



Hopewell

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Helping Christians Grow & Helping Grow Christians

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Worship Schedule

Saturday, 5:25 PM

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Sunday, 10:55AM

Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel

Outdoor Worship in Amphitheater

Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Weekend of June 16 & 17, 2018

Prayer Notes

Circle of Concern

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

Hope and Healing -

Fred Snyder

Suzanne McVay

Vicki Johnson

This Week's Prayer Focus: Week of June 17 through June 23

For an end to the opioid addiction crisis and healing for those affected

To post a prayer request, to receive prayer requests that have been posted, and to receive the weekly *Prayer Focus*, email Joan Stanford at jostnfrd@ptd.net.

PRAYER MATTERS

We cry out to God as our hearts break over the school shootings in our nation last month: at Highland High School in Palmdale, California on May 11th; at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas on May 18th; and at Noblesville West Middle School in Noblesville, Indiana on May 25th. Together, we cry out, "Come quickly to help us, our Lord and our Savior!" (Psalm 38:22). And together as a church family, we pray for peace and healing and restoration in all those places where violence erupts and destroys. In addition to prayer, your Hopewell leadership team is actively engaged in making our facility safer and more secure for all who enter.

Please also pray for our conversations and efforts in safety and preparedness.

The 2018 Eastern Pennsylvania

Annual Conference

of the United Methodist Church was held from June 14 -16, 2018. Guided by the theme "We Will All Be Changed," appointed pastors and elected lay delegates from across our area gathered to worship, fellowship, and conduct the business of the Annual Conference. This year, the following people represented Hopewell: Pastors Steve Morton, Amy Banka, Vicki Pry, and Dan Hepner as well as Lay Delegates: Deb Boyd, Ken Kuhnle, Jen Lisowski, Cynthia Lyman, and Equalizing Delegates: Grace Puy, Sheri Kentner, and Pastor Keith Wilburn. Conference sessions included reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; and the ordination, retirement, and memorials of clergy members. Please pray for the United Methodist Church - and its leaders - as, together, we all seek to be changed by God's love and Spirit.

Worship

This Weekend

Saturday, June 16

Sunday, June 17

"Deep and *Wide*"

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor Amy, preaching

Special thanks to the 10:55 Sunday Morning Bible Study group for offering this weekend's anthem, "Faith of Our Fathers," at the 9:30 AM services. We celebrate the faith of those men who have helped to shape us.



I AM: Jesus In His Own Words

Jesus has been called many things:

prophet, *heretic*, **teacher**, **liar**, *lunatic*,
martyr, *myth*, **man**, **God**.

But who does He say He is?

Uncover the truth this summer as we begin our "I Am" sermon series on June 23/24.

June 23/24	"I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:25-51); Communion
June 30/July 1	"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:1-14)
July 7/8	"I am the True Vine" (John 15:1-9)
July 14/15	"I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11-18)
July 21/22	"I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12-19)
July 28/29	"I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:17-44)
Aug 4/5	"I am the Gate" (John 10:1-10); Communion
Aug 11/12	"Before Abraham was, I Am" (John 8:48-59)

Please join us in worship on the weekend of June 23 and 24!

as we warmly welcome, affirm, celebrate and pray over the leadership and appointment of Rev. Amy Banka as Lead Pastor and Rev. Eddie Cameron as Associate Pastor at Hopewell. In each service across the weekend, there will be a special time of commissioning of Amy and Eddie in these roles and prayer over them as they assume the leadership of our congregation in this next season. A reception will follow each hour so that you have the opportunity to greet them and their families and convey your affirmation and support. We thank God for the way this Hopewell family of faith has stepped up during this time of transition and change and we look forward in expectation of all that God will do next!

