



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, 10:55AM

Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel

Outdoor Worship in Amphitheater

Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Weekend of May 19 & 20, 2018

Prayer Notes

Circle of Concern

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

Grieving a Loss

Janice Stites and family
The family of Patricia Piersol Pacinelli

Hope and Healing

Debbie Robinson's mom
Linda Armstrong's niece

Our South Africa mission team (Amy Banka, Craig Boyd, Drew Buller, Ashley Judge, Deborah Kinsey, Alex Lammers, Jen Lisowski, and Jonathan Ruch), currently serving with our mission partners. They will return to Downingtown on Wednesday, May 30th. You can follow the blog here that will be updated periodically by the young adult mission team: <http://youngadults2southafrica.blogspot.com/>

This Week's Prayer Focus: Week of May 20 through May 26

Pastor Amy, Mike, Grace and Emily in this season of transition

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



The rosebud on the altar in the Chapel celebrates the birth of Fallon Grace Ruth to proud parents, Kevin and Christina, and proud grandparents, Ron and Sandy Ruth.

Worship

This Weekend

Saturday, May 19

Sunday, May 20

'Some personal reflections, Thanks Yous, well-wishes, and likely a few tears.

Be Present. Pray for Holy Spirit presence as we mark this unique season in our Hopewell history together.

Pastor Steve's Last Preaching weekend

"It's Time"

Proverbs 1:22-33

Next Weekend

Saturday, May 26

Sunday, May 27

"You Don't Have What It Takes"

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Pastor Dan, preaching

A CALL TO PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF TRANSITION AND CHANGE AT HOPEWELL UMC

For this upcoming week, our Prayer Focus will be our new and incoming **Lead Pastor, Amy Banka, her husband, Mike and their daughters, Grace and Emily.**

Thank you, in advance, for intentionally carving out some time each day to pray for this family.

Additionally, you are encouraged to set aside a half hour on Wednesday, ***May 23rd to join us in the Bower Chapel*** for a time of guided prayer. We will meet there from ***8:00-8:30am that day, as well as again from 8:00-8:30pm*** to come together in purposeful prayer for the Banka family and these days of transition. These times are being offered to suit folks' busy schedules in the hopes that options would be helpful.

Once again, thank you for being a part of the **Hopewell Chorus of Prayer** as we lift up our gratitude, our hopes and our petitions to the Lord our God.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he will hear us." (1 John 5:14)

Thank YOU, Pray-ers!!!

86 folks committed to pray during the 24 Hour Prayer Vigil this past Wednesday. Now that's a beautiful thing...

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 20

8:00am Traditional Worship
 9:30am Outdoor Worship
 Children's Sunday School
 Bible Study
 10:55am Contemporary Worship
 Bible Study
 1:30pm Men's Basketball

Monday, May 21

9:00am & 12:30pm HCP
 3:30pm After school program @THE WELL
 7:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, May 22

9:00am & 12:30pm HCP
 4:00pm Christians w/Cancer Art Therapy
 6:00pm Celebrate Recovery @THE WELL
 6:45pm Trustees

Wednesday, May 23

9:00am & 12:30pm HCP
 9:30am Library Committee
 10:00am Older Adult Program @THE WELL
 3:30pm After school program @THE WELL
 7:00pm Praise Team

Thursday, May 24

9:00am HCP
 12:15pm Spiritual Formation
 12:30pm Disciple IV
 6:30pm CR Women's Step @THE WELL

Friday, May 25

6:30am Men of Faith
 6:30pm Grief Share

Saturday, May 26

8:30am Men of the Sabbath
 CR Men's Step @THE WELL
 2:00pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor
 5:25pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday, May 27

8:00am Traditional Worship
 9:30am Outdoor Worship
 Children's Sunday School
 Bible Study
 10:40am Coffee Team Meeting
 10:55am Contemporary Worship
 1:30pm Men's Basketball

Support Groups

Art Therapy Cancer Support

Tuesdays, 4:00pm
 Café annex room
 Sandy, dgarland9@verizon.net

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesdays, 6:00pm
 The Well
 Becky, ribennington62@aol.com
 Sue, suzranadams@gmail.com

