

**March 7, 2010**

**Greeters:** 5:25 Sanctuary - Bruce Fratanduono  
9:30 Sanctuary - Lois Schroder  
10:55 Sanctuary - Mary Wadel & Russ Campbell

**Acolytes:** 5:25 Sanctuary - Katie Hummler  
8:00 Bower Chapel - Grace Puy  
9:30 Bower Chapel - Jonathon Ruch  
9:30 Sanctuary - Ashley West  
10:55 Sanctuary - Brian Taylor

**Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given on honor of our wonderful mother, Jill Pirhalla, on her birthday. We love you very much. ~ Nathan, Jacob, & Kathryn.



Helping Christians Grow & Helping Grow Christians

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**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join us in the Family Life Center (downstairs) for coffee, refreshments and lots of conversation between worship hours. Meet the people who worship with you, greet old friends, and make new ones. Coffee hour is for all ages - snacks for children will be offered as well. Come for coffee and get to know your church neighbors.

**We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us here today and will experience God's love to be real in song, fellowship and word.**

## Prayer News

### CIRCLE OF CONCERN:

#### New Concerns

- Jill Ruth - recovering at home from shoulder surgery  
Shirley Nelms - having lymph-node surgery on March 12

#### Ongoing Concerns

- Fred Hummler - in rehab at the Masonic Home  
Ronnie Dankanich - prayers for his medical issues  
(Doris Bair's grandson)  
Harry Kennedy (Tracy's dad) - in need of ongoing prayers  
Melba and Donald Capwell - struggling with multiple issues  
(Laura Dietrich's parents)  
Arnie Kring - recovering at home following hip replacement surgery  
Gil (Anita Kuhnle's father) - in hospice care  
Linda Hall - prayers as she battles cancer  
Janet Long (Norm's sister) - prayers for her comfort  
Prayers for those who are unemployed

### *Coming Home*

*There will be a service of Death and Resurrection for Esther Bilbrough Harrison Turner on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the Bower Chapel. Esther was born here in 1926 and her name was immediately placed on the Cradle Roll of the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Sunday School. She was baptized later that year by Rev. Walter F. Bryan and faithfully attended Hopewell Church for many years until she and her family moved out of the area. In her later years, Esther had lived in Washington state so as to be near her son and daughter. Pastor Vicki will lead this service and all are most welcome to attend. Interment in Hopewell Cemetery will immediately follow the service.*

## Prayer Focus

### Adult Education

- Thank God for the adults who come to our church to experience the love of Christ and learn what it means to grow as a Christian.
- Offer praise for those who pray, plan and provide opportunities for growth and Christian education for the adults of our church.
- Petition the Lord to provide spiritual guidance and discernment to plan for the needs and reach out to all adults.
- Lift up the facilitators and students who are currently involved in Adult Education, specifically those participants in the "24 Hours that Changed the World" series.

*"And whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."  
(Colossians 3:17)*

<b>All are Welcome!</b>	<b>Service of Hope &amp; Healing - Bower Chapel (10:55 AM)</b>	<b>Special Music: Marifrances Bolger</b>
<b>Testimony, prayer and Holy Communion Led by Pastor Barbara</b>		

**This Weekend**

**March 6**

5:25 Contemporary - Sanctuary

**March 7**

8:00 Traditional - Bower Chapel

9:30 Traditional - Bower Chapel

9:30 Contemporary - Sanctuary

10:55 Contemporary - Sanctuary

<b><u>Contemporary Services</u></b>
<i>“Recognize! Repent! Respond!”</i>
Luke 13:1-9
Pastor Vicki, Speaker
<b><u>Traditional Services</u></b>
<i>“He Welcomes Sinners”</i>
Luke 15:1-10
Pastor Steve, Speaker

**Holy Communion  
at all services**

<b>Tuesday Time Apart - March 9, 2010</b>
<b>Bower Chapel at 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Led by Pastor Steve Morton</b>
<b>Focus: <i>Condemned by the Righteous</i></b>

**Next Weekend**

**March 13**

5:25 Contemporary - Sanctuary

**March 14**

8:00 Traditional - Bower Chapel

9:30 Traditional - Bower Chapel

9:30 Contemporary - Sanctuary

10:55 Contemporary - Sanctuary

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## Hopewell Weekly Calendar for March 7 through March 14, 2010