This Week's Calendar

<p>Sunday, June 17 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Outdoor Worship Children's Sunday School 10:55am Contemporary Worship</p> <p>Monday, June 18 9:00am Counting Team 6:00pm Short Term Mission begins</p> <p>Tuesday, June 19 Short Term Mission Team 6:00pm Celebrate Recovery @THE WELL 7:00pm SPRC</p> <p>Wednesday, June 20 Short Term Mission Team 12:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Young Adults Lifegroup @THE WELL 7:00pm Praise Team</p>	<p>Thursday, June 21 Short Term Mission Team 6:30pm CR Women's Step @THE WELL</p> <p>Friday, June 22 6:30am Men of Faith</p> <p>Saturday, June 23 8:30am Men of the Sabbath CR Men's Step @THE WELL 5:25pm Contemporary Worship 6:25pm Welcome Reception</p> <p>Sunday, June 24 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:00am Welcome Reception 9:30am Outdoor Worship Children's Sunday School 10:30am Welcome Reception 10:55am Contemporary Worship 11:55am Welcome Reception</p>
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On Saturday June 16, Pastor Vicki officiated the wedding of Valerie Osborn and Brandon Milardo. Please pray blessings upon this couple as they begin their married life together.



Food donations needed for **The Well summer program!** If you would be interested in helping to provide breakfast and snack items for the children of The Well this summer, please email Amy Straub at amypstraub1@gmail.com. Thank you!

Support Groups

Art Therapy Cancer Support - On summer schedule
 Sandy, dgarland9@verizon.net

Celebrate Recovery - Tuesdays, 6:00pm @ The Well
 Becky, rbennington62@aol.com
 Sue, suzranadams@gmail.com

Mission and Ministry

ADULT VBS Volunteers are needed this summer!

This can be an all-week commitment, or just a few days. Child care is provided. VBS week is July 16th to 20th, morning and evening. Come join us for this fun, energetic event!! You will be BLESSED by being a part of it!!! Contact cheri@hopewellumc.org if you can help.

Hopewell Christian Preschool

still has openings for next year, 2018-2019 for 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds. We especially need to fill our afternoon four year old class (4 years old by Sept. 30, 2018) that meets on M/W/F afternoons from 12:30 – 3:00 pm. The tuition for 3 days is \$218.00 a month. Contact Donna Hepner, Director, by email (donna@hopewellumc.org), or call 610-269-1545. Partial scholarships are available through the Mary Barringer Scholarship Fund.

Summer Bible Study in the Park!



Go Deep Every Wednesday Evening in August

Caln Park, 253 Municipal Drive, Thorndale

Picnic Dinner at 6:00pm - Bible Study at 6:30pm

In Methodist Connection with our friends from Thorndale UMC

Led by Pastor Shauna Ridge

Mark your calendar now. Registration available in July.

Mission and Ministry

Young Adult Lifegroup Wednesdays!

6:30pm on Wednesdays through the summer
at **The Well** • 107 West Lancaster Avenue

Contact: Ally Bartlett, allybartlett11@yahoo.com

Dinner entree provided, but let Ally know if you can bring a side dish

Are you being called to Christ Servant Ministry?

The next opportunity to train as a Christ Servant Minister will be

AUGUST 3-5, 2018

at the 2018 EPAUMC's Academy for Laity

Christ Servant Ministry is a lay ministry with special training and certification, the goal of which is to give the body of Christ, through a congregation, tools for effective ministry. CSM training focuses on identifying and developing skills in three distinct areas: leadership, speaking, and caring ministries. This year's Laity Academy will be held at Quakertown UMC. The number of participants in the Introductory Course is limited and fills quickly. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Christ Servant Minister, don't delay in contacting Deb Boyd (boyd@hopewellumc.org), or any of Hopewell's other CSMs.

At the Movies This month, you may want to check out the new release "Won't You Be My Neighbor," which explores the lessons, ethics, and legacy of iconic children's television host (and ordained pastor), Fred Rogers. Playing at select theaters including the United Artists theater in King of Prussia, this movie will serve as a great introduction to our late August sermon series called "The Gospel According to Fred Rogers."

Mission and Ministry



October South Africa Mission Trip

12 of 20 spots are filled!! Sign up today!! Group airfare has been reserved. We will be leaving on Saturday, Oct 20th and returning on Thursday, Nov 1st. We will be renovating multiple shipping containers to be added to the Mosaic Paarl Community Center. The cost for the trip will be between \$2,300 - \$2,800. We are planning to book the guesthouse this week which will help us get a better idea on the overall cost. We are limiting the group to 20 people so please reach out to Tony at tonybrantzeg@gmail.com or Cammy at cammybrantzeg@gmail.com with any questions. The spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve your space, drop off a \$1,200 deposit in the church office or place it in mailbox E2, payable to Hopewell UMC, with "Oct South Africa Trip" written in the memo field.

