

**Hopewell United Methodist Church
6200 Courthouse Road
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Sharing Christ's grace by connecting, growing, knowing and loving



The Grapevine

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Reverend Mark D. Richardson, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

March 2019

Message from the Pastor

A Musing Mark

Well, General Conference is over. Plans and preparation for it had consumed a lot of energy in the United Methodist Church. There will be more energy yet spent. It is unclear right now what exactly the results of all this are. The plan voted on will go to Judicial Council, the church's Supreme Court, for review. But I am not really interested in talking about that right now.

What I do want to talk about is how we act moving forward. The conversation about homosexuality and the issues surrounding it are deeply personal for many of the people engaged in the debate. We need to honor that. The conversation going on is being held by caring people who are looking for the best way to remain faithful to the call of Christ. Yes, not everyone is being gracious about that. And looking at the way people acted at the end of General Conference it became extremely difficult to see any love and grace being extended to people on either side of the conversation.

So we all need to take a moment and pray for a fresh breath of God's Spirit. Clearly, there is not going to be an immediate agreement or even a long term agreement on this issue. But maybe, just maybe, we can find a way to agree on the power of the Holy Spirit to shape us. We must remember that our call is not to have the Holy Spirit agree with us. The call of our faith is that we agree with God's Spirit. We are just having trouble finding out what that means. I think that is because we are too busy trying to define what that Spirit should look like for others rather than allowing God to speak to each one of us. That is going to be important in the days ahead. May the Holy Spirit guide our hearts, minds and steps in the days ahead.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Giving Gladly: General Fund Stewardship in February (required): \$14,851.68
(received): \$13,034.00
(short): \$ 1,817.68

Heart Havens - \$195.00

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.

MARCH FOOD ITEM: Peanut Butter

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

3-03 Linda Morris
3-04 Cherie Camp
3-06 Gayle Smith
3-09 Nancy Jungersen
3-09 Audra Smith
3-12 Mary Walters
3-12 Jennifer Porter
3-17 Judy Reid
3-17 Scotty Myers
3-19 Alan McCann
3-20 Sarah Scott
3-22 Becky Wistrom
3-22 Martha Creasy
3-24 Walter Williams
3-24 Bob Wright
3-30 Dale Sheally
3-31 Thom Gann

Anniversaries

3-22 Judy & Dennis Crostic

Praying Daily:

Allen, Donnie, Jr.; Motorcycle accident, Chippenham Hospital recovering from surgery (friend of Judy and Dennis Crostic.)

Anthony, Pat; medical issues (Pam Rose's sister)

Barden, Doris

Bowery, Jane

Craig; liver cancer (friend of Andi Taylor)

Church, Darrell; stroke (Kathleen Mallory's daughter's first husband)

Croctic, Bill, Sr.; Chippenham Hospital (Dennis Crostic's dad)

Croctic, Martha; health issues (Judy's Crostic's sister-in-law)

Dawson, Jimmie; cancer (Doris Edward's cousin)

Eagles, Irene

Glunt, Linda; health issues (Dennis Crostic's sister)

Greene, Janet, home

Gross, Roger and Jeanette (home)

Jacobs, Carolyn, Jeff

Jungersen, Nancy; fall

Leneave, Helen & Bill

Reid, Al and Judy

Rose, Pam and Dan

Shand, Gil;

Sharpe, Mary; has been sick for several days



Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of William (Bill) Crostic, Jr., Dennis Crostic's brother, who claimed the promise of resurrection on February 8th, 2019.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Virginia Campbell, who claimed the promise of resurrection on February 24th, 2019.

Serving Joyfully:

Acolytes:

3/3 To be announced

3/10 "

3/17 "

3/24 "

3/31 "

4/7 "

Lay Readers:

3/3 Howard Johnston

3/10 Margie Smith

3/17 Steve Hague

3/24 Dennis Crostic

3/31 Bob Wright

4/7 Carolyn Jacobs

Greeters:

3/3 Paul Smith

3/10 Judy and Dennis Crostic

3/17 Lee Livingston

3/24 Janet and Mike Rapalee

3/31 Gil Shand

4/7 Paul Smith

Nursery:

3/3 Betsy Andress and Maddie Gazzo

3/10 Jennifer Porter, Kitty Beck

3/17 Kitty Beck and Lee Livingston

3/24 Marion Smith and Margie Smith

3/31 Gayle Smith and Judy Crostic

4/7 Karan Wilson, Karina Sobel

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

Ushers: Communion: Mike Rapalee, Walter Williams

3/3 Ushers: Larry Howell, Walter Williams
Kevin Wilson, Steve Hague

3/10 Shane Belcher, Ken Jungersen
Dennis Crostic, Troy Allen

3/17 Mike Rapalee, Bob Wright
Dennis Crostic, Steve Hague

3/24 Kevin Wilson, Howard Johnston
Preston Taylor, Jim Kweeder

3/31 Alan McCann, Shane Belcher
Lynwood Thompson, Roger Williams

4/7 **Communion Ushers: Mike Rapalee, Walter Williams**

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FEBRUARY average attendance: 22, Sunday School: 70, Worship
Sunday School Classes for ages three through adult

MARCH 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7
3 Sunday School 9:45 am Wor- ship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary	4 AA 5:45 pm #7 Book Study 10:00 am #2 6:30 pm #2	5	6 AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts ASH WEDNESDAY Services: 12 noon, 7 pm Sanctuary 	7 Boy Scouts	8 Live Music 6 - 10 pm FH/K	9 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7
10 Sunday School 9:45 am Wor- ship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary 	11 AA 5 - 9 pm FH/K	12 Alma Williams Knitting 10:00 am #2 Missions Mtg. 7 pm #2	13 NARFE 9 am - 12 FH/K AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	14 KnitWits 10:00 am FH/K Worthington Women 7 pm FH/K	15 GOSPEL MUSIC 7 PM - SANCTUARY	16 AA 9:00 am #7 AA 8:00 PM #7 Chili Cook-off
17 Sunday School 9:45 am Wor- ship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 AA 5:45 pm #7	19	20 AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	21 Administrative Council 7:00 pm #7	22	23 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7 Kairos 8 am - 3 pm FH/K
24 Sunday School 9:45 am Wor- ship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary	25 AA 5:45 pm #7	26 UMM 7:00 pm #3 UMW 7:00 pm FH/K	27 Knitwits 10 am FH/K AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	28 Worthington Women 7 pm #7	29	30 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7
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