

**Hopewell United Methodist Church
6200 Courthouse Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832**

Sharing Christ's grace by connecting, growing, knowing and loving



The Grapevine

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
April 2019
Message from the Pastor

AMusing Mark

Let us take a moment to go back to the conversation about the broader United Methodist Church (UMC). I talked before about the special called session of General Conference (GC). General Conference is the body of delegates from the UMC around the world who organize the structure of the church as well as discerning the direction of the church in terms of social issues. The topic for this special session was strictly about the issue of homosexuality, restrictions on ordaining gay clergy and marriage.

After much debate, the GC maintained the current language in the Book of Discipline that states homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. We will not ordain Gay clergy and we will not perform gay weddings. Part of the plan that was passed included tougher restrictions and penalties on clergy who violate the Discipline. Another issue addressed was how to handle situations where churches might want to leave the denomination during this time. Much of this will be addressed by the Judicial council. Think of that as the Supreme Court for the UMC.

So what does all of this mean? First of all, not much has changed as regards the individual churches themselves. This will be a time of renewed soul searching for members and congregations that either disagree with the decision or are just tired of all the fighting. We pray for the future of the UMC. We pray for the congregations and members of our worldwide church. We pray for all of those who feel hurt by this process no matter which "side" they are on. We pray for God's discernment to lead us into the future.

Now, more than ever, we look to God for our hope and faith. May God's Spirit be upon us once again.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Giving Gladly: General Fund Stewardship in MARCH (required): \$14,851.68
(received): \$13,434.00
(short): \$ 1,417.68

Member Emergency Fund

A basket has been placed in the back of the church for you to donate to a Member Emergency Fund. This fund differs from the Benevolence Fund since it will be used to assist church members in time of need and not the community. This basket will remain in the narthex each Sunday.

APRIL FOOD ITEM: Pastas, Rice and Pasta Sauces (No glass please)

MISSION NEWS

The Henry Fork Service Center is a United Methodist sponsored program in Rocky Mount, Virginia, which has been aided by the Hopewell United Methodist Women for many years. The Center provides after school and summer programs for children in the Franklin County vicinity. Their mission is "to make God's love visible in the Henry Fork community by being a positive Christian presence." They collect the bar codes from Campbell's products as well as box tops for education for equipment needed for their programs. If you like to help out, please cut the box top square or bar code out and give them to anyone in the UMW.

Lenten Offering

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We will once again support the food ministry of the Society of St. Andrew by collecting money for them throughout the six weeks of Lent. If you "give up" something for Lent and want to give the amount you would have spent on that item or if you simply want to give a designated amount, you may use the envelopes provided (no coin boxes this year). There is no need to fill in the front of the envelope unless your offering is cash and you want to receive credit for tax purposes. Please bring your offering to church on April 28th, the Sunday after Easter. Devotional booklets for Lent and for the Easter weekend fast are available at church beginning March 3rd.

Pull Tabs - The church collects pop tops to support the Ronald McDonald House. The collection jar is located in the foyer near the office if you would like to contribute.

Praying Daily:

For the Homebound:

Clark, Marie
Ratliffe, Lorraine
Scott, Sarah
Sharpe, Jean
Taylor, Clyde
Thomas, Lois
Watkins, Allen

For the Military:

Brown, Daniel
Brown, Shannon
Chew, Floyd
Gowen, Cameron
Gunther, A. J. (Korea)
Helhm, Jason and Ryan
Kovas, C. J. (deployed to Afghanistan)
Mallory, Marshall (Bahrain)
Power, Sam
Rose, Scott
Smith, Tyler (home)
Williams, Jonathan (U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan)

Pray for missionary in Covenant Relationship with HUMC:

Clara Biswas - serving as a community worker in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Celebrating Together

Birthday

4-05 Warren Camp
4-09 Betty Wayne Bowen
4-11 Ken Jungersen
4-13 Peggy Dinelli
4-14 Irene Eagles
4-14 Tyler Address
4-16 Penny Sparkman
4-20 Gayle Miller
4-21 Jake Abbott
4-21 Karen Myers
4-22 Helena Leslie
4-23 Mike Martin

Anniversaries

4-01 Cherie & Warren Camp
4-20 Margie & Shep Smith
4-21 Andi & Preston Taylor
4-25 Karan & Kevin Wilson

Address for Danielle Sparkman: Danielle Sparkman
C/O Veritas Collaborative
615 Douglas Street, Suite 500
Durham, N.C. 27705