GriefShare

Fridays, 6:30pm
 Adult Ministry Lounge
 Tom, tlrupert@aol.com
 610-269-1545

Discipleship

Farewell Celebration Joan and I want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the incredible Farewell Celebration at Hopewell last Saturday evening. The worship was a beautiful combination of nostalgia and hope and for the future - praise God! - and the "cook out" extravaganza in the Family Life Center and throughout the building was amazing! Your creativity and stunning attention to detail was extraordinary. Not only was it an unforgettable blessing to the Morton family, but it was also a tremendous event for the entire Hopewell congregation - and that has *a/ways* been my aim. 'Truly a Home Run! We depart from this great congregation with unspeakable gratitude and deep joy in our hearts -

Pastor Steve

College Students

Graduating this year? If so, you are welcome to be part of our graduation service on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 10:55am. Please send your graduation photo, graduation details (school, degree, etc.), and future plans by May 30th to Deb@hopewellumc.org.

We don't want to miss you in the slideshow and celebration.

Older Adults at The Well

Our last gathering is this Wednesday, **May 23rd**. Join us at **The Well** for food, fellowship, activities, and Bible Study. 10:00-11:00am - Creative Hour (including crocheting and knitting projects and a craft table - no experience necessary!), 11:00-11:15am - Refreshments, 11:15-12:00pm - Bible Study. Stay tuned for news about our fall programming!

#BeThere in Prayer

Service of Intercession & Hope

Join us as we gather to acknowledge and pray for those affected by suicide on June 5th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. At this candlelight service, we'll join hands and hearts, lifting up our voices and prayers in support of these sisters and brothers. The hour will be anchored in words of hope and comfort and will offer a time for sharing the names of loved ones. If you have been affected by suicide, or know someone who has, please pray with us and stand with us on June 5th. Feel free use #BeThere to encourage participation on social media.

Discipleship

HUMC Phillies Trip

We will again be going to Citizens Bank Park for our annual Phillies trip on Saturday, July 21st. We play the San Diego Padres and game time is 7:05pm. Nice chance to see our old friend Freddy Galvis again. We have 108 tickets available in section 138, along the LF foul line. Price is \$40.00/ticket. As always, we will offer school bus transportation for a very nominal fee for those that do not want to drive. The bus will leave church around 4:00pm. Please look for Dick Pry to be selling tickets or reserve your seats with him at 610-216-3397 or rpry@brenntag.com. See you at the ball park!!

Faith and Art While Serving Time *A Postscript to Hopewell's April 14th Art Show Fundraiser*

Your support of the Art Show has had a significant impact on the artist-inmates at the Coal Township State Correctional Institution. At their request, proceeds from the sale of their artwork is being shared between Hopewell's Beyond the Walls mission partners, and is funding the purchase of art supplies so that they can continue this art ministry. Here are a few lines from a letter received from one of them:

Thank you for organizing the show. It feels good to have a way to help someone who may need it. Being incarcerated severely limits my ability to help others. The fact that I've been in jail for almost 36 years makes it even harder. If possible, I would like to keep in contact with the church.

Hopewell's New Northern Exposure Following the unexpected resignation of their retired pastor, one of our North District congregations - Shoemakersville: Salem UMC (fifteen minutes above Reading) - was left with a sudden need for pulpit supply up until their terrific new pastor arrives in July...and Hopewell has agreed to fill the void! Each Sunday, someone from our leadership team (staff, Christ Servant Ministers, etc.) is preaching at the 9:00 am worship service. This is a beautiful outreach to a struggling congregation in need of some love and a positive experience of Methodist "connection." Even better than just a preacher, maybe a few *extra* Hopewell folks might choose to take the one-hour road trip into Berks County and worship alongside our new friends in Shoemakersville. The church building is located at 605 Main Street.

May 20 - Rev. Susan Moore, retired pastor
May 27 speaker - James Saab

Mission and Ministry

Farewell Offering For Mission on the North District

In celebration of Pastor Steve's twenty-one years (21) of leadership at Hopewell UMC, a special offering has been received over this past month to be used on the North District, where Steve will be Superintendent starting July 1. The District - newly formed at Annual Conference last summer - now includes 113 local churches and covers a geographic area almost equal in size to the other three Districts combined! These dollars for mission will secure a one-quarter time appointment for a full Elder (active, not retired) to extend the office of the Superintendent, particularly on the western side of the District for this year, and for next! And since more than \$21,000.00 was raised \$6,000.00 will be segregated in order to create a fulltime, summer internship for a Hopewell student next summer (2019) working among the ministries of the North District! 'Leadership development...mission support...job creation for a Hopewell young adult - it's all good!

