



Hopewell

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Helping Christians Grow & Helping Grow Christians

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Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:25 PM	Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel
Sunday, 9:30 AM	Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel
Sunday, 9:30 AM	Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday, 10:55AM	Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary

Weekend of March 16 & 17, 2019

Prayer Notes

Circle of Concern

Please keep these persons in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Grieving a Loss—

Jim Davis and family

Linda Armstrong and family

Hope and Healing—

Eddie Thompson

Doug Kennedy

John O'Brien

Kim Williams' brother

PRAYER BOXES located in the main and chapel lobbies—

Blue prayer request cards are located in the pews and chairs in the sanctuary and chapel. You are invited to place them in the offering plate or in the **Prayer Boxes**. Our Congregational Care Ministry will pray for your request.

This Week's Prayer Focus: Week March 17 through March 23, 2019

For those who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Hopewell's e-prayer chain—To post a prayer request, to receive prayer requests that have been posted, and to receive the weekly *Prayer Focus*, email prayerchain@hopewellumc.org (previously Joan Stanford at jostnfrd@ptd.net).

Acolytes this weekend

8:00 AM Chapel	Mandi Dodds
9:30 AM Chapel	Keegan Poth
9:30 AM Sanctuary	Audrey Walls
10:55 AM Sanctuary	Julia Ruch

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of our parents, Ruth and Jay Lammey.

—Given by
Linda, Tom,
Sandy and
Barb.



Lenten Sermon Series



Each encounter with Jesus changes our lives.

March 16 & 17	Encounters with Jesus—Simon of Cyrene Pastor Vicki, Matthew 27:32-33—Contemporary
March 17	Encounters with Jesus—Thieves on the Cross Pastor Dan, Luke 23:32-43—Traditional
March 23 & 24	Encounters with Jesus—Thieves on the Cross Pastor Dan, Luke 23:32-43—Contemporary
March 24	Encounters with Jesus—Simon of Cyrene Pastor Vicki, Matthew 27:32-33—Traditional
March 30 & 31	Encounters with Jesus—Malchus Pastor Eddie, Luke 22:47-51—Contemporary
March 31	Encounters with Jesus—Claudia Pastor Keith, Matthew 27:19—Traditional

Tuesday Time Apart
March 19th at 7:00 PM in Bower Chapel
Thieves on the Cross

Tuesday Time Apart will be held **each** Tuesday during the season of Lent.
Worship will follow the 'Encounters with Jesus' theme.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 17

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
 9:30 AM Traditional Worship/Bower
 Contemporary/Sanctuary
 Sunday School
 10:45 AM Youth Creative Arts
 10:55 AM Contemporary Worship
 Jr. Church/Babysitting
 Encounters with Jesus
 11:00 AM Baptism Orientation
 12:15 PM New Member Class #1
 1:30 PM Men's Basketball
 6:00 PM Children's & Youth Fellowship
 6:05 PM Encounters with Jesus

Monday, March 18

9:00 AM Counters
 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM HCP
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 4:00 PM After School @THE WELL
 6:00 PM Worship Leaders Mtg.
 6:15 PM Yoga
 6:30 PM ESL @The Well
 7:00 PM Encounters with Jesus
 MS Boys Life Group
 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 AM HCP
 10:00 AM DASC Exercise Class @THE WELL
 1:00 PM The Story Bible Study
 4:15 PM Girl Scouts
 6:00 PM Encounters with Jesus
 Celebrate Recovery @THE WELL
 7:00 PM Tuesday Time Apart
 DACSL Basketball

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 AM Church Council
 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM HCP
 9:30 AM Older Adults @THE WELL
 4:00 PM After School @THE WELL
 6:00 PM CLICK
 7:00 PM Praise Team, Dwell at The Well

Thursday, March 21

9:00 AM HCP
 9:30 AM Encounters with Jesus
 12:15 PM Bible Study
 12:30 PM Encounters with Jesus
 1:00 PM Theological Chat
 5:30 PM Body and Soul Fitness
 6:00 PM Wesley Ringers
 Music Ministries
 Upward Practice
 6:30 PM Encounters with Jesus
 7:00 PM Beyond the Walls
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, March 22

6:30 AM Men of Faith
 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM HCP
 6:00 PM Children's Everything Sale

