



Hopewell

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Helping Christians Grow & Helping Grow Christians

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Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:25 PM

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Sunday, 10:55AM

Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel

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Weekend of October 20 & 21, 2018

Prayer Notes

Circle of Concern

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

Grieving a Loss—

Linda Alle-Murphy
Cindy & Kirk Fuhrman

Mike & Beth Kohlar
Joan Morton

Hope and Healing—

Deb Boyd
Nanci Bicking's nephew

Dick Hutton

Blue prayer request cards are located in the pews and chairs in the sanctuary and chapel. You are invited to place them in the offering plate and our Congregational Care Ministry will pray for your request.

This Week's Prayer Focus: Week of October 21 through October 27

For boldness in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with our neighbors and community.

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

Acolytes this weekend

8:00 am	Kayla Brittain
9:30 am Chapel	Nathan Smith
9:30 am Sanctuary	Brielle Phelan
10:55 am	Naomi Wright



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary are in memory of my daughter, Jacqueline Thorpe Smith from Jackie Smith.

IGR Soup Lunch

It's time for our monthly soup lunch. After the 9:30 and 10:55 services on Sunday, you can make your way down to the FLC for some soup and fellowship!

Coffee and Fellowship following both the 8:00 and 9:30 am services downstairs in the FLC each Sunday.

Communion & Community



"Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). With the richness of the bread and the sweetness of the juice set out in front of us, let's explore the grace and power of the Lord's Supper. Throughout the month of October, come and experience communion and community at Christ's holy table. There is a special place waiting for you!

October 20 & 21	Remembrance	Testimonials
October 27 & 28	Action of the Holy Spirit	Pastor Amy

Each service in October will include Holy Communion.

Join us throughout the week as we offer this Prayer for the Empty Chair:

We praise you, God, for this holy mystery wherein we remember your great love for us. We remember not only your sacrifice, but also your teachings and miracles that led us to faith in you as our Lord and Savior. We pray for all who have not yet heard your good news. Go before them with grace, surround them with love, and call them by name so they may respond in faith to become your beloved child, and our sister and brother in Christ. Amen.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 21

8:00am Traditional Worship
 9:30am Trad & Cont Worship
 Sunday School
 'Life and Letters of Paul'
 Soup Lunch
 10:45am Youth Creative Arts
 10:55am Contemporary Worship
 Jr. Church
 COVENANT Bible Study
 1:30pm Men's Basketball
 6:00pm Children & Youth Fellowship
 6:05pm COVENANT Bible Study
 6:30pm Battle Plan for Prayer @THE WELL

Monday, October 22

9:00am & 12:30pm HCP
 1:00pm Staff Meeting
 4:00pm After School @The Well
 6:15pm Yoga
 7:00pm COVENANT Bible Study
 MS Boys LifeGroup
 Cub Scout Pack 8

Tuesday, October 23

9:00am HCP
 9:30am Library Committee
 1:00pm The Story Bible Study
 COVENANT Bible Study
 4:15pm Girl Scouts
 6:00pm Celebrate Recovery @THE WELL
 6:45pm Trustees
 7:00pm DACSL Volleyball

Wednesday, October 24

9:00am Older Adults @THE WELL
 9:00am & 12:30pm HCP
 4:00pm After School @The Well
 6:00pm C.L.I.C.K.
 6:30pm ESL Class @THE WELL
 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
 Game Night
 7:30pm DACSL Volleyball

Thursday, October 25

9:00am HCP
 9:30am COVENANT Bible Study
 12:15pm Disciple V
 12:30pm COVENANT Bible Study
 5:30pm Body & Soul Fitness
 6:00pm Wesley Ringers
 Music Ministries
 6:30pm COVENANT Bible Study
 7:00pm DACSL Volleyball
 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 25

6:30am COVENANT Bible Study
 9:00am & 12:30pm HCP
 6:00pm Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, October 26

Confirmation Retreat
 8:30am CR Men's Step @THE WELL
 Men of the Sabbath
 9:00am St. Andrew's UMC Retreat
 10:00am ESL Class @THE WELL
 3:00pm Demech Wedding
 5:25pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday, October 27