Goal: **\$21,000.00** Received: **\$37,201.00**

Thank you for this remarkable expression of gratitude and missional support!

Making Connections in the North District

Bishop Peggy Johnson has announced the appointment of Hopewell's own Jenny Sauerbrun Freymoyer as the pastor of Shoemakersville UMC as of July 1, and the Assisting Elder on the North District! Pray for Jenny in this season of transition, and plan to join Jenny and Steve in worship on Sunday afternoon/evening September 9 as they are Installed on the District.



Children's Ministries

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

Children's Sunday school 9:30am worship hour. Check hallway signs or information desk for room assignments.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed We are in need of a few more teachers to help out over the summer, for either the 9:30 full hour Sunday school, or for 10:55 Jr Church. This can be a one week gig, or several weeks. If you are interested, email katy@hopewellumc.org.

Junior Church 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.)

Swim Party This fun, end-of-school year event is **Sunday, May 20th, from 3:30 to 6:15pm**. All Kindergarten to 6th grade children are invited to join us! Younger children can go if a parent comes along. Cost is \$8 per child. Contact heather@hopewellumc.org with questions.

Camp Innabah (for 4 to 7 yr olds), 9am to 3pm

Week One – June 25th to 29th Week Two – August 13th to 17th

**Registration for Camp Innabah is open on-line at <http://www.innabah.org/>

**Hopewell offers camp discounts for all Camp Innabah & other UMC camps \$25 for day camps & \$40 for overnight camps. See Cheri for details.

Vacation Bible School (age 4 to entering 5th grade)

VBS – July 16th to 20th, 9am to 12pm **OR** July 16th to 19th, 6pm to 8pm

**On-line Registration for VBS: <http://www.hopewellumc.org/summer-programs>

**Volunteers are needed, both adult and youth (6th grade and up). Contact Cheri@hopewellumc.org if you can help (child care is provided for those too young to attend VBS)

Music & Drama Camp (entering 4th to 6th grade) – July 29th to August 2nd, evenings

The children will be presenting '**Rescue in the Night**', the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Cost: \$20 for the first child, and \$10 for each additional child

Performance: Thursday, August 2nd, 7pm

Registration forms can be found in the church lobby or at <http://www.hopewellumc.org/summer-programs>

Youth Ministries

Grades 7-12

Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org

Kim Lloyd, youth@hopewellumc.org

SUMMER SCHEDULE Mark your calendars!

End-Of-Year Party Youth Party	May 20
Short-Term Mission Trip	June 18-21
Bike Trip	June 27-July 1
The Philadelphia Project	July 8-14
Long-Term Mission Trip	July 22-28
Middle School & High School Henlopen Retreat	August 4-8

End of the Year Party THIS SUNDAY! 4:30-8:30pm! We will be headed out to the Blacks' home for BBQing, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, and a bonfire. A bus will leave Hopewell at 4:30pm and will return at 8:30pm. Last names A-L please bring a drink to share, M-Z please bring a snack to share.

Several of you are still in need of SERVICE & FUNDRAISING hours. Time is RUNNING OUT!! Please reach out to Kim, youth@hopewellumc.org. If these items are not completed, expect to receive a "bill" for your summer missions! ***Please note, if your hours have not been completed you have already been notified by email***

Summer Missions T-Shirts Summer T-Shirts were handed out at the Commitment Service. The final opportunity to pick them up will be FOLLOWING the End of the Year party on May 20.

Graduating High School and College Students Our annual worship service honoring graduates will be Sunday, June 3 at 10:55. PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING to youth@hopewellumc.org.... TWO photos (one as a kiddo, one current), where you are graduating from, and what your future plans are.

The Stock Sale is ON NOW! Work a shift, encourage parents to buy stock, or direct friends and family to <https://tinyurl.com/2018stocksale>. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUMMER MISSIONS!

Bike Trip There is still time to register for the Bike Trip! Join us for a leisurely ride along the C & O Canal. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! This is a great time of fun and relaxation with the group.

