



Hopewell

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Helping Christians Grow & Helping Grow Christians

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Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:25PM

Sunday, 8:00AM

Sunday, 9:30AM

Sunday, 9:30AM

Sunday, 10:55AM

Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel

Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel

Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

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Weekend of September 23 & 24, 2017

Prayer Notes

Circle of Concern

Please keep these persons in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Grieving a loss:

Debbie Robinson and family

Hope and Healing:

Joan Carlson

Victims of the earthquake and Hurricane Maria

This Week's Prayer Calendar:

Sunday -	awareness of God's movement in our lives
Monday -	joy of friendship
Tuesday -	wisdom and direction
Wednesday -	heart healthiness
Thursday -	prodigal children
Friday -	Christ Servant Ministers
Saturday -	Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth

Marriage News

Pastor Vicki performed the wedding ceremony of Carole Streckenbach and Chuck Jones on Saturday, September 16th here at Hopewell UMC.

Pastor Amy performed the wedding ceremony of Kristin Anderson and Michael O'Donoghue on Saturday, September 23rd. Please pray for these newly married couples as they begin their lives together.

Congregational Care As we continue to empower and equip Hopewell members to care for one another, we'd like to announce the change in name of Caring Ministries to Congregational Care. We celebrate the giftedness of each one of us to provide encouragement to others in unique ways and we look forward to the continual expansion of the care extended to and from this congregation in the future.

Worship

This Weekend

Saturday, September 23 Contemporary
Sunday, September 24

"Am I Missing Something Here?"
Exodus 14:19-31
Pastor Vicki, preaching

Sunday, September 24 Traditional

"Stop Long Enough"
Mark 6:30-31
Pastor Amy, preaching

Next Weekend

Saturday, September 30 Contemporary

"Planting Seeds Worship Rally"

Sunday, October 1 All Services

"A Tough Situation"
Philippians 1:27-2:5
Pastor Steve, preaching

World Communion Sunday

Acolytes for this weekend include: 5:25pm Lindsey Compton, 8am Kyle Smith, 9:30 Chapel Amanda Dodds, 9:30 Sanctuary Brandon Erskine, 10:55 Kayla Brittain

Sunday school during the 9:30am worship hour. Look for room assignments in the hallways.

Junior Church is offered during the 10:55am worship hour for all children age 3 years to entering 6th grade. Children should proceed to worship with their families and then join our Junior Church leaders at the specified time in the order of worship. Children can be picked up after worship in Room Adam (the church library).

Prayer e-Chain To post a prayer request, to receive prayer requests that have been posted, and to receive the *Prayer Focus for Today*, email Joan Stanford at jostnfrd@ptd.net.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 24

8:00am Traditional Worship
 9:30am Traditional Worship
 Contemporary Worship
 Sunday School
 Hebrew Tribes
 10:45am Youth Choir
 10:55am Contemporary Worship
 Junior Church/Nursery
 The Life of David
 Coffee with the Pastors
 12:15pm CR Leadership Team
 1:30pm Men's Basketball
 3:30pm Boy Scout Troop 8
 6:00pm Children's Choirs & Fellowship
 Youth Fellowship

Monday, September 25

9:00am Hopewell Christian Preschool
 12:30pm Hopewell Christian Preschool
 6:15pm Yoga
 7:00pm Clash of Kingdoms
 Spiritual Formation
 Cub Scout Pack 8

Tuesday, September 26

9:00am Hopewell Christian Preschool
 12:30pm Hopewell Christian Preschool
 1:00pm Staff Meeting
 6:00pm Celebrate Recovery
 6:30pm Praise Team
 7:00pm DACSL Volleyball
 Cub Scout Pack 8

Wednesday, September 27

7:30am Special Church Council
 9:00am Hopewell Christian Preschool
 12:30pm Hopewell Christian Preschool
 6:00pm CLICK
 6:30pm Philippians Bible Study
 7:00pm Praise Team

Thursday, September 28

9:00am Hopewell Christian Preschool
 9:30am Mere Christianity
 12:15pm Spiritual Formation
 12:30pm Disciple IV
 5:30pm CR Step Group
 6:00pm Planting Seeds prep
 Wesley Ringers
 6:15pm CSM meeting
 6:30pm Disciple I Fast Track
 Divorce Care, Divorce Care Grads
 Single & Parenting
 7:00pm Grief Share
 DACSL Volleyball
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 29

6:30am Men of Faith
 8:30am Fasting 101
 9:00am Hopewell Christian Preschool
 12:30pm Hopewell Christian Preschool
 5:30pm Planting Seeds CSM