Confirmation Retreat
 8:00am Traditional Worship
 9:30am Trad & Cont Worship
 Sunday School
 'The Life and Letters of Paul'
 10:45am Youth Creative Arts
 10:55am Contemporary Worship
 Jr. Church
 COVENANT Bible Study
 1:30pm Men's Basketball
 6:00pm Children's & Youth Fellowship
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Discipleship

October is *Pastor Appreciation Month*, and we are blessed by the words, actions, and faith of a tremendous pastoral team. This month—and every month—take time to thank Pastor Amy, Pastor Eddie, Pastor Vicki, Pastor Dan and Pastor Keith for bringing encouragement, hope, healing and the Word of God to us all.

New Member Classes

Have you been attending Hopewell for a little while? Interested in becoming a member? In diving deeper and going wider in your walk with Jesus Christ? If so, you are invited to join the next new member's class. Those seeking membership are asked to join us on **Sunday, November 11th from 10:55-11:55am** and **Saturday, November 17th from 8:30-11:30am** for discussions about faith and membership. Folks will then be invited to join on **November 25, 2018** during worship. If you are interested in committing to Jesus Christ and making Hopewell your church home, please contact Deb Boyd (Boyd@hopewellumc.org) or Becky Bennington (Becky@hopewellumc.org) in the church office or 610-269-1545. Childcare is available during both classes.

Service in the United Methodist Connection

Pastor Amy serves as the Lead Facilitator of the Residency in Ministry Program for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. This program aims to equip and encourage clergy in the process toward ordination. She meets with two different groups once a month to help strengthen their leadership skills and resources. This month, Pastor Amy will meet with these groups on Thursday, October 18th and from October 23-24th.



Since 2016, Pastor Eddie has had the privilege of serving on the EPA Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Comprised of approximately 50 people, the Board meets monthly for the purpose of 1) interviewing and credentialing licensed and ordained clergy, 2) overseeing the theological education of candidates and provide mentoring opportunities, 3) managing changes in conference relationships, and 4) assisting in the retooling and continuing education of our clergy and specialized ministers. Please join Pastor Eddie in praying for the leadership in our Annual Conference. The next meeting of the Board of Ordained Ministry is Thursday, October 25th.

Mission and Ministry

Congratulations to Hopewell Christian Preschool for being voted BEST PRESCHOOL in CHESTER COUNTY for 2018!!

Donna Hepner and all the preschool staff want to thank the congregation and staff at Hopewell UMC for all that they do to support our ministry. Our hearts are full as we thank God for the opportunity to not only teach these little ones and get them ready for Kindergarten, but also to overtly sing songs, teach lessons, and read stories that lift up the name of Jesus. Look for our "Winner" status in the Daily Local on Tuesday, October 30th.



**Join us for the next Men's Ministries
breakfast
on Saturday, November 3rd, 8:30 am
at the Hilton Garden Inn.**

Dave Wiedis will be joining us to discuss "Motives of the Heart." A graduate of Villanova Law School with a Masters in Christian Counseling. In addition to his full time counseling, he is a frequent speaker at local churches and host of "Joy in Our Town" on TBN. Bring a friend or neighbor, and please register at: HopewellUMC.org or email dan@hopewellumc.org.



Hopewell's Cub Scout Pack 8 welcomes all kids to participate in this year's Halloween Party and Haunted Tour on Monday, October 29th. Join in on a night of tricks and treats, starting behind the church at 7:30 PM.

Mission and Ministry



women's
ministry
Hopewell United Methodist Church

*An invitation
to all women!*

Saturday, November 17th, 9am 'til 1pm

We begin our year-long focus on "Body~Mind~Spirit" with a morning of insight, introspection and renewal featuring our resident-guest speaker, Pastor Vicki, and loads of special treats . . . including lunch!

Register online at hopewellumc.org/womens-ministry
or e-mail becky@hopewellumc.org

Inter-Generational Retreat News!

We are again offering the sale of pies from Highland Orchards delivered just in the nick of time for Thanksgiving! Delivery of the pies will be November 18 in the FLC during November's soup lunch. Look for the order form in your bulletin!

Early Bird Sign-up!

