



Hopewell

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Helping Christians Grow & Helping Grow Christians

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Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:25 PM	Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel
Sunday, 9:30 AM	Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel
Sunday, 9:30 AM	Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday, 10:55AM	Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Weekend of March 24 & 25, 2018

Prayer Notes

Circle of Concern

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

Hope and Healing

Ed Donnon

Jim Alleger

Bill Ringsdorf

Phil Staurowsky's sister

Jane Krapf

Diane (Eversmeyer) Ginter

Scott Rafferty's dad

Nancy Bicking's sister

Bob Cowherd

Bruce Fratanduano

This Week's Prayer Focus:

Week of March 25 to March 31

For a deeper understanding of the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf

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

*"The voice of our Lord comes to us in whispers.
We have to be quiet so we can hear it."*

Mother Cecilia, prioress at The Benedictines of Mary; Gower, Missouri
([Christian Century](#) magazine 6/22/16)

A **glider rocking chair** is available in the rear of the sanctuary (lobby side) for soothing little ones during worship.

Thank you to all those at Hopewell Church who offered up prayer on my behalf during my stay in Brandywine Hospital from Christmas Day until February. I certainly could feel the power of your prayers and its direct affect in helping me to heal! Continue to pray for all those in special need and talk to GOD often in your daily prayer life. Thank you again for your prayers. With warmest regards and blessings,
In His Name, Dick Barringer

Worship

This Weekend - 6th Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 24

All Services

"Do You Love Your Lamb?"

Sunday, March 25

Luke 19:28-40

Pastor Amy, preaching

Next Weekend - Easter Sunday

Saturday, March 31 Easter Vigil

Confirmands Join the Church

Pastor Steve and Pastor Amy

Sunday, April 1

All Services

"Which Story Will they Believe?"

Matthew 28:8-15

Pastor Steve

6:30am Sunrise Service, East Brandywine Park

8:00am Traditional worship, Chapel with
Holy Communion

9:30am* Traditional worship, Chapel with
Holy Communion

9:30am* Contemporary worship, Sanctuary

10:55am* Contemporary worship, Sanctuary

*Childcare is available at these times

Acolytes for this weekend include: 5:25pm Naomi Wright; 8:00am Catherine McAuley; 9:30am Bower Chapel, Emily Bishop; 9:30am Sanctuary, Sophie Compton, and 10:55am Cate Ahlborn.

TTA - March 27 at 7:00pm

After 40: Ready for Action

Join us in the Bower Chapel for Tuesday Time Apart worship services, based on the Lenten Study of the same name. Scripture, song, silence in soft candlelight. All welcome! Led by Pastor Dan; Molly Candelaria, guest reader, and Kathy Bolton, pianist.

This Week's Calendar

<p>Sunday, March 25</p> <p>8:00am Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30am Trad. & Contemporary Worship Sunday School Lenten Study</p> <p>10:45am Youth Handbells</p> <p>10:55am Contemporary Worship Junior Church/Nursery Lenten Study</p> <p>12:00pm Music Ministries</p> <p>12:30pm CR Leadership @THE WELL</p> <p>1:30pm Men's Basketball</p> <p>5:30pm C.A.K.E.</p> <p>6:00pm Children's Choirs & Fellowship Sunday Night Youth Lenten Study Financial Peace @THE WELL</p> <p>Monday, March 26</p> <p>9:00am & 12:30pm HCP</p> <p>3:30pm After school program @THE WELL</p> <p>6:00pm Music Ministries</p> <p>6:15pm Yoga</p> <p>7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 8, Lenten Study</p> <p>8:00pm Music Ministries</p> <p>Tuesday, March 27</p> <p>9:00am & 12:30pm HCP</p> <p>10:00am Lenten Study</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Celebrate Recovery @THE WELL Lenten Study</p> <p>7:00pm DACSL Basketball Cub Scout Pack 8 Tuesday Time Apart</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 28</p> <p>3:30pm After school program @THE WELL</p> <p>6:00 pm Audit Committee</p> <p>6:30pm HS Boys Life Group @THE WELL</p> <p>7:00pm Praise Team</p> <p>7:30pm Volleyball Practice</p> <p>Thursday, March 29</p> <p>9:30am Lenten Study</p> <p>12:15pm Spiritual Formation</p> <p>12:30pm Disciple IV</p> <p>5:15pm Lenten Fasting Group</p> <p>6:30pm Disciple I Fast Track CR Women's Step @THE WELL HS Girls Life Group @THE WELL</p> <p>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship</p> <p>Friday, March 30</p> <p>6:30am Lenten Study</p> <p>6:30pm Grief Share</p> <p>7:00pm Good Friday Service</p> <p>Saturday, March 31</p> <p>8:30am Lenten Study CR Men's Step @THE WELL</p> <p>11:00am Lenten Fasting Group</p> <p>5:25pm Contemporary Worship</p> <p>Sunday, April 1</p> <p>6:30am Sunrise Service, E. Brandywine Pk</p> <p>8:00am Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30am Trad. & Contemporary Worship</p> <p>10:55am Contemporary Worship</p>
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UPCOMING HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES to go deeper...