### Sunday, March 7

8:00 AM Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel, Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary, and Sunday School (all ages)  
10:45 AM New members class  
10:55 AM Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary, Hope & Healing Service in Bower Chapel  
2:00 PM Hopewell Men's Basketball Practice  
5:30 PM Youth Praise Band  
6:00 PM Children's Choirs, Faith Quartet, Youth & Children's Ministries Programs, CR Monthly Meeting  
6:15 PM 24 Hours Class

### Monday, March 8

9:00 AM & 12:30 PM Hopewell Christian Preschool  
6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery Step Class  
7:00 PM Bible Study (Faller), 24 Hours Class, Cub Scouts Pack 8, Care Team

### Tuesday, March 9

9:00 AM & 12:30 PM Hopewell Christian Preschool  
9:15 AM Tuesday Morning Moms Group  
1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery  
7:00 PM Sports League, Tuesday Time Apart Worship

### Wednesday, March 10

9:00 AM & 12:30 PM Hopewell Christian Preschool  
10:00 AM 24 Hours Class  
1:00 PM Children's Council Bible Study  
6:00 PM DISCIPLE I Bible Study, Pioneer Club  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class, Divorce Care, Special Parents  
7:00 PM Genesis  
7:30 PM Praise Band

### Thursday, March 11

9:00 AM Hopewell Christian Preschool  
11:30 AM OAM Luncheon  
6:30 PM Divorce Care  
6:45 PM Wesley Ringers  
7:00 PM 24 Hour Class, Program Team, Sports League-Volleyball  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### Friday, March 12

6:30 AM Men of Faith  
9:00 AM & 12:30 PM Hopewell Christian Preschool  
12:00 PM Esther Turner Memorial Service  
5:00 PM Upwards Sports Ministry  
7:00 PM 24 Hour Class, Hallelujah Gathering

### Saturday, March 13

8:30 AM Upwards Sports Ministry  
5:00 PM Pioneer Club Pizza Bingo  
5:25 PM Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary  
7:00 PM Confimand/Mentor Night

### Sunday, March 14

8:00 AM Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship in Bower Chapel, Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary, and Sunday School (all ages)  
10:55 AM Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary, Hope & Healing Service in Bower Chapel  
2:00 PM Hopewell Men's Basketball Practice  
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## ***Tuesday Time Apart: A Lenten Opportunity and Commitment***

### ***24 Hours That Changed the World***

*Series based on the book by Adam Hamilton*

Pastor Steve will lead this week's Time Apart worship hour as our Lenten series continues. Join us on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Bower Chapel for this third week of worship entitled CONDEMNED BY THE RIGHTEOUS. These services focus very specifically on the impact of Christ's passion and death as he endured the last 24 hours of his earthly life.

Come. Journey with us in a time of quiet, thought-provoking worship each week as we consider the story that changed the world....

### **Town Hall Meeting with the Bishop**

This afternoon from 3-5 PM, Bishop Peggy Johnson will meet with annual conference delegates at Grove UMC. The Eastern PA Conference is in the midst of some re-visioning for its future, and Bishop Johnson wants to hold dialogue with local Methodists before we need to vote on a new plan in May. Representing Hopewell UMC this afternoon will be: all four of our pastors, plus Johnson Dodla, Carol Suter, Shauna Ridge, and Mary Barringer. Please pray for the EPA as we attempt to discern God's will for our future!

### **2010 CENSUS**

The Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist church is asking all churches to encourage their congregations to actively participate in the 2010 United States Census. An accurate account of the population will allow dollars for benefit programs, social services, schools, etc. to be distributed where there is the most need. Please do your part when your household receives their Census questionnaire.