Sign-up for the 2019 Inter-generational Retreat by December 31, 2018 and save \$25/person! You can sign up online or during any of our fundraisers.

Pre-Christmas Jewelry Sale December 1, 2018 at The Well

The IGR committee is hosting a Pre-Christmas Jewelry Sale! Please consider donating your unwanted jewelry to be used for the sale. We welcome all types of jewelry including vintage & costume. Please contact Sandy Bradley at 484-467-1675 if you have donations.

*All funds raised and donated are used to offset the cost of the retreat and provide scholarships when needed.

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Safety Team Update—In September, we shared our commitment and initial plans to make Hopewell a safe environment for children (and for us all). Those plans included the installation of magnetic locks on the upper hallway leading to our preschool/Sunday school classrooms as well as the replacement of some of the classroom windows. This week, those changes were completed, ensuring a greater level of safety for our children. Praise God! And thank you for your prayers as we continue to think through the security of this building. We celebrate this heroic move and remember ... “Anyone who does anything to help a child is a hero here at Hopewell.”



Thank you Hopewell UMC for supporting the **Rise Against Hunger** packing party last Sunday! At this wonderful intergenerational event, we packed 23,000 meals! That’s right ... 23,000! Everyone present was full of purpose and joy. What a beautiful sight to see everyone so joyful being the hands of Jesus to the hungry in the world.

Surviving the Holidays

Help and Hope as you navigate the Christmas season

Grieving? Know someone who is? Are you dreading the holidays, knowing that the death of a loved one has “changed things?” Our **Surviving the Holidays** seminar is for folks who have experienced grief and those who support them. You’ll learn:

- How to deal with the emotions you’ll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for getting through social events
- How to renew hope for the future

Join us Sunday, November 11th in the Adult Ministry Center from 2:00-4:00 pm. Childcare is available. To register, please call the church office or contact Tom & Marsha Rupert: tlrupert@aol.com.

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EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

The United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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FAITH

HERE at Hopewell

United Methodist Church

Saturday, November 10th

8:30am—3:00pm

This workshop is relevant for **all** Hopewellians, for every person of faith who wants to go wider in our walk with Jesus Christ. Be inspired by, and learn from, workshop leader Rev. Jasmine Smothers, lead pastor of historic Atlanta First United Methodist Church. She is a sought-after preacher, teacher, workshop leader, church consultant, leadership coach, and best-seller author.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY:

<https://www.etches.com/jsmothers>

International Mission and Ministry

It is time once again for “**Operation Christmas Child**” an outreach of Samaritan's Purse which delivers millions of shoeboxes each year to children in the most poverty stricken and war torn corners of the world. Simply take a box from the display outside the FLC (or use your own shoebox) and fill it for a child of a designated gender and age with small toys and hygiene items. Be sure to take the brochure that will provide you will all that you need to know about how to fill a box and perhaps provide a child with the only gift they may ever receive. **ALL BOXES NEED TO BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th AT NOON.** Thank you! Questions? Amy Straub amypstraub1@gmail.com.



Haiti Medical Mission Trip – February 2019

There is still time to sign up for the second ever Hopewell Medical Mission Trip to Haiti! We are looking for both medical and non-medical people to run a clinic in our beloved Leveque. We will also be working with the English class at Hopewell Training Center, as well as visiting Jeremiah's House, Berdy's orphanage.

When: Wednesday, February 20th to Wednesday, February 27th
Cost: \$1,500
Deposit Due: \$500 by November 11th

Questions? Contact Cheri Miller (cheri@hopewellumc.org or 610-316-5877) or Becky Bennington (becky@hopewellumc.org or 610-745-8413).

Hallelujah! We celebrate with Pastor Mackenzy and our brothers and sister in Haiti. Last weekend, they launched a Sunday morning worship service at Church Christian Community of Lévéque. We rejoice with them and pray that God's Spirit will continue to move as they gather to sing of God's amazing grace!



Lamentations 3:22-23—*“Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

Children's Ministries

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

Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Hour. Classes are offered for each grade level, pre-school to 6th grade. Check the hallway signs or the welcome desk for room assignments.

Junior Church is offered during the **10:55 am worship hour** for all children age 3 years to 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).