Saturday, September 30

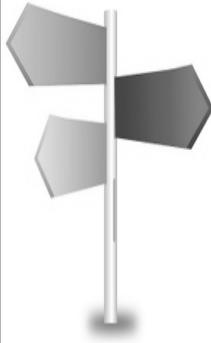
8:30am Men of the Sabbath
 9:00am Planting Seeds
 5:25pm Planting Seeds Worship Rally

Sunday, October 1

8:00am Traditional Worship
 9:15am Flu Shot Clinic
 9:30am Traditional Worship
 Contemporary Worship
 Sunday School
 Hebrew Tribes
 IGR Soup Lunch
 10:45am Youth Choir
 10:55am Contemporary Worship
 Junior Church/Nursery
 The Life of David
 New Member Class
 1:30pm Men's Basketball
 6:00pm Children's Choirs & Fellowship
 Youth Fellowship

Discipleship

HUMC Strategic Map



Goal: Increase the level of congregational education and leadership training across all age levels.

Result: We are excited to offer the 14th annual Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth on September 30th with the theme of *Pray for the City*. The day's program, workshops, worship and fellowship are valuable opportunities for all of us to grow in leadership, strengthen our ministries, and learn from current leaders. Register on-line today at www.hopewellumc.org.

Weekly Health Bite from Congregational Care

September 24 -30 – Heart Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death and major disability in the U.S. The warning signs of a heart attack include chest discomfort such as pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain and can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach. Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort, a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness can also be present. Some conditions that increase the risk of heart disease are high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity, alcohol and tobacco use, and family history. A healthy diet, routine visits to a physician, regular exercise, and maintaining lower levels of stress are crucial to a healthy heart and set an example of a healthy lifestyle for your family. This week, please pray for those diagnosed with heart disease and for the prevention of heart-related illness through healthy lifestyle choices.



Leadership Institute Pastor Steve, along with his wife Joan, will attend the annual Leadership Institute offered by the Church of the Resurrection In Kansas City: September 27th-29th. Led by Senior Pastor Adam Hamilton, the Leadership Institute welcomes nationally-recognized pastors and laity from around the county, speaking on themes of local church transformation for today's context. Of course, the Rev. Scott Chrostek (COR's lead pastor at its urban site) - our **Planting Seeds** speaker at Hopewell on Saturday! - will lead one session at this week's forums in Kansas City: Reaching and Engaging Emerging Generations. Pray for the Mortons' travel, and for this nice partnership between COR in Kansas City and Hopewell UMC here in eastern PA.

Mission & Ministry

New Member Classes

The next opportunity for joining Hopewell UMC will be October 21st & 22nd. The membership process consists of two classes and your presence in worship on the joining weekend. Dates and times for the next set of classes are as follows:

Orientation class: **Sunday, October 1, 10:55-11:55am**

Membership class: **Saturday, October 7, 8:30-11:30am**

Please contact Lynne in the church office (Lynne@hopewellumc.org or 610-269-1545) if you are interested in joining or have any questions. Childcare is available during both classes. Deadline to register is September 26th.

Adult Mission Trip in Crisfield, MD !

Long-Weekend Trip Dates:

Departure after-work/evening - **Thursday, October 26th**

Return afternoon – **Tuesday, October 31st**



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE: Participants are not required to be in Crisfield for the full mission. We'd welcome you for 3 days! 2 days! Arrive when you can, and depart when you must.

THE TASK: Restoring the sanctuary of Shiloh UMC, 109 N 4th Street, Crisfield. Pastor Steve and his cousin Davis will make a quick trip on Monday, September 25th in order to meet our new friends at Shiloh UMC and to scout out the projects.

COST: Funding has been provided to cover room-and-board expenses for the team. Pick up your Information Packet and Sign-Up Form in the church office on the counter along the outside wall, or contact Deb Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org).

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*Man to Man Ministries
2017 Golf Tournament
to benefit
Hopewell's effort in Haiti
&
Youth Scholarships*



Honeybrook Golf Club
TUESDAY, October 3, 2017
8:00 AM Shotgun Start

- ◆ Prizes
- ◆ Putting Contest
- ◆ BBQ Lunch
- ◆ Scramble Format
- ◆ Long Drive/Closest to Pin
- ◆ Men & Women Welcome



***Benefits Missions in Haiti & Youth Scholarships
Sponsorships Available ~ Promote Your Business***

Golfers - \$125

***Register - Sundays at HUMC or
www.hopewellumc.org***



14th Annual
Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth
Saturday, September 30, 2017

Still time to Register on-line!
www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds

This is an event for *everyone!* If you worship at Hopewell, *you* should attend! Detailed information about the speakers, workshops, and worship is available at www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds.



