Weekly Activities & Prayer Concerns

Sunday: 9:00 am Adult Bible Study “Purple Theory” (zoom)
         10:00 am “Purple Theory” Worship Service (online)
         11:00 am Virtual Coffee Time (zoom)
         5:00 pm Youth Meet-Up Outside

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Book Talk (zoom)

Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 pm CoC Lenten Soup Supper and Worship (zoom)
           7:00 pm Prayer Time (zoom)

Thursday: 6:30-7:30 pm CoC Lenten Soup Supper and Worship (zoom)

Friday: 8:00 pm AA meeting (zoom)

Saturday: 9:00-11:30 am Community Closet Open

For Continued Healing & Strength: Francina, Mike, Lily, Bishop Schol, Keith and Janet, Sandy and Bucky, Jennifer, Nora, Kerry, , Archie, Tom, George, Kathy, Pat, Sondra, Lucy, Tammy, Irene, Sue’s Mom, Stefanie, Natalie, Carol, Bonnie (Georgie), Shana, Marge and Norm, David, Marilyn and Hal, Marsha, Terry, Pastor Dan Polk.

For Protection: 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: for all students, children and parents, those struggling with unemployment and with pay cuts. Pray for our community, our state, nation. 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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Announcements for Sunday, March 14, 2021

Lent Worship Series and Adult Bible Study

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 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 this link: 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.

Community Closet Update:

The Community Closet will not be accepting clothing donations from now until April 17th. We are having our $3.00 per bag sale on March 27th from 9:00-12:00. Also, the Closet will be closed on April 3.
Outdoor Worship: Sunday, March 21st at 10:00 am

On March 21st, we will begin Outdoor Worship services once again. And, no worries, we will also livestream the Outdoor Services for our online community and those folks who may not feel comfortable attending in-person just yet.

This season, we hope to host Outdoor Services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please remember to wear a mask, bring a lawn chair, and practice social distancing.

Youth Meet-up: Sunday, March 14th @ 5:00pm (via zoom)

We will have our on-line Youth Meet-Up via zoom this month. All youth 6th through 8th grade are welcome to attend. Join us as we play games, ask questions and have fun! Links will be emailed. If you’d like more information, please contact Pastor Laura at the email address below: pastor@hopewellmethodist.org

Book Talk: Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm (via zoom)

Mustard Seed, by Laila Ibrahim

A historical fiction story that takes place in Virginia, Post-Civil War period. The story continues with the lives of Mattie, Lizbeth and Jordan. Three women returning to the plantation they once called home. A haunting and tender story that is also a real page turner. For more information about our Zoom meeting, please contact HopewellUMCSecretary@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Operation Covid-19 Vaccination

Do you need help scheduling a vaccine appointment? Have you signed up for notifications but not getting appointments? Do you need a ride to your vaccine appointment? Are you hesitant or nervous about the vaccine? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, HUMC is here to help. Please email Pastor Laura at pastor@hopewellmethodist.org and we will work to get you vaccinated!

The Finance Committee is Looking for Offering Counters

The Finance Committee is looking for help to round out our rotation of weekly counters. All it takes is 1-2 hours of your time once a month. The counters work in rotation with the Financial Secretary to count the weekly Sunday offering. This is a great way to serve our church during these hard times. Please email our Financial Secretary, Sue Esche at sesche@comcast.net if you can help. Thank you.

Easter Services, Sunday, April 4th:

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Highland Cemetery
10:00 am Outdoor Service Hopewell UMC
**Missions News:**
Today we are kicking off our second quarter for missions 2021 that will continue through May. Our theme is *Humanitarian Relief* as we focus our support for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

During the quarter we will be working on two specific projects for UMCOR. The first will be collecting a monetary donation to support the United Methodist Church’s - **UMCOR Special Giving Sunday**.

This special giving is important as it goes to support the administration and overhead costs to operate UMCOR. This then allows 100% of what is given to UMCOR for a specific disaster relief to go directly to that need. More information about this special giving Sunday will be presented later this month.

**Monetary Donation:** Starting today through March 28th you can help support this collection by noting on your check payable to HUMC how much you want designated to UMCOR Special Giving. 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/)

Our second project to help UMCOR is assembling **Hygiene Kits**. These hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. They also are used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes.

On April 18, (weather permitting) we will be assembling the kits after the Outside Service. Alternate date: to be announced later.

Collection of items needed for kits: Right now, we need your help to collect the items needed to assemble the kits. Items can be dropped off in the blue bin on our front porch. Items needed are: Please note UMCOR has specific sizes or styles that that need to be followed.

- **Hand towels** 15 x 25 – 17 x 27 inches: (No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels),
- **Washcloths**: (No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels)
- **Combs**: (Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth, no pocket combs or picks, Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth)
- **Toenail or fingernail clippers**: (No emery boards or metal nail files)
- **Bath-size soap** (3 oz. bar or larger): (No Ivory or Jergen’s soap, do not remove from packaging)
- **Adult toothbrush**: (Do not remove from packaging, personal advertising not acceptable)
- **Adhesive bandages** ¾ by 3 inches: (Common household bandages acceptable)

**Please note:** Contents of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols

More information on how to assemble the kits to follow later.

Thank you for helping us provide Humanitarian Relief by supporting UMCOR.

HUMC Missions Team