

ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF JULY 4, 2021

Hopewell Outdoor Worship & Family Picnic: Thanks to everyone that worshipped with us at Slate Run last Sunday! Everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship and food in God's great outdoors; "For where two or more gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20)...and of course when Methodist's gather...there is food!

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."**

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.

VBS: Vacation Bible School will look a little different this year as we emerge from the pandemic. TENTATIVE dates are July 19 & 20. We appreciate Karla taking the lead, but she needs your help! Please email her (karlacupp@gmail.com) if you can help!

Junior Church: 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

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 pancake mix, canned applesauce, peaches and pears (15 oz), saltine crackers, 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. Volunteers are needed to help distribute food on Thursday, July 8 & 22 from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm (94 Long Street, Ashville). Please email Ron (jacketsguy@yahoo.com) if you can help. Thank you to everyone that volunteers to help out and a very 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.

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 worshiping 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.

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.

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 Ted 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