Growing Sisterhood

A new fellowship opportunity for women who are interested in growing in faith and friendship through social events and workshops. If interested, please contact Stephanie Edwards at growingsisterhood@gmail.com.

Time for a Flu Shot

In partnership with Congregational Care at Hopewell, Walgreens will be offering flu shots on Sunday, October 1st from 9:15am to 12:15pm in Adult Ministry A. Shots are available for anyone 9 years of age and older. Please bring your insurance cards. Without insurance, shots cost \$32. For every flu shot given, Walgreens donates money to providing life-saving vaccines around the world.

The Raised Bed Gardens are continuing to provide many fresh vegetables for the Lord's Pantry. This year we have harvested over 717 lbs. of goodies and continue to harvest tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and zucchini. We have fall crops in and soon will be picking lettuce and kale! Thanks to all the many hands who keep the gardens going.



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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH Hopewell's Welcoming Team

With much appreciation for the time and energy with which they serve, creating an environment which reflects their motto, *attract, invite and connect visitors*, thank you, Welcoming Team! Your outreach inspires us, and creates a warm, welcoming church atmosphere that glorifies and honors God.

Pictured at the East Brandywine Township's Community Day: Katie Yurick; Ann-Marie Barber; Pam Johnson (team leader); Bruce Fratanduono; and Nicolai Murphy. Not pictured: Cathy Golden; Dick Pry; Steve Harvey; Deb Boyd; Stephanie Edwards; Rob Chapman; Linda Chapman; Pete Burrows; Karen Berger; Ed Smigelski; Patty Smigelski; and Joe Mannion



Music News!

The Wesley Ringers are looking for volunteers to round out their ensemble! If you played a band instrument and enjoy a team-oriented music ensemble then consider joining! Open to youth in grades 10th – adults! Please contact Mame Linford: mamelinford@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Choir/Youth Creative Arts Ministry meets Sunday mornings at 10:45am in the music room. This group will spend time working on music and drama to present during worship. Open to youth in grades 7th - 12th. For more information please contact either Stephen Brittain: 18sbrittain.stem@gmail.com or Rebecca Gamble: Rebecca@hopewellumc.org

There's a Robe for YOU! The Adult Choir is looking for volunteers who love to sing! This group meets Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the music room. You do not need to know how to read music to be a part of the ministry. Open to youth in grades 9th - adults! For more information contact Rebecca Gamble:

Rebecca@hopewellumc.org

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Sponsored by Coatesville Kids to College

2nd Annual 5K for PRE-K to College Education
in Coatesville

Sunday, October 22nd,
8:00am

East Brandywine Community Park

100% of funds raised go directly to programming for the *Bright Beginnings* Pre-K program and the After-school programs of *Coatesville Kids to College*. The race will be timed by the Chester County Running Store. For more information and to register for the Event, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Downingtown/PreKtoCollege>.

Please consider participating in, donating to, and/or praying for this cause. If you have questions or would like to join the team and help the morning of the event, contact Patty Wiehler at patty@hopewellumc.org.

2018 Medical Mission Trip to Haiti!!

Calling all medical professionals, the Haiti team is organizing it's first medical mission trip to Haiti and we need you!! On all of our prior trips, we have encountered a number of people, infants to elderly, who had serious medical issues. In our beloved village of Leveque, there are no health care facilities. Access to clinics or hospitals is a luxury as the transportation costs to get there can be prohibitive. By providing a Medical Mission Trip, we will be able to set up a temporary clinic in Leveque and work alongside a Haitian doctor to treat people in the community. We will also need non-medical folks to help with check in, entertaining children and much more!!

The dates of the trip will be February 21st through February 27th, 2018. We will be traveling out of Philadelphia to Port au Prince. The tentative cost of this trip will be \$1,500 and a \$500 deposit is needed by November 15, 2017 to secure your spot.

Please contact Cheri Miller (cheri@hopewellumc.org, 610-316-5877) or Carey Burke (carey_burke@hotmail.com, 610-804-7839) for more information!

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Safe Harbor is located in downtown West Chester and provides shelter and support services to homeless men and women in the community. We are currently looking for volunteers to help serve and provide dinner items on the first Monday of each month. This is a great way for families to serve together. If you are interested in more information please contact Kate Hargrove at khargrove4223@gmail.com or 484-744-7106.