Saturday, March 23

8:30 AM Men of the Sabbath
 CR Men's Step Group @THE WELL
 New Member Class #2
 9:00 AM Children's Everything Sale
 10:00 AM ESL Class @THE WELL
 3:30 PM Praise Team
 5:25 PM Contemporary Worship

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
 9:30 AM Traditional Worship/Bower
 Contemporary/Sanctuary
 Sunday School
 10:45 AM Youth Creative Arts
 10:55 AM Contemporary Worship
 Jr. Church/Babysitting
 Encounters with Jesus
 12:15 PM Theological Chat
 1:30 PM Men's Basketball
 6:00 PM Children's & Youth Fellowship
 6:05 PM Encounters with Jesus

ENCOUNTERS — WITH JESUS —



A 6-Week Bible Study for Lent
beginning March 10th

Written and Developed by Pastor Amy

Encounters with Jesus invites us to journey along with six “characters” in the passion story— Barabbas, the thieves on the cross, Simon of Cyrene, Malchus, Claudia, and the donkey,— in alignment with Hopewell’s sermon series during Lent. Dive deeper into the messages from these sermons as together we read, study, and discuss each of their encounters with Jesus.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sundays - 10:55am	Led by Joe Lisowski	Lounge
Sundays - 6:05pm	Led by Pastor Amy	Adult Ministry
Mondays - 7:00pm	Led by Ellen Faller	Adult Ministry
Tuesdays - 6:00pm	Led by Hopewell’s Pastors in rotation	Room Adam
Thursdays - 9:30am	Women’s Group Led by Jill Loschiavo	Adult Ministry
Thursdays - 12:30pm	Led by Cheri Miller	Room Adam
Thursdays - 6:30pm	Led by Pastor Amy	Adult Ministry
Fridays - 6:30am	Men of Faith Led by Allen Puy	Lounge
Saturdays - 8:30am	Men of the Sabbath Led by Pastor Dan	Adam

No registration required—just show up with your Bible!
For the complete study schedule and class locations, visit
www.hopewellumc.org

If you need childcare, please email Deb Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org) at least 3 days prior to the class you will be attending.

Covenant Study Groups
will resume after Easter.

Discipleship

The Motion of GRATITUDE—Members of your Hopewell staff and our Hopewell Christian Preschool staff are joining our friends at Bradford Heights Elementary School for a four-week journey in gratitude. On Monday, March 18th, we'll kick-off the experience by serving a hot breakfast to Bradford Heights staff members and by providing special gratitude journals and pens for each participant. You are welcome to join us by doing the following:

- Start your day a little earlier than normal to focus on your own growth
- Write down five things for which you are grateful each day—even the smallest of things.
- Linger/reflect on those five things while sitting alone and in silence.
- Thank God for those blessings and go on with your day.

At the end of the week, reflect on how you feel. How has the intentional focus on gratitude been? Has carving out this time and space been helpful or difficult for you? Commit to continue the next week.

Blessings to you, to our Hopewell and HCP staff, and to our friends at Bradford Heights Elementary School!



Last weekend, approximately 85 people attended the town hall meeting facilitated by Pastor Amy and Pastor Eddie. Thank you for your honesty, passion, and grace as you responded to the results of our UMC Special General Conference. We invite you to continue the **Courageous Conversations** by signing up for one of the following theological/biblical discussions about human sexuality.

- **Thursday, March 21st at 1:00 PM** in the Upper Youth Space
- **Sunday, March 24th at 12:15 PM** in the Upper Youth Space
- **Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 PM** in the Upper Youth Space

Space is limited, so sign-ups are necessary. If you are interested, kindly email Deb Boyd at Boyd@HopewellUMC.org. If spaces fill quickly, we will open additional opportunities.

Discipleship

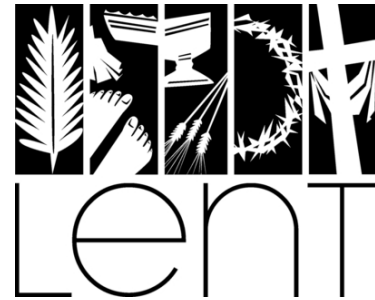


Have you been attending Hopewell for a little while? Interested in becoming a member? In diving deeper and going wider in your walk with Jesus Christ? If so, you are invited to join the next new member's class. Those seeking

membership are asked to join us on **Sunday, March 17th from 12:15 to 2:15 PM** *and* **Saturday, March 23rd from 8:30 AM to Noon** for discussions about faith and membership. Folks will then be invited to join on **March 30 or 31, 2019** during worship.

