



## Weekly Activities & Prayer Concerns

- Sunday: 9:00 am Advent Adult Study (zoom)  
 10:00 am Worship Service (online)  
 11:00 am Virtual Coffee Time
- Monday: 5:30 pm Hopewell Presbyterian Luminaries for Womanspace
- Wednesday: 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting (zoom)
- Friday: 8:00 pm AA meeting (zoom)
- Saturday: 9:00-11:30 am Community Closet Open

**For Continued Healing & Strength:** Malcolm, Kevin, 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., Bobbie, Gregory, Dolly, Rich, Archie, Maureen, Linda, Phyllis. 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 in cities with no access to yards or playgrounds, 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:** 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 6, 2020

### Advent at HUMC

**Advent Adult Study Group Sundays 9:00 am, November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.** Even during hard times, the light of Christmas shines brightly. *Home for Christmas* shares the real-life stories of formerly incarcerated men and women as they find work and opportunity through Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California.



**Advent Worship Series: *Coming Home***  
**November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>, Sundays**  
**10:00 am**

### Virtual Angel Tree Christmas for Kids



**Update: All Our Angel Tree Kids Have Been Sponsored!**

Praise the Lord! Thanks to your generosity, we have sponsored all 30 children.

If you didn't get a chance to sponsor one of the children from our Angel Tree website, you can still help Angel Tree fulfill their goal to help 300,000 children this Christmas by going to their website directly.

You will not be able to sponsor a specific child but your generosity will help deliver a gift, the Gospel, and a note from their incarcerated parent to children all across the country.

<https://secure.prisonfellowship.org/donate/AngelTreeChristmas?amount=Fill+in+your+desired+gift+amount&ms=PATWLAG200101000>

On behalf of the HUMC Missions Team, we would like to thank you for helping support one or more of our Angel Tree children. Thanks to you, our hope is these children will have a Christmas they will remember for the rest of their lives and also one that will help strengthen family bonds!

## 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. **Please note:** there will be **NO Prayer Meeting next Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving Eve Service.**



## 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 Thursday, December 20 to Monday, 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 and refreshments (hot chocolate and cookies) for passersby. **HUMC**

**will participate on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and are looking for one family unit for that evening.

On Friday, December 21 at 7:30 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. It's easy to forget during the Christmas Season that not everyone is filled with joy. 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.



On Saturday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join us for a community carol sing of your favorite holiday songs. There will be small treats for the kids and maybe even a special visitor!

**We request that you wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines while attending these events.**



## Join the 2020 Worldwide Virtual Christmas Choir



Thank you for your interest in the 2020 Worldwide Virtual Christmas Choir. **Submissions are now closed.** The downloadable videos will be available on the Discipleship Ministries and UCom websites, as well as our social media pages, on **Friday, December 18.** You will be able to find the downloadable videos on the Discipleship Ministries website below:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/christmaschoir>



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.

## Book Talk – December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm



We are revisiting one of our favorite Christian suspense fiction authors for December, Terri Blackstock. The book is one of her newest called, *Smoke Screen*. It's about **one father who was murdered. Another who was convicted of his death. All because their children fell in love.** *It's a gripping suspense that is full of secrets and lies. A real page turner.* **We meet on Zoom at 7 pm** and would love to have you join us. For more information about our Zoom meeting, please contact [HopewellUMCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HopewellUMCSecretary@gmail.com).



*This Week's Special Occasions!*

*Happy Birthday!*

***Paul Garrison, Sr. (12/9)***



### “Songs of the Season Virtual Concert” December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Hopewell UMC fan favorites are coming together to share their music and raise money to support the ongoing missions and ministries of the Hopewell

United Methodist Church, which has become a lively venue for the musical arts, including starting an Open Mic night, a Kids Mic and hosting the Hopewell Hayride, among other musical opportunities.

The virtual concert will take place online, Saturday, December 19, at 7 p.m. **Purchase a ticket at the link below and you will receive a link to the concert** on the Friday, Dec. 18. If you cannot make Dec. 19 concert, you can still purchase a ticket and view online any time after the concert premiere.

**Tickets are a suggested donation of \$25 each and all funds go directly to support Hopewell UMC’s vision to “bring hope to a hurting world.”**

Tickets are available now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/songs-of-the-season-virtual-christmas-concert-tickets-128663478929>



## 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

### Womanspace - Communities of Light: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

Womanspace is an important local organization in Lawrenceville, serving families facing domestic and sexual violence through their crisis hotlines, emergency shelters, counseling, court advocacy, and other work. **On Monday December 7th, candles will be lit on streets across central New Jersey for Womanspace’s 19th Annual Communities of Light. Hopewell Presbyterian will be contributing to this powerful glow by surrounding our own church with candles from luminary kits purchased by the deacons. We will also wear masks and practice social distancing while gathering to carol around the Remembrance tree on the 7th at 5:30 PM.** Let’s help Womanspace spread the message that Peace Begins at Home!



**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](http://www.hopewellmethodist.org) or our Facebook page: HopewellMethodistNJ.

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