

ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2021

Hopewell Outdoor Worship & Family Picnic: Please join us for an outdoor worship service at Slate Run Metro Park (Buzzard's Roost Shelter House) at 10:30 a.m. (June 27), followed by a family picnic celebrating Pastor Wendy's one year anniversary with Hopewell. Families are welcome to bring pot luck side dishes to share if you wish or feel free to bring your own picnic lunch. Families are asked to bring their own table service (plates, napkins & utensils), beverages and lawn chairs. Chicken, potato salad, potato chips & cake will be provided. We hope you can join us!!! **It looks like the weather will cooperate tomorrow, but we do have a plan if not: in the event of gentle rain showers, we will still meet at the shelter house. If thunderstorms are predicted, we will move the service and picnic to the church. A decision will be made by 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning in the event inclement weather is expected; we will send a message out via email and Facebook ONLY if we need to move to the church (otherwise we'll see you at Slate Run!)**

Facebook Livestream: We plan to stream this Sunday's service via Facebook Live if we have data service available (click [here](#); the video should begin automatically once we go live).

Join in discerning the Spirit's future for Hopewell: Pray daily throughout the summer: **"Lord, I give thanks for the Hopewell community. Keep my heart open. Reveal to us who you are calling us to become. In the name of Jesus, Amen."**

The Path to Normalcy: Hopewell's COVID-19 protocols have changed to match CDC guidelines: If you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask and socially distancing in the church is optional. If you are not fully vaccinated (2 weeks post the last vaccine dose) or feel more comfortable wearing a mask, we ask that you wear a mask.

Ask Questions: Nicodemus brought his questions to Jesus in the dark of night. Pastor Wendy encourages everyone (children too) to mail, email pastorwendyhs@gmail.com, or bring to worship Sunday, at least one question you are wrestling with (i.e. something you want to know about the UMC or about Hopewell, a theological question, a question about faith, the meaning of a particular scripture, why we change the colors on the altar, etc). Questions can be submitted anonymously. However, she prefers to be able to follow-up to receive clarity as needed so your questions can best be answered. We will pray over the questions, which will be answered through:

- sermons in July and August,
- teachings later this summer on Methodism (historically and present-day),
- small group Bible studies in the fall,
- Other communications

Bible Study: Bible Study will resume later this summer.

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.

Children and Youth Ministry: We are beginning to plan summer opportunities for fun, fellowship, and Christian education for children, youth, and families. If you are interested in sharing ideas, leading, and/or helping, contact Pastor Wendy.

We are also beginning to plan for Junior Church, a fun educational time for children in the basement during worship, which we hope to begin in September. For more information and to volunteer to help, contact Mary Jane Metcalf, johnmarymet58@yahoo.com

Church Camp: West Ohio Conference has three church camps that offer overnight summer camps. Camp Otterbein is nearby in Logan, Ohio. Hopewell will financially support our children and youth attending church camp. Click on <https://www.westohiocamps.org/camp> for a listing of camp offerings. Contact Pastor Wendy for more information.

Mission Year Round: We are collecting supplies for **Box 65** in June and **School Supplies** in July. Suggested items for Box 65 include bottled water; 20 oz Gatorade; cups; granola bars; paper towels; and individual packets of coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea & hot chocolate, sugar packets, sweetener packets (Splenda), creamer, beef and chicken bouillon.

Groveport Food Pantry: This week, the pantry is in need of saltine crackers, instant or canned potatoes, pancake syrup (24 oz) and canned beef stew (24 oz). Please, no glass jars.

Ashville Food Pantry: The pantry has requested that Hopewell collect spaghetti sauce (no glass jars, please) during the next couple of months. 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.

Community Food Pantries: Non-perishable food is always welcome and will be split and distributed between Groveport and Canal Winchester food pantries. Please try to avoid glass jars.

Digital Ministry:

We love bringing God's message into the homes of those that are homebound, feel safer worshipping at home, or are outside our community...but we need your help in the following ways:

- Make a financial gift (write "technology" on the check or on the envelope).
- Join the Tech Team (operate the camera, operate the computer, serve as the online host interacting with persons who are worshipping online).
- Invite persons to attend online worship and/or Bible study.
- Share our Facebook posts and YouTube videos with your friends and family.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & CONCERN WEEK OF 6/27/21:

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

- For thanksgiving that Richard's bladder cyst was benign and that he has healed so well
- For healing that is being experienced by persons for whom we are praying
- For our worship team & our ability to worship together in-person and 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
- For frontline healthcare workers
- For those in need of physical or spiritual healing:
 - o Greg T. (Marla's nephew)
 - o Brenda C. (Ilene F.'s niece)
 - o Joe W. (Wendy W.'s father-in-law)
 - o Chad H. (Kim's nephew)
 - o Nathan P. (requested by Rojer & Taye M.)
 - o Janis P.
 - o Linda H. (hip replacement on May 5)
 - o Ginny H. (hip pain)
 - o Jerry C. (recurrent sinus issues)
 - o Patty S.
 - o Fed R. (entered hospice)
 - o Connie J. & Veldine H.
 - o Jan C. (dementia)
 - o Karen G.
 - o Mary Lou R.
 - o Crystal (Tracee's sister; recovering from stroke)
 - o 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.
- 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 travel mercy, safety and joy for those who are traveling.
- For opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with our friends and neighbors