Roots of Methodism:

John Wesley and Our History in England

Join Senior Pastor Steven Morton and the Rev. Dr. David Frame as friends of Hope-well UMC tour England next summer, re-living our Wesleyan heritage in that great mother land! Visit the cathedrals of London and other British cities...tour Wesley's childhood home and sites of his education..enjoy historic and cultural sites, as well (Roman baths, Stonehenge, Big Ben). This ten-night excursion runs from June 19-29, 2018. Per person cost is \$3,960.00 (airfare, hotels, most meals and admissions).

This is a spiritual/historic/entertaining journey of a lifetime!

See Pastor Steve or Dr. Dave for information.

The group size is limited; a deposit this fall will guarantee your place!

Support Groups

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesdays, 6:00pm
Cornerstone Café
Becky, rlbennington62@aol.com
Sue, suzranadams@gmail.com

GriefShare

Thursdays, 7:00pm
Adult Ministry Lounge
Tom, tlrupert@aol.com
610-269-1545

Single & Parenting

Thursdays, 6:30pm
Cornerstone Café
Kate
khargrove4223@gmail.com
484-744-7106

Divorce Care

Thursdays, 6:30pm
Cornerstone Café
George
grobinsonpa@yahoo.com
610-269-3507

Divorce Care Grad Class

Thursdays, 6:30pm
Cornerstone Café
Carol
carolf77@msn.com
610-873-6711

Youth Ministries

Grades 7-12

Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org

Jen Lisowski, jen@hopewellumc.org

Sunday School Middle School meets in the Upstairs Youth space, High School meets in the Café at 9:30am.

Sunday Night from 6-7pm, the choices for the next four weeks are:

Sports and games in the FLC with Ryan, Bill and Bob

Share and Prayer with Mindy and Patty

Bible Study with Drew, Paul and Scott

Pottery Class and Missions with Maryanne and Julie Pook

From 7-8pm, the youth band will lead us in worship, Drew will share a message, and we'll meet in small groups. See you there!

Parents If you missed the Parent's Meeting, the new Youth Handbook can be found on the website.

Youth Choir 10:45 -11:45am on Sundays in the music room. Contact Rebecca Gamble with any questions at rebecca@hopewellumc.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

October 13 – Middle School Night Out (details to come)

October 22 – Harvest Party at the Millers' Home

November 10-11 – High School Lock-in

January 5-7, 2018 – Ocean City, MD Youth Rally (watch for registration details next week)

Children's Ministries

Cheri Miller, cheri@hopewellumc.org
Katy Garner, katy@hopewellumc.org
Heather Compton, heather@hopewellumc.org

Volunteer Needs Do you have a heart for children? Are you looking for a fun place to serve? We'd love to have you as part of our amazing Child Ministry volunteer team! There are many opportunities with varying time commitments....

- Sunday school teacher – we strive to have a team of 3 in each room so that you are not committed every week. Subs also needed.
- Sunday night Fellowship – enjoy hanging with kids during this fun night of games and devotions.
- Choir helper – assist the choir directors on Sunday night.
- Wednesday night CLICK – help our leaders with this night of Bible stories, crafts, snacks & games.
- Creative Arts – share your creative talent (drama, singing, dancing, art, etc.) with kids in this block program.
- Cook – help with meals for our Wednesday night program families.

Are you ready to jump in and be BLESSED by serving with children? Email cheri@hopewellumc.org to get plugged in.

Children's Choirs meets Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm. All children ages 3 years (by 9/1/17) through 6th grade are invited to participate each Sunday night as follows:

Cherub Choir (Preschool & Kindergarten)	Room Luke
J.A.M. Choir (1st-3rd Grade)	Room Ecclesiastes
God's Children Creative Arts (4th-6th Grade)	Thompson Music Room

Please join us as you are able!

Sunday Night Fellowship All children, Kindergarten to 6th grade are invited to join us each Sunday night from 6-8 pm. Each week the children gather for a time of prayer, topical discussions, hands-on missions, games and recreation. Choir participants can join in at 7pm. Stop in any Sunday and bring a friend.

C.L.I.C.K. on Wednesday nights C.L.I.C.K. stands for '*Children Learning in Christ's Kingdom.*' All children age 3 (by 9/1/17) through 6th grade are invited to join us for this time of Bible storytelling, fellowship & fun. This program's goal is to help children lead Christ-centered lives.

Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm Cost: \$20 per child

Optional: Family dinners at 5:30pm in the FLC

Look for registration forms in the church lobby, or on-line!!