If you are interested in committing to Jesus Christ and making Hopewell your church home, please contact Lynne Kreher (Lynne@hopewellumc.org) in the church office or 610-269-1545. Childcare is available during both classes.

Come and enjoy worship and fellowship at our weekly **Community Lenten Services** on Wednesdays at 12:00 PM, followed by lunch at 12:30 PM.



March 20	St. James Episcopal Church 409 E. Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown
March 27	Downingtown Friends Meetinghouse 800 E. Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown
April 3	St. Josephs Roman Catholic Church 338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown
April 10	Downingtown United Methodist Church 751 E. Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown

Discipleship

Holy Week Choir — Chancel Choir seeking new members to join us in song, fellowship, and fun during Lent! We meet on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the music room. Chancel Choir is open to anyone in high school through adults. Still not sure? For more information contact Rebecca Gamble at rebecca@hopewellumc.org.

Dear Friends at Hopewell,
My sincere thanks for the farewell gift I was given by the church and for the many cards I have received expressing appreciation for my teaching ministry. It was a joy for me to be involved in the life of Hopewell and to find such a receptive congregation. May God continue to bless you all.

—Dr. Dave

Are you a certified food manager?

If so, please let Deb Boyd know by email boyd@hopewellumc.org or calling 610-269-1545.

Coffee and Fellowship

Please come down and enjoy some Girl Scout cookies after the 9:30 services, which will be served by Daisy Girl Scout Troop 4898.

Lunch Bunch Invitation

ALL are most welcome to join us for our monthly gathering at Cracker Barrel. On Tuesday (*always the third Tuesday*) March 19th at 11:30 AM, we'll come together to enjoy good food and time with friends, both old and new. Simply call Peggy Puy (610-363-8857) or email Peggy, PeggyPuy@verizon.net before 9:00am that morning to say you'll come. This gathering is sponsored by Hopewell's Older Adult Ministries.



CHANGE FOR HAITI

As you move through the narthex, you are invited to move your nickels, pennies, dimes, and quarters into the large plastic jug labeled *Change for Haiti*. Our Haiti Mission Team will use these donations for God's glory. Merci beaucoup!

Discipleship



Children's Everything Sale

Benefiting the
Hopewell Christian Preschool

**Friday, March 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and
Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.**

We are looking for volunteers for Friday night and Saturday morning. We need a lot of help to make this event a success for the preschool. We also need members for the sale committee, which does the planning and setting up for the sale. If you are interested in volunteering for this sale, please contact Danielle Civitella at dcivitella@verizon.net or to be on the committee, please contact Karen Price at hcpsale@comcast.net.

EPAUMC Education Scholarships

The Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be offering a number of Grants to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education. Information is available online at <https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships/>.

Yoga on Mondays

Upper Youth Space from 6:15-7:15 PM
Contact Karen Gorgonzola, klsorgo@hotmail.com

Body & Soul Fitness on Thursdays

This opportunity will continue through May 2 on Thursdays in the Upper Youth Space from 5:30-6:30 PM (we will move to the FLC beginning March 28th). The class is led by a trainer from Body and Soul Fitness and can be done at your own pace. You can join at any time and do not need to attend every class. For information, e-mail Amanda Sebra at mrsfurbert@msn.com.



Mission and Ministry

At Hopewell UMC
Holy Thursday Worship Service, April 18th, 7:00pm

JEW'S FOR JESUS®

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

There is a deep bond between our sacrament of Holy Communion and the ancient Passover feast observed by Jews. Jesus' Last Supper was a Jewish Passover meal. At worship on Thursday of Holy Week, we will have the opportunity to learn about this bond from Karl deSouza of Jews for Jesus when he presents "Christ in the Passover." Setting a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal, Mr. deSouza will detail each item's spiritual significance and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection. "Christ in the Passover" has been enthusiastically received by Christians at over 38,000 churches. We are excited to be hosting Jews for Jesus here at Hopewell on April 18th!