New Address: Pam and Dan Rose
45 Brookfield Court
Roanoke, VA 24012
Tel.: (804) 241-7158

Address for Gail Schwartz: Gail Schwartz
9505 Scott Circle N
Minneapolis, MN 55443

Praying Daily:

Barden, Doris; Lucy Corr Rehab.
Clements, Jimmy; in Hospice care at home (Laura Hatfield's uncle)
Croctic, Bill, Sr.; Brandermill Woods, rehab.
Croctic, Martha; health issues (Judy Croctic's sister-in-law)
Flippin, Mitzie; Doris Barden's sister
Glunt, Linda; health issues (Dennis Croctic's sister)
Gross, Roger and Jeanette
Howell, Larry
Leneave, Helen and Bill
McCann, Edith; Polycythemia Vera
More, Maxine; cancer (friend of Gil Shand)
Parsons, Dale; recovering from heart surgery (friend of Dennis and Judy Croctic)
Pollack, Debbie; health issues (Mary Sharpe's cousin)
Reid, Al and Judy
Richardson, Claire; health issues
Sharpe, Mary
Sparkman, Danielle; eating disorder
Thomas, Lois
Williams, Amelia Kate; (premature baby 1 lb. 15 oz.) parents, Katherine and Rob Williams (friends of Becky Wistrom)



*Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Jane Perkins Bowery**, who claimed the promise of resurrection on March 16, 2019.*

*Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **John Schwartz**, who claimed the promise of resurrection on March 20, 2019.*

*Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Anne Eubank**, who claimed the promise of resurrection on March 28, 2019.*

Serving Joyfully:

Acolytes:

4/7 To be announced
4/14 "
4/21 "
4/28 "
5/5 "

Greeters:

4/7 Paul Smith
4/14 Larry Howell
4/21 Mary and Roger Williams
4/28 Judy and Dennis Croctic
5/5 Doris Edwards

**If you need to change your Sunday, contact Judy Croctic: 221-6084

Ushers:

4/7 Larry Howell, Walter Williams
Bob Wright, Steve Hague

4/14 Troy Allen, Walter Williams
Alan McCann, Frankie Morris

4/21 Jim Kweeder, Ken Jungersen
Kevin Wilson, Lynwood Thompson

4/28 Steve Hague, Roger Williams
Dennis Croctic, Bob Wright

5/5 **Communion Ushers:** Mike Rapalee, Larry Howell
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Ken Jungersen, Shane Belcher

Lay Readers:




4/7 Carolyn Jacobs
4/14 Judy Reid
4/21 Betsy Andress
4/28 Irene Purdy
5/5 Margie Smith

Nursery:

4/7 Marion Smith, Judy Croctic
4/14 Kitty Beck, Gil Shand
4/21 Maddie Gazzo, Jennifer Porter
4/28 Carolyn Jacobs, Lee Livingston
5/5 Penny Sparkman, Susan Martin

MARCH average attendance: 22, Sunday School; 60, Worship
Sunday School Classes for ages three through adult

APRIL 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 AA 5:45 pm #7	2	3 AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	4 <p style="text-align: center;">KAIROS</p>	5 <p style="text-align: center;">KAIROS</p>	6 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7 <p style="text-align: center;">KAIROS</p>
7 Early AM Kairos Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary	8 AA 5:45 pm #7	9 Alma Williams Knitting 10:00 am #2	10 AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	11 KnitWits 10:00 am FH/K Worthington Women 7 pm FH/K	12 Vaughan decorating for event 11:00am	13 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7 Vaughan Wedding reception 1:00 am - 6:00 pm
14 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 pm <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	15 AA 5 - 9 pm FH/K	16 Missions Mtg. 7 pm #2	17 NARFE 9 am - 12 FH/K AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	18 <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY</i> SERVICES: 12 NOON, 7 PM 	19 <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i> SERVICES: 12 NOON, 7 PM 	20 AA 9:00 am #7 AA 8:00 PM #7 Sparkman event 8 am - 2 pm FH and parking lot
21 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary <i>Easter Sunday</i>	22 AA 5:45 pm #7	23 UMM 7:00 pm #3 UMW 7:00 pm FH/K	24 Knitwits 10 am FH/K AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	25 Worthington Women 7 pm #7	26 Live Music 6 - 10 pm FH/K	27 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7
28 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary	29 AA 5:45 pm #7	30				