Weekly Activities & Prayer Concerns

Announcements for Sunday, February 14, 2021

Lent Worship Series and Adult Bible Study beginning February 21st

Habits and routines help us stay on track in many areas of our lives – whether it’s our physical, mental, or emotional health. They can help us grow in our spiritual lives too. In this series, we will explore several spiritual disciplines, or faithful habits, that can help us deepen our relationship with God.

Lent is the perfect time to commit or recommit to a spiritual discipline, as we enter a season of self-examination in preparation for Easter. To join our 9:00 am Sunday Adult Bible Study, email Pastor@HopewellMethodist.org.

Week 1: Prayer | Scripture: Romans 8:26-27
Week 2: Scripture | Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3
Week 3: Fasting | Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18
Week 4: Confession | Scripture: 1 John 1:5-9
Week 5: Worship | Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:31-33
Palm/Passion Sunday: Silence | Scripture: Mark 14: 26-41

Lent Soup Suppers and Worship

The Hopewell Council of Churches will continue its tradition of hosting Wednesday evening Soup Suppers and Worship during the season of Lent. This year we will meet virtually from 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82086152038.

The link will be the same each week. During the 6:30-7:00pm time slot, we will gather and fellowship. Each week our COC intern Ben will reach out to the various churches to share our favorite soup recipes. Then, attendees will be invited to share their soup together during this time. The more traditional worship will begin at 7:00-7:30pm.
**Missions News:**

We are now in the middle of our food collection for **Hopewell Valley Mobile Food Pantry**. See the link below for more details about the Food Pantry: [https://www.hopewellmethodist.org/missions-project-starts-tomorrow-hopewell-valley-mobile-food-pantry/](https://www.hopewellmethodist.org/missions-project-starts-tomorrow-hopewell-valley-mobile-food-pantry/)

We will be collecting food as well as accepting monetary donations to support the Pantry until **February 21**.

**Specific foods items requested:** canned vegetables, fruits, meats, breakfast cereals/bars, shelf-stable milk, & cooking oil.

**Collection container:** Look for the collection container on the front porch of the church.

**Monetary donations:** you can send your donation by mail. Note on your check payable to HUMC how much you want designated to HVMFP. Online donations can be done by using the Donate Now tab on our Church’s website Home Page and selecting Outreach [https://www.hopewellmethodist.org/](https://www.hopewellmethodist.org/)

The HUMC Youth Meet-Up Group fundraiser for Souper Bowl of Caring is this Sunday, **February 7th**. Thank you for helping us show Local Love by supporting the HVMFP. **HUMC Missions Team**

**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:** The Hopewell Council of Churches will be holding Wednesday evening services during Lent so, beginning on February 18th, the Prayer Meeting will take place on **Thursdays at 7:00pm** instead of Wednesdays until the week after Easter, which would be April 7th.

**Virtual Coffee Time**

There will be no Virtual Coffee Time this week due to the Souper Bowl of Caring events at 11:00 am on Sunday, February 7th.
Certified Advanced and Basic Lay Servant Classes: Spring 2021

All classes will be virtual via Zoom. To best engage with the instructor and class, you will need a computer, tablet, iPad, or smartphone with a camera. There is a call-in option for those who do not have the listed equipment. Access information will be provided via email upon registration. The participant’s book will be mailed to you. The cost of registration is $50 and includes materials. You must attend all of the classes in the schedule you choose in order to receive certification.

**Advanced Lay Servant Classes:**
**Planning and Leading Worship**
- **Dates:** Tuesdays – February 16, 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Led by:** Rev. Kim Crutchfield

**Polity & UM History**
- **Dates:** Saturdays – April 10, 17, 24
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Led by:** Rev. Jack Orr

**Basic Lay Servant Classes:**
**Dates:** Mondays – February 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Led by:** Frank Friend & Terri Pagani

**Dates:** Saturdays – April 17, 24
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **Led by:** Frank Friend & Terri Pagani

Pastor Laura serves on the Capital District Anti-Racist Clergy Team and in honor of Black History Month, the Anti-Racist Clergy Team has created a daily devotional.

Each day of February, Pastor Laura will share this daily devotional with the congregation. We invite you to be in a time of prayer as we lift up our siblings of color and as we reflect, learn, and grow by asking ourselves some hard questions about what it means to bring God’s justice to our homes, communities, and churches.

If you are not signed up to receive our emails, please visit [https://www.hopewellmethodist.org/stay-updated-sign-up-for-our-news/](https://www.hopewellmethodist.org/stay-updated-sign-up-for-our-news/)

**Important dates coming in March:**
- **Monday, March 1st** – MAT Meeting at 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, March 9th** – Admin Meeting at 7:00 pm

**Happy Birthday**
- Henry Idowu (2/17)

**Happy Anniversary**
- Tom & Judy Staed (2/17)