FASTING GROUP: This annual experience will begin on **Thursday March 29th** at 5:30pm with Pastor Steve leading. The group will meet at church for a meal and a time of devotions and prayer. We will then attend **Maundy Thursday worship** together and carry the Fast through until midday Saturday, March 31st. At that time, the group will come back together to share experiences and to break the Fast. For planning purposes, the registration deadline is **Sunday, March 25th**. If you have questions or want to participate in the Fast, please contact Pastor Vicki (Vicki@hopewellumc.org) directly by that date. Printed information regarding Fasting is available in the Prayer Room, just outside the church offices.

GOOD FRIDAY (March 30th) LABYRINTH WALKS: Join Pastor Vicki for a guided walk at dawn or dusk on this holy day. We will meet at the Labyrinth (located in the Hopewell Cemetery) at 6:45 am or 6:30 pm. If you have questions, contact Pastor Vicki. Printed information regarding Labyrinth is available in the Prayer Room.

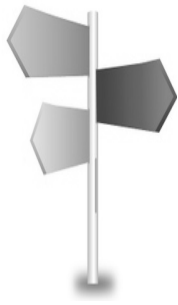
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The artwork of Harry Yost depicting the Passion of Christ will be on display in the main lobby across the day and evening on Good Friday. All are welcome to come at any time to view the art and to quietly meditate. This is self-guided.

<i>Tuesday March 27</i>	*7:00pm Tuesday Time Apart, Bower Chapel, Pastor Dan
<i>Thursday March 29</i>	12:00 to 12:45pm Intercessory Prayer Time in Bower Chapel 5:30 to 7:00pm Fasting Group *7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Steve and Scott Rafferty with Holy Communion
<i>Good Friday, March 30</i>	6:45am Labyrinth Walk in Cemetery 9:00am to 9:00 PM Self-guided Stations of the Cross, main lobby 6:30pm Labyrinth Walk in Cemetery *7:00pm Good Friday Cantata, "In My Place", Sanctuary Chancel Choir & Downingtown UMC Combined Choir
<i>Saturday March 31</i>	*5:25pm Easter Vigil. Hopewell Confirmands joining the church

*Childcare is available at these times

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HUMC Strategic Map



Goal: Broadened communications to demonstrate that newcomers are a top priority.

Result: *Welcome* to each of the seven New Members who are joining Hopewell as the class of March 2018! We are grateful to God for blessing us with these people who are renewing a personal commitment to serving Jesus Christ, and we celebrate this growth of our Hopewell family. Meet and greet these new members at the reception for them, hosted by the Welcoming Team, on Sunday at 10:30am in the FLC — where there will be cupcakes!

Hopewell Christian Preschool is celebrating 15 years!

We will be celebrating at the 9:30 contemporary service on **Sunday, April 8th**. Come hear testimonies of how we first began in 2003, the vision that was ours, and how God has brought us through so faithfully to offer an overtly Christian preschool to the members of Hopewell UMC and the surrounding families in our community. Long ago it was simply a goal on our Strategic Map... but since then, we have had 2441 children attend and go through our halls and our doors. Places to learn, grow, get ready for Kindergarten and overtly talk about the love of Jesus.

