Weekly Activities & Prayer Concerns

Sunday: 9:00 am Adult Bible Study “Purple Theory” (zoom)
        10:00 am “Purple Theory” Worship Service (online)
Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 pm CoC Lenten Soup Supper and Worship (zoom)
Thursday: 7:00 pm Prayer Time (zoom)
Friday: 8:00 pm AA meeting (zoom)
Saturday: 9:00-11:30 am Community Closet Open

For Continued Healing & Strength: Jennifer, Nora, Kerry, Pastor Laura, Archie, Tom, George, Kathy, Pat, Sondra, Marcia, Rev. Hector Burgos, Lucy, Tammy, Irene, Sue’s Mom, Stefanie, Natalie, Malcolm, Kevin and wife, Carol, Bonnie (Georgie), Shana, Marge and Norm, David, Norm, Marilyn and Hal, Marsha, Terry, Pastor Dan Polk, Pray for healing and calm in the midst of uncertain times.

For Protection: praise for a safe and peaceful transfer of power during the inauguration, for justice for the African American community and all people of color, for 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, 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: pray for those killed at the Capital and their families, 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.

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Rev. Laura Steele: Pastor
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Liz McCormack: Secretary
Eva Lucas: Nursery Attendant
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Announcements for Sunday, February 21, 2021

Lent Worship Series and Adult Bible Study Beginning Today
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 heading to the finish line 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/

**Sunday, February 21** is the last day of our collection efforts of the below mentioned items.

**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/. Thank you for helping us show Local Love by supporting the HVMFP. HUMC Missions Team

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**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:**
**Planning and Leading Worship**
**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

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

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**Online Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm Now Thursdays until April 7th.**
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**
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.

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

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**Bob Schanck (2/28)**