United Methodist Night at the Phillies ! Saturday, July 21st

We will again be going to Citizens Bank Park for our annual Phillies trip on Saturday, July 21st. We play the San Diego Padres and game time is 7:05pm. Nice chance to see our old friend Freddy Galvis again. We have 108 tickets available in section 138, along the LF foul line. Price is \$40.00/ ticket. As always, we will offer school bus transportation for a very nominal fee for those that do not want to drive. The bus will leave the church around 4:00pm. **Ticket sales close June 21st.** Please look for Dick Pry to be selling tickets or reserve your seats with him at 610-216-3397 or rpry@brenntag.com. *See you at the ball park!!*



Children's Ministries

Cheri Miller, cheri@hopewellumc.org
Katy Garner, katy@hopewellumc.org
Heather Compton, heather@hopewellumc.org

Children's Summer Sunday school 9:30am worship hour. Combined age classes are offered. Check the hallway signs or information desk for room assignments.

Junior Church 10:55am worship hour for all children age 3 years to entering 6th grade. Children should proceed to worship with their families and then join our Junior Church leaders at the specified time in the order of worship. Children can be picked up after worship in Room Adam (the church library.)

Camp Innabah (for 4 to 7 yr olds), 9am to 3pm

Week One – June 25th to 29th Week Two – August 13th to 17th

**Registration for Camp Innabah is open on-line at <http://www.innabah.org/>

**Hopewell offers camp discounts for all Camp Innabah & other UMC camps \$25 for day camps & \$40 for overnight camps. See Cheri for details.

Vacation Bible School (age 4 to entering 5th grade)

VBS – July 16th to 20th, 9am to 12pm **(CLOSED)**

July 16th to 19th, 6pm to 8pm (registration available)

**On-line Registration for VBS: <http://www.hopewellumc.org/summer-programs>

**Volunteers are needed, both adult and youth (6th grade and up). Contact Cheri@hopewellumc.org if you can help (child care is provided for those too young to attend VBS)

Music & Drama Camp (entering 4th to 6th grade) – July 29th to August 2nd, evenings

The children will be presenting 'Rescue in the Night', the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Cost: \$20 for the first child, and \$10 for each additional child

Performance: Thursday, August 2nd, 7pm

Registration forms can be found in the church lobby or at <http://www.hopewellumc.org/summer-programs>

Youth Ministries

Grades 7-12

Mike Banka, mike@hopewellumc.org

Kim Lloyd, youth@hopewellumc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Short -Term Missions - June 18-21
- Bike Trip - June 27-July 1
- The Philadelphia Project - July 8-14
- Long-Term Missions - July 22-28
- Middle School & High School Henlopen Retreat - August 4-8

SHORT TERM IS THIS WEEK!

We are so excited to welcome our students for a fantastic week of service! Arrival is 7:30pm Monday evening. Closing worship is 6:30pm Thursday (parents invited). Departure is immediately after worship, approximately 7:30pm.

ADULT HELP NEEDED!

We are still in need of daytime ADULT help with Short Term Missions. Please reach out to Mike Banka ASAP if you are free anytime this TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, or THURSDAY. It is truly a blessing to serve out in our local community with our Youth!

STOCK SALE UPDATE THANK YOU to our entire congregation for your generous support of our stock sale. We raised over **\$5,700**, all of which goes directly to summer missions. Join us on September 16th at the 9:30 service as we celebrate and show highlights from our summer. DELICIOUS Stockholders Breakfast to follow in the FLC.

SEIZE THE DAY PERFORMANCE It was a blessing hosting Teens Loving Christ Choir from Orange Park, FL this week. Thank you to everyone who came to support their *Seize The Day* show!

For VBS, we will be turning the church into a 'Rolling River Rampage' – can you help us with items to donate and borrow?

To donate:

Blue Tarps
Blue Cellophane
Cotton Stuffing
Fern-like silk greenery

All donations can be placed in the Children's Ministries Bin in the Donation Center.