CPR/AED Certification Classes:

Hopewell Congregational Care is sponsoring a CPR/AED training on **Saturday, April 14 from 9:00-11:00am**. Hopewell member, Emmy Shapard, is a nurse and certified trainer through the American Red Cross. Please join us to receive or renew your certification and be prepared to assist others in an emergency. The class is for lay and professionals and is free (the class may not contain all the requirements for some professional health care positions. Please contact us about what you need.) If you need a certification card, the cost is \$19. Registration is available on Hopewell's website. For more information, please email Jen at jen@hopewellumc.org.

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Making Connections in the North District

Pray for Pastor Steve as he begins his ministry as District Superintendent of the North District on July 1st.

One of the pastors on the North District, the Rev. Kofi Ashley, makes regular trips to his home country of Ghana to provide resources and leadership training in the schools and churches there. He hopes to be delivering a \$2,000.00 donation when he returns to Africa in May of this year, \$1,000.00 of which was contributed by Hopewell. Rev Ashley currently pastors the Mount Pocono UMC on the North District, our own Donna Hepner's home church!



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Don't forget there are **parking spaces** available in the cemetery lot which can be used any day for overflow parking.

Communion Training

Hopewell Congregational Care is hosting a Holy Communion training with Pastor Amy on **Monday, April 9 from 11:00-1:00pm** in the Adult Ministry Center and **Sunday, April 22 from 6:00-8:00pm** in Room Adam. This opportunity is open to anyone who is interested in learning how to offer communion during a visit in a hospital, nursing facility, private home, Bible study, children's ministry, or other setting. Please know that there is no commitment with your attendance, except the willingness to participate and engage the opportunity to learn and grow together. Please let Jen know if you will join us at jen@hopewellumc.org.

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A Special Time Together
For the Final Session of Our Lenten Study
Tuesday, April 3rd - 6:30pm
Discussion and Worship led by Pastor Steve

DVD presentation of Session #7 featuring Pastor Amy
The Ministry of the Resurrected Jesus
in the main sanctuary

7:30-8:15pm Closing Worship in the Tuesday Time Apart style
in the Bower Chapel

*You will find this Final Session empowering, even if
you have not been participating in the Lenten Study*

If you are not able to attend on April 3rd for the Final Lesson, the DVD presentation will be offered with group discussion, led by Pastor Steve, on Sunday, April 8th at 10:55am in Adult Ministry.

Support Groups

Art Therapy Cancer Support

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

GriefShare

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

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesdays, 6:00pm
The Well
Becky, rlbennington62@aol.com
Sue, suzranadams@gmail.com

Mission and Ministry

Hopewell UMC's Man to Man Ministries

Presents Breakfast with:

Todd Blyleven

Saturday, April 07, 2018

Hopewell UMC 8:30 A.M.

Everyone Welcome!



Todd was an All-American High School and College athlete, and went on to play 7 seasons in Major League Baseball, and was a scout for 8 more years. For the last 8 years he has worked in the corporate world in Marketing and Business Development.

Todd has a strong faith, which he loves to share. He was in Las Vegas the night of October 1, 2017, the night of the tragic mass shooting. He helped carry injured victims to safety, and comfort some of those who eventually did not make it. He believes that God called him to do these things, and he will share his story with us.

Please Register Here so we have a count – as always, no charge (free will offering): <http://www.hopewellumc.org/mens-ministry>

2018 Hopewell Congregational Album

A *NEW* Pictorial Directory

The last photo directory of our Hopewell family was done in 2011. So we are moving forward to create a new and updated one! Unlike prior albums, we are not using an outside yearbook/photographic company for scheduled portrait sessions. Rather, everyone has the option to:

- Submit "selfie-type" family or individual photos by email: pictureithere@hopewellumc.org, or
- Have a photo taken by Hopewell member and professional photographer Julie Pook, on-site at Hopewell. There is no cost to people who have Julie photograph them/their families. To set up a time with Julie, email her at Julia@photographybyjulia.com.

Detailed information about our 2018 congregational album is available in the church office, in the lobby, or by contacting Deb Boyd at boyd@hopewellumc.org.