***Looking for work?*** The 2010 Census is seeking workers, and the job pays \$17.75 per hour in Chester and Delaware Counties. You can get more information or schedule a basic job test, which is a prerequisite of being hired, by calling toll free at 1-866-861-2010. Practice tests and more information about the job can also be found at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

### **NOONTIME LENTEN SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Every Wednesday during Lent

Worship: 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Lunch will be served after the service

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

338 Manor Avenue, Downingtown - 610-269-8294

*Monsignor Lynn*

### **Hopewell United Methodist Church Strategic Map/Long Range Plan**



**Goal:** Strengthen our partnerships with other churches and organizations which are working to alleviate human need.

**Result:** Recently, Hopewell, along with several other churches and youth groups in the United States, participated in the 30hr famine that is organized by World Vision. This year most households did not eat for 30 hrs, and not just the teenagers. Several families' reflections on the 30 hr famine were shared during the 8:00 and 9:30 Traditional services. The Famine was concluded by a Hunger Banquet. At the banquet every individual ate based on their socio-economic class. The disparities and the inequalities that exist in the world were made evident through this experience.

**It makes a difference to have a PLAN!**

### **HILLTOP HERALD NEWS**

Issues of the March Hilltop Herald are available in the chapel and sanctuary narthexes. The news deadline for the April Herald is Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We welcome your writings, reports or digital photos.

### **PRAYER SQUARES**

Look for Prayer Squares provided by Hopewell's Care Team, Prayer Team and Christian Book Club in the church and chapel narthexes. The small knitted and crocheted squares can be tucked away in your pocket, handbag, book or car to remind you that God's presence is with you and your Hopewell family offers support as well. Each square is accompanied by a verse. They are free for the taking and for sharing with a friend who needs to know God's love.

### **Tools for Ministry – Conference-wide Training Event**

**This event was postponed due to the snow last week and is rescheduled for:  
April 10, 2010 – 9:00-2:30 pm**

**If you wanted to attend, but were unable, here is another opportunity.**

There is something for everyone with workshops on Children's Ministries, Evangelism, Church Finance, Stewardship, Trustees, Youth Ministries, Church Visioning and Staff/Parish Relations.

*Join us for this opportunity to learn and grow with others  
from our conference serving in your ministry area!*

To register or for more information contact  
Shauna Ridge at [shauna@hopewellumc.org](mailto:shauna@hopewellumc.org) or 610-269-1545

**This event will be held at West Grove UMC, 300 Guernsey Road, West Grove, PA**

Hopewell is a "Spoke of Hope" supporter of the H.U.B. (Helping Us Be) of Hope HIV/AIDS ministry  
They are sponsoring the



**Coatesville Community Interfaith HIV/AIDS Summit on Women and Girls**

**March 13, 2010 8:30am—3:00pm**

Second Baptist Worship Center  
856 Merchant Street, Coatesville, PA

*Lunch will be provided, it is free for all ages 13 and older and there is plenty of free parking.  
The play "Awakening Journeys" will be presented with panel discussions. HIV testing will be available.*

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

To all Hopewell women and friends - the annual Women's Retreat is coming up soon! Dates are April 16-18, 2010 (Friday night until Sunday lunch.) Place is Mariawald Retreat Center in Shillington, PA (near Reading). The cost is \$90.00 (triple), \$100.00 (double) and \$120.00 (single). Reservations deadline is March 26th. Theme is "What's in Your Room?" Come and find out!!! Mariawald is a place of peace, quiet, and beauty - whether it's spring like or still winter (hopefully, no snow). The retreat is for everyone - Hopewell newcomers are especially welcome - come and meet new friends - get to know others in a smaller group setting. If you have any questions, please contact Nora Ringsdorf at (610) 518-1130. Other planning team members are Jan Smith, Lori Bernard, Michele Dawson and Conny Mason. We look forward to seeing you all!



**CHILDREN'S EVERYTHING SALE**

**Benefiting  
Hopewell Christian Preschool**

Hopewell Christian Preschool's Children's Everything Sale is coming up on Saturday, March 20 in our Family Life Center! A portion of the proceeds goes to our wonderful preschool. We are looking for volunteers for the following 2 hour shifts: 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12:30 and 12:00-2:00. All volunteers are able to shop at our "pre-sale" on Friday evening, March 19 at 6:30 to get a first look and avoid the crowds on Saturday! Join us and see our huge selection of "gently used" children's toys, clothes, books and equipment. If interested, please call Cindy Hitchens at 610-518-3981 or email [cindy\\_hitchens@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy_hitchens@yahoo.com). Thank you so much!



