

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lenten Services: The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th, and continues for 40 days (not counting Sundays), ending on Easter Sunday, April 4th. Lent is a season of self-examination, reflection and preparing our hearts for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The theme I have chosen to center on this season is *Again & Again*. There are several opportunities for spiritual growth this season, both individually and as a community. All are welcome! Invite a friend.

Upcoming Lenten Worship Services

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday in Lent, Mark 1:9-15, Genesis 9:8-17
Again and Again, God Meets Us

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday in Lent, Mark 8:31-9:8, Psalm 22:23-31
Again and Again, We Are Called to Listen

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday in Lent, John 2:13-22, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Again and Again, We Are Shown the Way

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday in Lent, John 3:14-21, Ephesians 2:1-10
Again and Again, God Loves First

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent, John 12:20-33, Jeremiah 31, 31-34
Again and Again, We Are Reformed

Sunday, March 28, Palm/Passion Sunday, John 12:1-19
Again and Again, We Draw on Courage

Thursday, April 1, Maundy Thursday, John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Again and Again, We are Held Together

Friday, April 2, Good Friday, John 19:1-30
Again and Again, We Find Ourselves Here

Sunday, April 4, Easter, Mark 16:1-8
Again and Again, The Sun Rises

Lenten 5-week Small Groups Studying the Scriptures for the Upcoming Sunday

Tuesdays, starting February 23 through March 23, 2:00pm at Hopewell or 7:00pm online via google meet (technical assistance is available to help connecting online).

Youth are welcome to participate too. For more information and to sign-up, contact Pastor Wendy pastorwendyhs@gmail.com

Lenten Daily Devotional Cards

Choose a new card each day. Use as a family or on your own. Print your own set of cards using the attached document, pick up a set at the church at the Ash Wednesday service, or email pastorwendyhs@gmail.com to request delivery.

Is God Calling You? Pastor Wendy welcomes you to serve as Liturgist leading the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer and/or Scripture Lesson during worship services. Please call or email Pastor Wendy if you'd like to serve God in this manner.

Mission Year Round: We are collecting seed packets for the Jackson Area Seed Ministry.

Groveport Food Pantry: Items needed week of 2/21 include canned Pears, peaches & applesauce; Jello & Pudding; Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix; Hamburger Helper; Saltine Crackers; and Sloppy Joe Sauce. *Please avoid glass jars of any kind. Thank you.*

Ashville Food Pantry: Volunteers needed to help distribute food on Thursday, February 25 from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm (94 Long Street, Ashville). Please email Ron D. (jacketsguy@yahoo.com) if you can help. Thank you to everyone that volunteers to help out. A special thank you to Ron for coordinating and distributing food donations to the pantries.

Financial donations are also being accepted for a new building. Please send donations to Ashville Food Pantry, 94 Long Street, Ashville, OH 43103. If you would like a brochure detailing the building project, please send an email to HopewellUMCGroveport@gmail.com.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & CONCERN:

Please email prayer requests, concerns or thanksgiving to HopewellUMCGroveport@gmail.com or directly to Pastor Wendy at pastorwendyhs@gmail.com.

- For healing that is being experienced by persons for whom we are praying
- For our worship team & our ability to worship together online
- For the transformative power of God's love and grace
- For relationships that are restored
- For signs of abundance and generosity that all around us
- For those that are grieving the loss of a loved one
 - The Mills Family (friend of Tracee)
 - Family of Litta Hansen (Pastor Wendy's mother)
 - Family of Deb Emerson (friend of Kim C's)
 - Gary Morrison (worked 50 years at Groveport Madison SD)
- For frontline healthcare workers
- For those in need of physical or spiritual healing:
 - Jerry C (recurrent sinus issues)
 - Patty S
 - Aaron (requested by Gail W)
 - Ronnie (requested by Gail W)
 - Vivian (requested by Gail W)
 - James C (recovering from shoulder surgery 2/8)
 - Ted R (entered hospice)
 - Connie J & Veldine H
 - Jan C (dementia)
 - Karen G
 - Mary Lou R
 - Wayne S (covid)
 - Crystal (Tracee's sister; recovering from stroke)
 - Duke and Nora V (recovering from Covid-19)
 - Ron D (hip pain)
 - Kailey H (Friend of Kyle and Kaitlynn K; has been diagnosed with Stage 1 cancer; doctors are encouraged by her prognosis and treatment plan.)
Please send cards to Kyle to share with Kailey.
 - For John M, (friend of Pastor Wendy; recently received terminal diagnosis, and his family)
- Unnamed persons with addictions
- Unnamed persons with physical and mental health issues
- Unnamed persons needing spiritual healing
- The poor, the marginalized, the unemployed, underemployed, and overworked
- For wisdom, compassion and a spirit of cooperation and unity for the world's leaders
- For opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with our friends and neighbors