Mission and Ministry



**faith and art
while serving time**

Hopewell UMC fundraiser

Saturday, April 14th, 7:00pm @ The Well

107 West Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown

Featuring the artwork of inmates at
The Coal Township State Correctional Institution

Hopewell UMC was recently gifted with a painting created by an inmate who is part of an art ministry where he is incarcerated. The inmate, being mentored by Hopewellian Hank Barber, offered this gift in gratitude for God's love, mercy and grace, and in appreciation for his connection to Hopewell. The men active in this prison art ministry do not have the financial resources to purchase art supplies. Hopewell is stepping up to help them by hosting this **Art Show** of their paintings and drawings. Proceeds from the Art Show will benefit Hopewell's Beyond the Walls mission partners and provide inmates with funding for art supplies.

No admission cost or reservation needed. Just drop by The Well on Saturday evening, April 14th for fun, conversation and fellowship while viewing the art work. Support this prison ministry by purchasing a piece of inmate art, and enjoy some light refreshments. Bring friends and neighbors—everyone welcome!

Information: Boyd@hopewellumc.org

Mission and Ministry

Adult Mission to Crisfield, MD!

Long Weekend Trip Dates: April 26 - May 1
No prior mission trip experience necessary!

TRIP SCHEDULE: Departure evening of Thursday, April 26; returning Tuesday afternoon, May 1. Participants are NOT required to be in Crisfield for the full mission. Arrive when you can, and depart when you must.

TASKS: for every skill level.

COST: Funding has been provided to cover room-and-board expenses for the team.

BONUS: Stunningly beautiful sunsets every evening from the waterfront deck of our HQ at Janes Island State Park.

GETTING IN ON THE FUN: Pick up your Information Packet and Sign-Up Form in the church office on the counter along the outside wall, or contact Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org).

*PLEASE submit your Sign-Up
Form to Boyd soon!*



Men's Softball

We will again have two softball teams in the church league for the 2018 season. We will have an A/Competitive team and a B/Recreational team. Games are any night of Mon-Thurs at 6:30pm at area fields. The season starts the week of April 23rd and runs thru early August with approximately 15 games and Playoffs. Practices will be held on Sundays- 4/8, 4/15 and 4/22 at 2:00 at Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church on Rt 322 near Rt 82. Newcomers are welcome. Please contact Dick Pry for details and information 610-216-3397 or rpry@brenntag.com.

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.

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.)

Journey Through Holy Week This is a child-friendly look at the path that Jesus walked from the Triumphal Entry to the Resurrection! This event will be held during the 9:30am Sunday School hour on March 25th. Children should report to their classrooms.

There will be NO Sunday School or Junior Church on Easter Sunday, April 1st

Summer Camp Dates

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

Week One – June 25th to 29th

Week Two – August 13th to 17th

Both are full-day camp experiences for children ages 4 to 7 years that include a daily, fun-filled bus ride from Hopewell's parking lot.

Each of these weeks is a great first-time experience for young campers with many familiar faces as camp leaders.

**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)

Morning VBS – July 16th to 20th, 9am to 12pm

Evening VBS – July 16th to 19th, 6pm to 8pm

**The theme this year is 'Rolling River Rampage – Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!'

**On-line Registration for VBS will begin on April 6th

Music & Drama Camp (entering 4th to 6th grade)

July 29th to August 2nd, evenings

**More details to come

Youth Ministries

Grades 7-12

Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org

Kim Lloyd, youth@hopewellumc.org

SUMMER SCHEDULE Mark your calendars!

Summer Missions Commissioning Service	May 6, 6:30pm
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

Registration is Now PAST DUE for Summer Mission & Trips ALL Summer Mission & Trip registration is ONLINE!! Please visit www.tinyurl.com/18humcyouth to register AND pay for all of your summer activities. Questions about service/fundraiser hours? Contact Kim Lloyd: youth@hopewellumc.org. Questions about trip details? Contact Mike: mike@hopewellumc.org.

Youth Email Are you receiving the WEEKLY Youth email?? If not, please contact Kim, youth@hopewellumc.org. We send news and updates EVERY Wednesday.

Service Hours Current 7 -12 graders attending Summer Missions trips need to complete FOUR service hours. Looking for opportunities? Check out our new sign up genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaaa28a31-youth>

Fundraiser Credits - Parents Night Out has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 7th from 5:30-10pm. Please register on the Youth webpage. The Stock Sale is coming! Look for info on how to encourage friends, family, and our congregation to invest in our youth programs!