**GROCERY SHOP AND HELP YOUTH MINISTRIES!**

Buy your groceries at your local **Giant, ACME or Wegman's** and Youth Ministries will receive 5% of your purchases. All you need to do is purchase the gift card here at church and use it at the store! Your gift cards can be picked up here at the church or sent to you. Contact Johnson at the church (610-269-1545) or by email at [Johnson@hopewellumc.org](mailto:Johnson@hopewellumc.org) for more details and to buy your gift cards!

**Gift cards are also available for purchase during the week in the church office.**

## **YOUTH NEWS**

Director: Johnson Dodla, johnson@hopewellumc.org  
Assistant: Kristin Smith, kristin@hopewellumc.org

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING: TODAY - MARCH 7th**

9:30 AM Sunday School in the Upper and Lower Level Youth Spaces

6:00 PM Basketball in the Family Life Center and hang out time in the Cornerstone Café

6:45 PM Worship in the Cornerstone Café and Small Groups

### **SENIOR HIGH PITTSBURGH PROJECT—MEETING TONIGHT AT 6 PM**

The Youth participating in the Senior High Pittsburgh Project will be planning, organizing, and running the April 10th Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser. The Youth will be meeting tonight from 6:00 to 6:45 PM in the Upper Level Youth Space to begin planning. Parents and youth leaders are welcome to join us!

*Many thanks to everyone who served last Saturday night at the Hunger Banquet.  
What a wonderful experience it was for all who attended!*

### **THE NON-REFUNDABLE SUMMER MISSION TRIP DEPOSIT IS DUE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALL MISSION TRIPS ONLINE!**

#### **CONFIRMATION CLASS - IMPORTANT DATES**

March 13th - Confirmation/Mentor Night from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

March 21st - Confirmation Class Trip to Old St. George's Church in Philadelphia

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

March 27th - Parents' Night Out Fundraiser - Sign up Online!

April 10th - Bowl-a-thon/Lock-In at Hopewell - Look for more details coming soon!

May 8th - Hopewell Dinner/Dance—Look for more details coming soon!

#### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

If you are currently in 8th - 11th grade, you can be a part of this year's Student Leadership Program! Student Leaders are used for the Short Term Mission Trip and Junior High Henlopen to lead small group conversations and distribute important information to their team members. ALL students who are interested in being a student leader for the 2010 Summer Mission Trips and Retreats MUST attend ALL three training sessions. Training sessions will be at 10:55 AM on the following dates: April 11th, April 18th, and April 25th. Please contact Kristin at kristin@hopewellumc.org if you are interested!

#### **THE SENIOR HIGH RETREAT DATES HAVE CHANGED!**

Due to the significant amount of snow days, the last day of school has changed for most districts. We want as many Senior High Youth to be able to participate in the Senior High Retreat, so we are changing the dates! Look for more information coming soon!

March 7, 2010 – Update from South Africa

Our friend, Meyer Conradie, and the Hope Village team are hard at work prepping the building site for the Work Camp team, due to arrive on April 29! In the next two months, employees of the Hope Village (who are from the local community) will be digging and pouring the foundation for two homes, making hundreds of bricks, and making sure all the tools and materials are in place and ready. The hope for the April 29-May 8 week is that two homes (houses 3 and 4) of the Hope Village will be built (including plumbing, electricity, and all painting)!! You may wonder how our team of 10 Hopewell/Crossroads members will accomplish this... well, they won't be working alone!

In addition to our team, students from the local university and volunteers from local churches are going to descend upon the building site that week. A few local businesses, with whom Meyer has formed great relationships, have even agreed to 'sponsor' some of their employees to work for a day or two! Potentially, 100 people or more will have some part in the construction of these homes during that week.

Why is this so exciting? At Hopewell, we are committed to "coming alongside" and supporting/inspiring members of the local South African community who will be continuing the work long after we leave. Also, part of the vision of the Hope Village is to encourage and facilitate opportunities for folks to become aware of the needs around them and serve their community. Meyer knows that the Hope Village project cannot meet all of the needs in Ikageng if it functions on its own – but by inspiring hundreds or even thousands of people to serve their community, perhaps a real difference can be made!

Thank you for your prayers for this "building extravaganza"!