To borrow:

Artificial Christmas Trees (all sizes)
Canoes/Large Rafts
Paddles/Oars
Life Vests
Silver Trash Can
Wildlife Stuffed Animals

Please let Cheri know if you have any of these large items. Drop off LABELED items in Room Isaiah prior to July 14th; pick up in Room Isaiah after July 20th

Discipleship

Making Connections in the North District

Please keep Pastor Steve in prayer as he transitions to his work as North District Superintendent, beginning July 1st. Plan to join Assisting Elder Jenny Freymoyer and Steve at the North District Installation services on the weekend of September 8 & 9:



Saturday, 9/8 at 7pm - Prayer Service in Shamokin

Sunday, 9/9 - 2:30pm at Neola UMC and 6:30pm at Shoemakerville UMC

Hopewell's New Northern Exposure

Until their terrific new pastor (Jenny Freymoyer) arrives in July... Hopewell has agreed to fill the pulpit void at Shoemakerville Salem UMC (fifteen minutes north of Reading). Each Sunday, someone from our leadership team (staff, Christ Servant Ministers, etc.) is preaching at the 9:00 am worship service. This is a beautiful outreach to a struggling congregation in need of some love and a positive experience of Methodist "connection." Even better than just a preacher, maybe a few *extra* Hopewell folks might choose to take the one-hour road trip into Berks County and worship alongside our new friends in Shoemakersville. The church building is located at 605 Main Street.

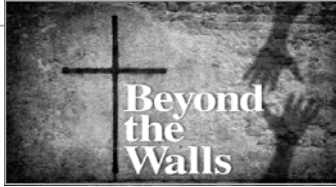
June 17 - Scott Rafferty

June 24 - Dr. David Frame

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION!

ALL are most welcome to join us for our monthly gathering at Cracker Barrel. On Tuesday (*always the third Tuesday*) June 19th at 11:30am 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. In this season of thanksgiving, we lift up gratitude to God for this wonderful opportunity for fellowship! This gathering is sponsored by Hopewell's Older Adult Ministries.

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: \$ 70,449

Connectional Ministries Fund (CMF)

Supporting United Methodist missionaries, schools,
and hospitals all around the world!

Special CMF Challenge Goal for 2018: \$11,000
(toward our total commitment in 2018 of \$123,870)

Total received Year-To-Date: **\$3,581.00**

June Designated Giving

Hopewell is very blessed to be able to provide a wonderful house for our lead pastor and her family to live in while appointed to our church. This lovely brick home, built by Hopewell's own members in the 1970's, is maintained regularly by our trustee board. However, we would like to be able to freshen up this property as we transition our lead pastor. Your June designated dollars will help cover these costs. Received to date: **\$150.00.**

Donation Station

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

It's time again to get ready for VBS!

Each year approximately 500 children visit Hopewell for Vacation Bible School to spend a week learning about Jesus! We are in need of the following items for Missions projects:

Containers of Playdough

Colorful Sharpie markers

Please leave all donations in the Children's Ministry bin at the Donation Station.

South Africa... the needs are many and extensive

By the end of this year, between 5 and 8 families will be moving into new Mosaic houses in South Africa. Praise God!! To help furnish these homes, we are seeking donations—starting now and continuing through the Fall. Donated items should be new. During June the request is for these household items:

- **Twin Size Sheets** (cotton or polyester in neutral colors)
- **Towels and Wash Cloths** (in neutral colors)
- **Dishtowels**
- **Curtains** (80" length, single window, 6 windows per home; rod pocket or grommet—no pleated panels; in neutral colors)

Check donations and gift cards are most welcome (checks payable to Hopewell UMC with 'South Africa Homes' on the memo line); brought to the office or placed in Boyd's mailbox (B1, by the elevator). For more information, contact Cammy Brantzeg (cammybrantzeg@verizon.net).

Hopewell's **HELPING HANDS CLOSET** is located under the Bower Chapel. There you will find donated medical supplies, such as crutches, walkers, canes, bedside commodes, wheelchairs, and many other items. These items are available to any Hopewell member or friend who could benefit from borrowing them. There is a sign-out sheet on the door of the closet asking you to sign in/out any items you borrow for our inventory purposes.

The HELPING HANDS CLOSET relies on donations of gently used items. If you are interested in donating item(s), please contact Julie Straub at 610-513-7401 **prior** to dropping off so that she can confirm a need for that particular item and the available storage space.