Finance

Dear Friends of the Lord's Pantry,
Thank you for your August 23rd donation of **\$1,000.00** to the Lord's Pantry for use by our Benefit Enrollment Assistance Program (BEAP Team.) All contributions received are greatly appreciated, especially in the present economic times that some of our community members are experiencing. It is only through the kindness and generosity of people like you that we are able to continue our mission of assisting our less fortunate neighbors.

Sincerely,

Jan Leaf, Director
The Lord's Pantry

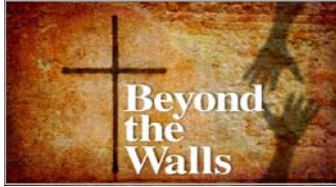
HURRICANE HAVOC ...and how Hopewell is helping

Hopewell members and friends are making a remarkable financial response in support of the rescue and recovery efforts now underway in the path of Hurricane Harvey...and now also Hurricane Irma. Because the congregation was successful in raising \$10,000.00 (actually, more!), a matching grant has been received from one of our Hopewell households. Praise God for incredible generosity! Identified by our Bishop Peggy Johnson, a local United Methodist Church in Waco, TX on the front line of the recovery work will receive a check in the mail for **\$12,500.00** very shortly. Another similar amount of money is temporarily being held back, in anticipation of (1) more gifts being received and (2) some determination from the UMC about specific relief efforts in Florida and the American Southeast.

Contributions are still welcome: Cash or check - in the offering plate or office or US mail - ("Hopewell UMC" - Hurricane relief in the memo) - or by using the on-line giving link of our webpage (www.hopewellumc.org). The door is still open to contribute to recovery work in Texas and Florida.

In the midst of tragedy, what a blessing!

Finance



Beyond the Walls - Year X

A Capital Campaign *with a twist*

"I will change their shame into praise." (Zephaniah 3:19c)

Local: Bridge of Hope
Coatesville Kids to College
Camp Innabah

Good Works
Safe Harbor
The Well

Global: South Africa and Haiti

Building: Our Worship spaces

National: TBD

Annual Goal: \$319,000
(through Easter 2018)

Total Received: \$194,967

Children's Ministries

Goal for 2017: \$20,300

Received year-to-date for 2017: \$11,158.00

Your designated gifts help to support the regular budgeted children's programs which happen out of Hopewell UMC.

September Designated Giving

The 2017 faculty for this year's **Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth** includes the very best leadership in (1) missional outreach, (2) instruction for effectiveness in the local church, and (3) timely topics. Local church leaders (clergy and lay) are in constant need of training and resourcing if they are to achieve excellence in today's ever-changing world. Toward that end, Hopewell UMC each fall sponsors the **Planting Seeds for Ministry Growth** event. Traditionally about 200 church leaders gather here on site for workshops and worship. This is a \$11,000.00 event, offset by individual registrations and a few small grants. Designated giving in this month of September will help significantly, as well! Can we raise \$1,000.00? Thank you for your financial support...and plan to be with us on Saturday, September 30th for **Planting Seeds**. Received to date: \$185.00

Donation Station

*Please place your donations downstairs by the
Family Life Center at the Donation Station.
THANK YOU!*

Hurricane Havoc UMCOR CLEANING BUCKETS

In response to the great need for Cleaning Buckets caused by the widespread devastation from the recent hurricanes in both Texas and Florida, HUMC is requesting donations of:

- **Liquid Laundry Detergent** – 25 oz. or 50 oz. liquid (NOT powder) bottles only
- **Liquid Household Cleaner** – 12-16 oz., mixable with water; NO spray cleaners; NO powder)
- **Dish Soap/Detergent** – 16-28 oz. bottles – any brand
- **Air Freshener** – aerosol can or pump
- **Insect Repellant Spray** – 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- **DRY Cleaning Wipes** – Handi-wipes/Reusable wipes (NO terry cleaning towels; NO bleach wipes)
- **Sponges** – NO cellulose sponges due to mold issue
- **Clothesline** – 50 ft. and 100 ft., cotton or plastic
- **Clothespins**
- **Heavy Duty Trash Bags** – 33-45 gallon size
- **Disposable Waterproof (dishwashing) Gloves** – rubber or latex
- **5 Gallon Buckets with resealable Lids** – NO buckets that have stored chemicals, paint, pool cleaner, etc.

UMCOR is very specific about the items it needs and will include in the cleaning buckets. Please do not vary from the list above. All items must be new except buckets and lids. Smaller sizes than requested of liquid items are acceptable; however, larger sizes are not acceptable.

Please place your donations downstairs at the Donation Station by the Family Life Center. For information, contact Deb Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org).

THANK YOU!