Children's Choirs meet **Sundays from 6:00-7:00 pm**. All children ages 3 years (by 9/1/18) 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
C.A.K.E. Creative Arts Kidz Ensemble (4-6th Grade) — Thompson Music Room

Sunday Night Fellowship—All children, **Kindergarten to 6th grade** are invited to join us each Sunday night from **6:00-8:00 pm** for a time of fellowship with Christian friends and leaders. Each week the children gather for prayer, topical discussions, hands-on missions, games and recreation. Choir participants can join in at 7:00 pm.

Child Care Provider—We are in need of adults for our paid child care staff. Times and dates of the role will vary depending on church activities. If you are interested, contact katy@hopewellumc.org.

Highland Orchards Hayride—Children ages Kindergarten to 6th grade are invited to join us at Highland Orchards for a hayride, campfire, and donuts and cider. We will be meeting at **Highland at 12:45 pm on Sunday, November 4th**. The hayride will go until 3:00 pm. Younger children are welcome to attend if a parent chaperones. Look for registration forms in Sunday school and info in the weekly email. Email Heather Compton at heather@hopewellumc.org with any questions.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant—This time-honored tradition will be Sunday, December 9th during the 9:30 am service in the Sanctuary for all 3 year olds to 6th graders. A shortened version will be presented during the 10:55 am service by the 5th & 6th graders. Rehearsals will begin in November during the 9:30 Sunday school hour. Stay tuned for more details to come.

****Auditions for 5th & 6th graders will be October 21st & 28th during the Sunday school hour.**

Youth Ministries

Grades 7-12

Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org

Kim Lloyd, youth@hopewellumc.org

Harvest Party— Join us this Sunday, October 21st from 5-8 pm for a bonfire, s' mores, pumpkin decorating, and fun! Last names A-L bring a dessert, M-Z bring a drink. See you at the Miller's home! Dinner is provided!!

Youth Rally, January 4-6, 2019—Come on out for a fantastic weekend in Ocean City, MD! We will connect with other youth from PA, Delaware, and Maryland, hear awesome speakers and listen to great music! Cost is \$130.00. Sign up on the Youth registration page. Visit www.pen-del.org/youthrally for more information. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!



Confirmation—We are looking forward to our first weekend retreat, October 26-28. More information to come. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org.

Annual Youth Action Fundraiser—Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 8th at 6:30 pm** and plan to attend the Auction! We need your help to make this event a success! There are multiple ways to receive credit for this as a fundraiser towards your two-fundraiser requirement to attend a summer mission trip:

1. We will soon have a sign-up sheet looking for help with Ticket Sales.
2. Event Setup (Friday, December 7th).
3. Event Clean-Up, Servers, and more!!
4. Think about who you can invite to attend – selling 5 tickets counts as a fundraiser.



You can also donate an auction item(s) with a \$50 value. You do not have to pay for it yourself – feel free to pick up a Donation Letter in Mike's mailbox and ask your favorite business or restaurant to make a donation (gift cards are very popular!)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maryanne Bishop – Maryanne@HopewellUMC.org or 610-827-7713.

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Grades 7-12

Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org

Kim Lloyd, youth@hopewellumc.org

Life Groups are a great time to come hang out with friends the same grade as you. There's always food, games, Bible Study, and fun. See below for our current schedule, and let Mike or Kim know if you are interested in attending!

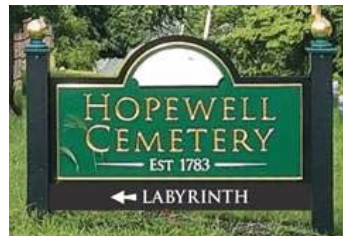
- Middle School Boys — Mondays, 7-8:30 pm in the Café with Mike & Drew
- High School Boys — Wednesdays, 6-8 pm at the Parsonage with Mike & Berdy
- Middle School Girls — every other Tuesday 6:30-8 pm at the home of Kim Lloyd
- 9th & 10th grade Girls – Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm at the home of Cheri Miller

Updated Summer Missions Policy—Please note that in order to participate in a Summer 2019 Mission Trip, the requirements have been updated. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. Requirements must be met no later than MAY 31, 2019.

