



Weekly Activities & Prayer Concerns

- Sunday: **9:00 am** Adult Study: Realities of Race and Racism
10:00 am Creation Worship Series: Forest Sunday (online)
11:00 am Virtual Coffee Time (zoom)
- 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: Margie, Charles, Cheryl, Bucky and Sandy, Juliet, Paul Sr., Bobbie, Gregory, Dolly, Jocelyn, Bobbie and husband, 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 other 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: 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 September 6, 2020



HUMC Virtual Worship 10:00am Sundays

Welcome to virtual church at HUMC! This week’s online worship service will be available on Facebook and on our website at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. You may view and follow along from your own home via the HUMC Website at www.hopewellmethodist.org or on our [Facebook page](#) “HopewellMethodistNJ”



Online Prayer Meeting – 7:00pm

Wednesday’s

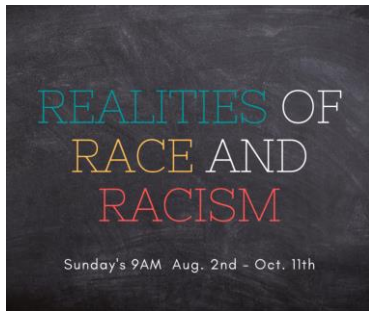
Please join us on Zoom for our weekly prayer meetings. Let’s gather from our homes to bring our concerns to each other and to the Lord. **Prayer Time Zoom Meeting ID:** 867

0701 6102 or **Dial by phone:** 1 929 205 6099 and enter the above meeting ID number.



Virtual Coffee Time

Although we are separated physically, we have found new and exciting ways to connect virtually. Every Sunday after the 10am online worship, we will have our virtual Coffee Hour! Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and **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.

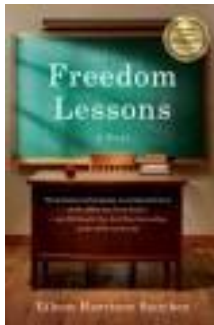


Adult Study: *Realities of Race and Racism* Sundays 9:00 am 8/2 – 10/11

Conversations around race can be uncomfortable for most of us. Conversations around race in the Church are no exception. Join us for this new video series as a way to begin dialogue, face our misconceptions and fears, and move deliberately to spiritual, communal and social transformation. Email:

pastor@hopewellmethodist.org for more information and to sign-up for the class! Race and Racism **Zoom Meeting ID:** 897 0546 1156 or **Dial by phone:** 1 929 205 6099 and enter the above meeting ID number.

Book Talk: Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00pm



For our next book talk on Tuesday, September 15th, we will be discussing "**Freedom Lessons**" by Eileen Harrison Sanchez. Told alternately, by Colleen, an idealistic young white teacher; Frank, a black high school football player; and Evelyn, an experienced black teacher, *Freedom Lessons* is the story of how the lives of these three very different people intersect in a rural Louisiana town in 1969.



This Week's Special Occasions!

Happy Birthday!

Barry Davison (9/8)

Happy Anniversary!

Pastor Laura & Lou Steele and Barbara and Barry Davison (9/7)



Blessing of the Devices: During Online Worship on September 13th.



This year at HUMC, we will be blessing those devices: laptops, tablets, phones that are helping our students, parents and teachers stay connected and learning, while they stay healthy! **We have custom stickers that can be placed on your devices**

once they are blessed. Some stickers have been mailed and others can be picked up in the basket outside Sept. 13th-Sept. 19th.

Community Closet will open on Saturday's from 9:00-11:30 am.



Masks will be required. If you do not have a mask, we will provide one for you. Social distancing practices will be in place. We will post customer guidelines on the chalk board outside the closet. The Community Closet is in need of Fall and Winter clothing at this time.



Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of our Creation Worship Series and St. Francis of Assisi Day, HUMC will host our annual **Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4th, from 3pm-5pm on the front lawn.** Pastor Laura will be set up with

a pet blessing station. Participants may come at any time between 3pm-5pm to have their pet blessed. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines and wear a mask. Although Pastor Laura loves all creatures, she is not able to offer a blessing to any snakes at this time. If you wish to have your snake blessed, Pastor Laura will find a loving pastoral colleague to do so.

Important Dates:

September 8th at 7:00pm: Admin Meeting (zoom)

September 14th at 7:00 pm: MAT Meeting (zoom)

September 16th: 2020 Charge Conference Paperwork Due