Spring Fundraiser for Mosaic South Africa

Heartbeat of Hope—An African Drumming Experience

Be part of the fun evening with dinner, drumming and learning how

Mosaic is changing lives in South Africa!

Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 PM — Downingtown Country Club

Tickets Cost \$40

Dress is business casual



To purchase tickets, contact Cammy Brantzeg at cammybrantzeg@gmail.com, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2019PATickets>.

Mission and Ministry

Friday, April 12th - 7:15pm - Sanctuary



No ticket needed.
Free admission.
Free popcorn.
Free soft drinks.

Using C.S. Lewis's own words, award-winning actor Max McLean inhabits Lewis to take us on his rigorous journey from hard-boiled atheist to 'the most reluctant convert in all England.' Discover how the 'Hound of Heaven' pursued Lewis relentlessly until he finally 'gave in' only to become the most influential Christian writer of the 20th century.



"Highly Entertaining." —Chicago Sun Times

"Hugely Moving!" —Washington Post

SAVE THE DATE !

Saturday, September 21, 2019

PLANTING SEEDS FOR MINISTRY GROWTH

With *New York Times* bestseller Christian author

Jen Hatmaker

Children's Ministries

Cheri Miller, cheri@hopewellumc.org
Heather Compton, heather@hopewellumc.org

Summer Children's Internship—Children's Ministries is looking for summer help from a young adult! This is a paid, 25 hour per week position open to someone with a heart for Christ and children. The job description and application can be found at <http://www.hopewellumc.org/summer-programs>. Contact cheri@hopewellumc.org if you are interested!

Easter Missions Festival—Join us for a fun night of hands-on missions, face painting, balloon twisting, food, fellowship and an Easter egg hunt!

When: Saturday, April 6th

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Admission: A food pantry item for Chester County Food Bank AND 6 filled plastic Easter eggs (fill with non-nut, non-peanut butter candy, stickers, etc.)

Journey Through Holy Week Experience for Children—Join us for this child-friendly look at the path that Jesus walked from the Triumphal Entry to the Resurrection! This event takes place during the 9:30 AM Sunday school hour on Palm Sunday – April 14th.

Summer Dates:

Camp Innabah Day Camp (ages 4 to 7) – This is a full day camp experience that includes a bus ride from Hopewell to Innabah. This camp is led by Hopewell staff and volunteers.

****Registration is open at <https://www.innabah.org/>**

Week One – June 24th to 28th

Week Two – August 12th to 16th

Vacation Bible School (ages 4 by September 1st to entering 5th Grade)

'To Mars and Beyond – Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!'

****Registration will begin April 5th**

Morning – July 15th to 19th, 9 AM to 12 PM

Evening – July 15th to 18th, 6 to 8 PM

Music & Drama Camp (entering 4th to 6th grade)

'Joseph – From the Pit to the Palace'

July 29th to August 1st, 6 to 9 PM

****Registration forms coming soon**

Youth Ministries

Grades 7-12

Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org

Kim Lloyd, youth@hopewellumc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Worship & Small Groups during Youth—March 17
- Summer Mission & Retreat Registration—through March 22
- “Hunger Games” game night during Youth—March 24
- Worship & Small Groups during Youth—March 31
- Confirmand & Parent Meeting—April 10, 6:30 PM
- Service Sunday—April 14
- Stock Sale Fundraiser—April 28 - May 26

Summer Missions & Retreat Registration—Registration is now open! Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/humcyouth> to register online. Deadline for registration and payment is March 22, 2019.

Summer Youth Internship—Youth Ministries is looking for summer help! Applications are now available online and in the church office for the Youth Summer Internship. This is a paid, 40-hour per week position open to someone who has a heart for Christ and Hopewell students. Applicant must have completed at least their freshmen year of college. Application deadline is Monday, April 15th. Please contact Mike Banka with any questions, mike@hopewellumc.org.

SUMMER 2019 MISSION TRIP/RETREAT DATES

- Short Term Mission (rising 7th-9th graders) — June 17-20
- The Philadelphia Project (rising 8th-graduating seniors) — July 7-13
- Long Term Mission (rising 9th- graduating seniors) — July 20-27
- Middle School Retreat (rising 7th-9th graders) — August 1-4
- High School Retreat (rising 9th-graduating seniors) — August 2-6

The Well

Exciting News for Hopewell's Older Adults!