- Participate in one Service Sunday on Sunday night
- Participate in two fundraisers (e.g., Auction, Stock Sale, Parents Night Out)
- Donate for hours of service to the church (e.g., VBS, choir, helping at The Well)
- Sign an updated Covenant of Conduct

Service opportunities will be updated weekly via the emailed Youth Newsletter.

October Designated Giving—With the expansion of the Hopewell Cemetery to include the Wesley and Batten Yards, new signage is needed to identify those spaces. The updated signage will also include helpful Rules & Regulations as well as the addition of The Labyrinth to the main sign on Hopewell Road. The cost of this enhancement will be about \$2,700. Received to date: **\$435.00.**



Finance



Beyond the Walls - Year XI

A Capital Campaign *with a twist*

"He saved them from their distress." (Psalm 107:19b))

Local: Camp Innabah
Coatesville Kids to College
Good Samaritan Services

Good Works
Safe Harbor
The Well

Global: South Africa and Haiti
Building: Tech & Security Upgrades
National: Hurricane Relief

Annual Goal:	\$285,000
	(through Easter 2019)
Total Received:	\$195,212

Hurricane Florence & Michael ... How can we help?

Since Hurricane Florence hit last month, local partners and volunteers have responded to the needs of those affected in unprecedented ways. Early Response Teams are active in both North and South Carolina, and supplies and kits have been delivered throughout the region. Now our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is preparing to effectively address the needs of those affected by Hurricane Michael.

If you would like to contribute to those relief efforts, please consider the following:

- **Pray** for those whose lives have been impacted by these hurricanes. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and all who are already working tirelessly to provide relief.
- **Make a financial contribution** to UMCOR. You may give online through our web site, <http://hopewellumc.org/online-giving>. Click "Give Now," and then enter the amount you would like to contribute in the field marked "Special Offering: BTW National Hurricane Relief." You may also put your donation in the offering plate, with checks payable to Hopewell UMC, and "BTW Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. 100% of UMCOR donations go to the cause.

We have already begun to discuss the possibility of forming work teams, and we will keep you informed as we learn more. **Received to date: \$7,420.00.**

Donation Station

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

October Cereal Sundays

The Chester County Food Bank is in need of cereal. Cereal can be eaten at any meal, cold or hot, or used as a snack. You may drop your cereal gift in the shopping cart in the narthex or downstairs at the donation station. There will also be a food drive on November 10th at the Thorndale Acme for the Chester County Food Bank.

A use for your left-over HALLOWEEN TREATS!

If you have candy or other individually packaged treats left over from Halloween, please consider donating your extras to Hopewell's Christmas Day Community Dinner. The Dinner ministry team will be assembling gift bags for our guests and will be delighted to receive your left-over treats for these gift bags, in generic/non-Halloween wrappers, in the designated basket at the Donation Station. Contact Deb Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org).

Snack Items Needed at The Well

After-School Programming began at The Well and the children arrive hungry. Please consider donating any of the items below.

Cheez-It crackers, individually wrapped	Ritz crackers, 13.7 ounce box
Goldfish crackers, individually wrapped	Bottled water, 12 pack, 8 ounces
Graham crackers, 14.4 ounce box	Fruit cups

Gift cards for Giant or Acme or cash donations are also appreciated in order to purchase fresh items, including fruit and cheese. If you have questions, contact Darlene Alleger at Darlene@hopewellumc.org.

Caring for Dogs and Cats Rescued from Hurricane Florence

Two of our local animal rescues, 1 Love 4 Animals and the Brandywine Valley SPCA, have rescued a number of dogs and cats from North Carolina as a result of Hurricane Florence. The following items are needed to support the care for these animals until they are adopted:

Towels and wash cloths	Flat sheets	E-collars
Martingale collars	Dry cat food	Poop bags
Wet cat food (Pate)	Dog food, wet or dry	6 foot leashes

Donated items can be placed in the Pet Ministry basket at the Donation Station. Financial donations can be made online: <https://www.1love4animals.org> or [bvspca.org](https://www.bvspca.org). For information, contact Kitty Smith ksmith0844@aol.com.