during the holiday season. Many people struggle with grief or loneliness that this season can sometimes magnify.

This year many of us may also feel a sense of unease as we remember how hard 2020 has been and wonder what 2021 may have in store. **Please wear masks and practice social distancing if you plan to attend.**

JOURNEY WITH US TO BETHLEHEM

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
 Side Lawn – Outside Installation
 Saturday, November 28 – Sunday, January 3
 Daylight hours and under the lights until 8:00 PM daily
 Bring your cell phone and a pair of earphones
 Social distancing guidelines apply

Christmas Eve Services

6:00PM OUTDOOR WORSHIP
 8:00PM VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Today is the last day to support the Diaper Drive the Hopewell United



Methodist Women are participating in the December Diaper drive held by Maker's Place. We are collecting diapers of all sizes and wipes, **now through Dec. 20**. A collection bin is at the church and Lorraine Donahue will coordinate taking them to Maker's Place. Diapers are an important item for keeping babies healthy and safe, and often struggling families cannot afford as many diapers as babies really need.

Support Our Church While You Shop Amazon This Christmas



Tis the Season of Shopping. Are you an Amazon shopper? Did you know that by using AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases directly to our church. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. By using this link, your donation will go directly to HUMC. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2426411> Thank you!

Pledge Cards for 2021 Your gifts have helped sustain the faithful mission



of our church "to bring HOPE to a hurting world." We hope you will prayerfully consider how you will share your gifts in the coming year and ask that you can fulfill your giving commitment for 2020 by Dec. 30th. Together, we can support each other through this difficult time. Together, we can answer God's call to mission and ministry. Together, we can be spiritually united even when physically apart.

With Grace and Peace, The HUMC Finance Team



6:00PM Outdoor Service: We will have a short, outdoor candlelight service to hear the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke and sing Silent Night (weather permitting). Bundle up and join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ! Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing.



8:00PM Virtual Worship Service: Get cozy in those Christmas jammies and join us online at 8:00PM Christmas Eve as we celebrate with a full worship service of Lessons and Carols. You can join via our website: www.hopewellmethodist.org or our Facebook page: HopewellMethodistNJ.



This Week's Special Occasions!

Happy Birthday!

Jean Davis (12/22)

Happy Anniversary!

Rich & Pat Grant (12/23)