Attention Seniors!! Scholarships are available through the Eastern PA Conference of United Methodists. Visit: <https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships> to apply. HUMC scholarships also available in the office.

High School Life Groups

Boys—Wednesdays— 6:30-8pm at The Well with Mike and Berdy. Contact Mike: mike@hopewellumc.org to RSVP or with questions.

Girls —Thursdays— 6:30-8pm at The Well with Ashley Judge and other female leaders. Contact Ashley: 13ajudge@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

Sunday School Middle School meets in the Upstairs Youth space, High School meets in the Café.

Youth Beginner Handbells meets every Sunday at 10:45am in the chapel. Newcomers are always welcome!

Youth Group Sunday night for games, sports, and worship/small groups. See you at 6pm!

Finance

Children's Ministries

Goal for 2018: \$18,000

Received year-to-date for 2018: \$5,593.00

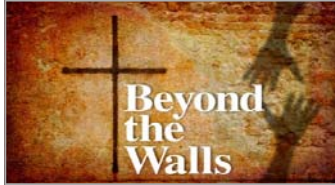
Your designated gifts help to support the regular budgeted children's programs which happen out of Hopewell UMC.

Dear Hopewell,
The service area may be small in relative terms, but the need is great. Our hope is to report a lessening of that need next year. For now, however, your support is critically important to maintain the service levels we have set. Thank you once again for all you do!
Honey Brook Food Pantry Board of Directors
*Hopewell made a gift of **\$1,500.00** at the end of 2017 to the Honey Brook Food Pantry.

Dear Hopewell,
On behalf of the Board of Directors of CTC, I want to thank you for supporting Communities that Care of Greater Downingtown, as we work to bring about a community prevention program that will equip families and provide a supporting place for youth to make positive choices to reach their full potential. With gratitude,
Cynthia Black, President
Note: Hopewell UMC gave **\$1,000.00** to Communities That Care at the end of last year.

Dear Hopewell,
Thank you for your February donation of **\$1,500.00** to the Lord's Pantry (the proceeds from your Potato Bowl.) 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
Lord's Pantry of Downingtown

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: Hurricane Relief Workers

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

Total Received: **\$329,929**

Beyond the Walls - Year XI

A Capital Campaign *with a twist*

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

Pre campaign gifts **\$11,626**

Just a reminder that your BTW X gifts received in March will be credited to BTW XI unless you specify further BTW X. Commitment cards for Beyond the Walls XI may be remitted through the offering plate any time during April, or returned through the church office. Thank you.

March Designated Giving

The current piano in the Thompson Music Room has been well loved over the years by music, youth, and children's ministries. Music Ministries will purchase a new Kawai CS11 digital console piano, piano bench, and Noteworthy Digi-dolly at a cost of \$6,000. The Kawai CS11 produces a rich, vibrant sound the same as an acoustic Kawai piano in addition the ability to provide an orchestral string sounds, organ, etc. The new piano has the added benefit of being able to record accompaniments, vocal lines, etc. Digi-dolly will enable music ministries to move piano for use in worship when necessary – to any space within the church (weighs under 150 lbs). The current piano in the music room will be moved to room Deborah for the HCP to use. Your March designated giving will help to offset the cost of the new digital piano. Received to date: **\$830.00**.

Donation Station

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

March is Manwich Month!!

The Lord's Pantry is in need of **Manwich**. They **cannot** keep it on the shelves. Thank you for the 75 cans we have collected so far this month. **Manwich** is available at any **Dollar Store** for . . . **\$1.00**. There is a bin downstairs for your donations and on weekends, a basket available in the narthex. Thank you for supporting this Ministry.



UMW will hold an Ingathering on April 21st at Berwyn UMC

It is always wonderful to see others serving God in their churches and reaching out to the under-resourced. An organization named "New Journey" requests men's jeans and tee shirts that may be gently used in good condition and men's socks and underwear in **new** condition. No shoes please. All items can be put in the bin marked UMW downstairs in the donation station.

Chester County Food Bank Shopping List

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| 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