Starting Tuesday March 19th, the Downingtown Area Senior Center will be holding exercise classes at The Well every Tuesday from 10 to 11 AM in the main room. The classes are run by long time and much beloved instructor Sue Gardner, and are free to the community. You do not need to be a member of the Downingtown Area Senior Center to attend. They are geared specifically for older adults, and are a great way to stay active, get in shape and to have a great time. You can even invite your friends! Please enter at the side door off the parking lot – doors will be unlocked by 9:50 AM. For any questions please contact Pastor Keith at keith@hopewellumc.org or 610-716-6999.

Celebrate Recovery

Got Hurts? Got Hang-ups? Got Habits?
Get Freedom! Tuesday Nights 6:00 PM
The Well ~ 107 W. Lancaster Ave. ~ Downingtown
more info: hopewellumc.org/celebrate-recovery
or e-mail: celebraterecovery@hopewellumc.org

Finance

March Designated Giving

The Family Life Center is a multi-use space where ministries, events, and activities happen regularly as part of the high-energy life of Hopewell. We are blessed to have this space for gatherings like the IGR Soup Lunch, Youth Auction, and Upward Basketball. However, if you've been to an event in the FLC recently, you may have noticed that our current chairs need a refresh. Having recently received a generous donation toward the purchase of new chairs, this month's designated giving will help expand our abilities to replace all the chairs in the FLC. This will help us provide better seating for all upcoming events in the FLC and share hospitality with all who come to our church. Please consider giving generously this month.

Received to date: **\$320.00.**

Finance



Beyond the Walls — Year XI

A Capital Campaign *with a twist*

“He saved them from their distress.” (Psalm 107:19b))

Local: Camp Innabah
Coatesville Kids to College
Good Samaritan Services

Good Works
Safe Harbor
The Well

Global: South Africa and Haiti
Building: Tech & Security Upgrades
National: Hurricane Relief

Annual Goal:	\$285,000 (through Easter 2019)
Total Received:	\$316,637



Because of your generous support and your ever-growing hearts for missions, we have already hit the \$285,000 goal for our Beyond the Walls XI campaign. Thanks be to God! **So ... we are opening a new designation category ... for The Well mortgage!** Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our **\$15,000 goal**, which will enable us to totally pay off our existing mortgage by Easter! Hallelujah!

Then, we can focus all our attention and resources on the next phase of ministry and growth. K. and B. have been attending the **Older Adult program** at The Well. They are raising their granddaughter after losing their daughter to a drug overdose several years ago. They look forward to this gathering where they can relax with peers, share their challenges, and receive encouragement and prayers from others.

If you are still giving to fulfill your BTW XI pledge, or if you want to continue your support of our existing BTW partners, please feel free to do so. In all things, God will be glorified! **To support this exciting new designation category, please note “The Well mortgage” as you give.** Received to date: **\$10,280.00.**

Donation Station

*Please place your donations downstairs by the
Family Life Center at the Donation Station.
THANK YOU!*

Snack Items Needed at The Well

The children arrive hungry for After-School Programming at The Well. Please consider donating any of the items:

- ◆ Cheez-It crackers, individually wrapped
- ◆ Rice Krispy Treats, individually wrapped
- ◆ Ritz crackers, 13.7 ounce box
- ◆ Goldfish crackers, individually wrapped
- ◆ Graham crackers, 14.4 ounce box
- ◆ Fruit cups



Gift cards for Giant or Acme, or cash donations, are also appreciated in order to purchase fresh items, including fruit and cheese. Contact Darlene Alleger at Darlene@hopewellumc.org for more information.

New Clothing Sought for United Methodist Women's Spring Ingathering

UMW's Spring Ingathering is scheduled for April 6th at Olivet UMC in Coatesville. The women are collecting NEW clothing for women, children and men. These donations should be placed in the UMW bin at the Donation Station downstairs. For information, contact Ellen Faller (ellenefaller@msn.com).

We are still collecting...

- **Box Tops for Education**—for the Red Bird Mission School in Appalachia.
- **Flip top tabs**—for the Ronald McDonald House for critically ill children.
- **Eyeglasses**—recycled by Lions Club International and sent around the world.