

**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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Reverend Mark D. Richardson, Pastor

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

AMusing Mark

April showers bring May flowers. It also brings a yellow haze to the world as the air is filled with pollen. This is not the best time for those of us with allergy issues. I like the flowers but I like breathing clearly even more. I guess that is just a part of life that I just have to deal with.

Years ago, when I was in School in Atlanta we had an interesting summer. As we were approaching pollen season, I remember the experts saying that something had changed and that those who usually had allergy issues would be o.k. and those who did not would have a rough year. Sure enough, it was a wonderful summer of beauty, wonder and easy breathing, for me. For other people I knew, it was a difficult year.

Easter has come upon us but it has not gone away. It is a time when the expectations of life are turned on their head. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reminds us that God's expectations have turned the world upside down. It may not feel very different in the midst of all of our struggles but we do live in a time of new hope. God, who makes all things possible, has changed the nature of the world. Hopefully, this lets us breathe a little easier and hopefully, we feel more confident to go out in the world and share a message of God's love. Let us live our days full of hope.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

Giving Gladly: General Fund Stewardship in APRIL (required): \$14,851.68
(received): \$11,851.68
(short): \$ 3,000.68

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.

MAY FOOD ITEMS: Hot and cold cereals

MISSION NEWS

School Kits

Enclosed is a list of items for the school kits we will be doing. We will be accepting these kits until June 2nd. Thank you for your help in this mission endeavor.

Praying Daily:

For the Homebound:

Clark, Marie
Ratliffe, Lorraine
Scott, Sarah
Sharpe, Jean
Thomas, Lois

For the Military:

Brown, Daniel
Brown, Shannon
Chew, Floyd
Gowen, Cameron
Gunter, A. J. (Korea)
Helms, 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

5-04 Kenny Powers
5-05 Linda Boggs
5-08 Samantha Richardson
5-13 Dylan Smith
5-19 Hayden Gann
5-19 Lori Abbott
5-19 Dorma Thompson
5-22 Margie Smith
5-26 Laura Hatfield

Anniversaries

5-14 Ken and Nancy Jungersen
5-22 Mary and Mike Sharpe
5-27 Shane and Donna Belcher

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
New phone 45 Brookfield Court
Roanoke, VA 24012
Tel.: (540) 728-9136

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

Praying Daily:

Barden, Doris; home
Brown, Thomas; in house fire, burns and other serious health issues (work buddy of Mike Rapalee and Mike Sharpe)
Croctic, Bill, Sr.; Brandermill Woods, rehab.
Croctic, Martha; health issues (Judy Croctic's sister-in-law)
Flippin, Mitzie; Doris Barden's sister
Gann, Hayden; upcoming surgery
Glunt, Linda; health issues (Dennis Croctic's sister)
Gross, Roger and Jeanette
Harrup, Tammie; thyroid issues (Head waitress at Anna's)
Howell, Larry
Leneave, Helen and Bill
McCann, Edith; Polycythemia Vera
Mallory family; recovering from virus
Melancon, Elizabeth; surgery at Johnston-Willis (Kathleen Mallory's daughter)
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
Sparkman, Joseph; upcoming surgery
Thomas, Lois
Thompson, Dorma
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 **Clyde Taylor**, who claimed the promise of resurrection on April 6, 2019.*

*Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Jimmy Clements**, the uncle of Laura Hatfield, who claimed the promise of resurrection on April 2, 2019.*

*Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Allen Watkins**, who claimed the promise of resurrection on April 29, 2019.*

Serving Joyfully:

Acolytes:

5/5 To be announced
5/12 "
5/19 "
5/26 "
6/2 "

Lay Readers:

5/5 Margie Smith
5/12 Karina Archer
5/19 Bob Wright
5/26 Shane Belcher
6/2 Steve Hague

Greeters:

5/5 Doris Edwards
5/12 Andi Taylor
5/19 Brenda Fones
5/26 Betsy Address
6/2 Larry Howell

Nursery:

5/5 Penny Sparkman
5/12 Jennifer Porter, Carolyn Jacobs
5/19 Gil Shand, Gayle Smith
5/26 Kitty Beck, Judy Croctic
6/2 Betsy Address, Margie Smith

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

Ushers:

5/5 **Communion Ushers:** Larry Howell, Dennis Croctic
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Alan McCann, Shane Belcher

5/12 Steve Hague, Howard Johnston
Jim Kweeder, Dennis Croctic

5/19 Kevin Wilson, Mike Rapalee
Morgan Harrell, Ken Jungersen

5/26 Bob Wright, Preston Taylor
Lynwood Thompson, Frankie Morris

6/2 **Communion Ushers:** Mike Rapalee, Larry Howell
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Jim Kweeder, Kevin Wilson

APRIL average attendance: Sunday School, 17; Worship, 67
Sunday School Classes for ages three through adult

MAY 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	2 Boy Scouts	3	4 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7
5 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary 4:00 pm Campbell Event Sanct. Reception following FH/K	6 AA 5:45 pm #7	7	8 NARFE - 9-12 noon AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	9 KnitWits 10:00 am FH/K	10 Live Music 6 - 10 pm FH/K	11 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7
12 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary <i>Mothers' Day</i> 	13 AA 5 - 9 pm FH/K	14 Alma Williams Knitting 10:00 am #2 	15 AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	16 7:00 pm Admin. Council #7	17 GOSPEL MUSIC 7:00 PM SANCTUARY	18 AA 9:00 am #7 AA 8:00 PM #7 Community Day - Lucy-Corr 10 am
19 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary	20 AA 5:45 pm #7	21	22 Knitwits 10 am FH/K AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7 Scouts	23 Worthington Women 7 pm #7	24	25 AA 9:00 AM #7 AA 8:00 PM #7
26 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sanctuary	27 AA 5:45 pm #7 <i>Memorial Day</i>  OFFICE CLOSED	28 UMM 7:00 pm #3 UMW 7:00 pm FH/K	29 AA 11 am - 1 pm #7 AA 5:45 pm #7	30	31	