Dates: June 27- July 1 Cost: \$100 Contact Mike or Kim to register.

May 31 is the deadline to register.

**ALL REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMMING HAS CONCLUDED
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

Mission and Ministry



South Africa Mission Trip

It is time again for our annual building trip to South Africa! We are looking for group airfare now leaving around October 20th and returning around November 1st. Potential projects include building 1-2 houses and/or renovating shipping containers to add to Mosaic Paarl's community center. We are limiting the group to 20 people so please reach out to Tony at tonybrantzeg@gmail.com or Cammy at cammybrantzeg@gmail.com to get more information or to add your name to our list of interested people. There will be a \$1200 deposit due by June 15th.

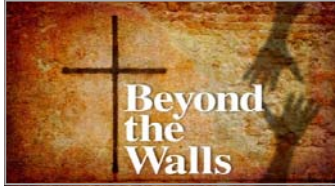
Come Help us Celebrate Dave Williams June 3rd following the 9:30 worship service

We are announcing that June 3rd will be "Dave Day", a time for our congregation to celebrate the 23 years of service Dave Williams has provided Hopewell UMC, first as part-time Sexton providing security and taking care of our grounds to moving into the full-time Sexton position caring for all aspects of our property in 2009. Join us following the 9:30 worship service in the amphitheater to share Dave memories and an opportunity for us to say **Thank You to Dave**. Cards to write a note to Dave will be available that morning as well as in the Lobby starting on Monday. Feel free to drop a note into Sheri's mailbox (B-8) for Dave as well.

The BTW team joyfully announces we were able to mail out the following checks to our local ministry partners last week along with the card of encouragement because of your generous support of Hopewell's BTWX campaign. THANK YOU! BTWXI has started off great. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card to support BTWXI it's not too late!

Safe Harbor	\$5,000	Good Works	\$5,000
Bridge of Hope/Good Samaritan	\$5,000	Camp Innabah	\$5,000
Coatesville Kids to College	\$3,000		

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:	\$51,942

Connectional Ministries Fund (CMF)

Supporting United Methodist missionaries, schools,
and hospitals all around the world!

Special CMF Challenge Goal for 2018: \$11,000
(toward our total commitment in 2018 of \$123,870)

Total received Year-To-Date: **\$3,385.00**

May Designated Giving – Summer Camp

The Summer Camp season has arrived! This year Hopewell will once again offer two Day Camp opportunities for young children at Camp Innabah: June 25th to 29th and August 13th to 17th. Hopewell staff and volunteers will be running these day camps. This is in addition to the many camping opportunities offered at all four of the United Methodist Church camps in our conference for children of all ages. Last year, we sent more than 45 children to summer camp. As evidence of our support for camping, our congregation offers a scholarship to each of our young campers. Your Designated Giving this month will go toward this scholarship pool of financial aid for Hopewell campers. Please give generously now so that the experience of Christian camping at our United Methodist sites can be enjoyed by Hopewell children as well as many others from around the Conference. **Received to date: \$795.00.**

Donation Station

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

It's time again to get ready for VBS!

Each year approximately 500 children visit Hopewell to spend a week learning about Jesus! We are in need of the following items for Missions projects:

Containers of Playdough
Colorful Sharpie markers
Quart and snack-sized Ziploc bags
Dove soap bars (Dove only please)
White crew socks (adult sizes)
Pipe cleaners

Please leave all donations in the Children's Ministry bin at the Donation Station.

Weeders Wanted!!

Who doesn't "love to get down in the dirt!" Hopewell weeding team could use a few more helpers this growing season. And it is not a big time commitment. Can you volunteer for a 2 week shift where you are responsible for weeding the church flower beds? Plan on 1 to 3 hours total over the 2 week period. We still have 6 shifts available starting June 24th.

To volunteer or for more information – Sheri Kentner, sheri@hopewellumc.org or 610-269-1545.



Chester County Food Bank Shopping List

Small cans or pouches of tuna, chicken or beef	Small jars of peanut butter
Fruit cups packed in 100% juice/apple sauce cups	100% fruit juice boxes
Healthy cereal (12-16 oz.)	Macaroni & Cheese
Pouches of Pasta Sides	Pouches of Pasta Meals
Ready Rice boxed grains	Shelf-stable milk

Clip box and take along when you food shop