God bless,  
Jen

*Note: You can visit Hopewell's website ([www.hopewellumc.org](http://www.hopewellumc.org)) and click on the link for "Hopewell in South Africa", (Jen's blog) for more detailed updates and pictures!*

**Jen Lisowski's Address:**

Jen Lisowski  
86 Smit Street  
Potchefstroom, 2531  
South Africa

**WCU Students in South Africa**

Keep in prayer the team of West Chester University students and faculty currently touring South Africa and visiting with many of Hopewell's ministry partners there. Dr. Kevin Dean leads this tour, with local assistance from Rev. Deon Kitching. We hope that our own missionary-in-residence Jen Lisowski will get to spend some time with the WCU team toward the end of this coming week. This is a remarkable community partnership which Hopewell UMC enjoys with the Honors College at WCU, and we wait to see how God will use all of us to address some of the human needs in South Africa and to revive a spirit of transformational leadership - leading through *servng!* - among us here in America.

## ADULT MINISTRIES

Contact Person: Shauna Ridge ([shauna@hopewellumc.org](mailto:shauna@hopewellumc.org))

*We provide many opportunities for spiritual growth here  
at Hopewell UMC where our mission statement is  
“Helping Christians Grow and Helping Grow Christians.”*

If you are interested in leading a study or a small group, please contact  
Jeff Krol at [jeff.krol@astrazeneca.com](mailto:jeff.krol@astrazeneca.com) or Shauna Ridge at [shauna@hopewellumc.org](mailto:shauna@hopewellumc.org).

### Adult Sunday School

*Our classes are open and we welcome all who wish to pursue further study in small group community!  
Come and catch up with old friends and plan to make some new ones too!*

**9:30 am - Study the Scriptures** – This class is led by Jeff Krol meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Lounge.

**9:30 am – 24 Hours that Changed the World** – This class will be led by Brian Oberholtzer and Jamie Ridge and meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Adult Ministry Center.

Check out our website for a full list of all classes, studies and groups! [www.hopewellumc.org](http://www.hopewellumc.org)

### Grace Café

**On February 7th we provided a hot, home cooked meal to over 75 guests!**

**Join us TODAY - March 7th, 2010**

We are once again partnering with Arch Street UMC in CenterCity Philadelphia to serve dinner to their homeless guests at Grace Cafe. We gather at Hopewell to prepare the meal at 3:00 pm. We leave at 4:30 and drive to Arch Street UMC where we begin serving at 6:00. We encourage you to join us anytime, all are welcome for any part of the day or evening. If you are able to contribute food items to be used for these dinners, please check the back page of the bulletin each week for a list of current needs. Please contact Shauna Ridge at [shauna@hopewellumc.org](mailto:shauna@hopewellumc.org) or 610-662-5679 if you plan to join us and/or contact Donna Johnson at [donnadesigns101@comcast.net](mailto:donnadesigns101@comcast.net) if you can help with the meal in some way or would like to donate food for us to use.

**We are committed to this Sunday evening ministry on**

**April 4th (Easter Dinner) and May 2nd.**

*Mark your calendars and plan to join us!*

### Good Works - Next Work Day is March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Hopewell Workdays are always the 4th Saturday of the month**

Please note the following leaders and please be in touch with them to serve!

**Donna Johnson – Volunteer Coordinator**, contact her at [donnadesigns101@comcast.net](mailto:donnadesigns101@comcast.net) or 610-942-9756 to sign up for work days.

**Dawn Eiswerth—Lunch Coordinator**, contact her at [dawny70@aol.com](mailto:dawny70@aol.com) or 610-873-4172 to make lunch for the crew

**Mary Ann Fisher – Work Crew Leader**, she will be helping with administration at the work site.

## MISSIONS

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMUNITY OUTREACH** Children's Ministries at Hopewell is partnering with a local church in Coatesville to provide **after school programming** (3-6 pm on Thursdays), **morning storytelling** (10-11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays), and **lunch help** (11:15-12:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays). If you are interested in participating and can donate time during one or more of these time slots, please contact Patty Wiehler in the church office. This can be a weekly, biweekly or monthly commitment. Children are welcome to accompany you in all cases.

**CROPPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM** Through the Community Rewards Program at the local Cropper's Shurfine Markets, Hopewell receives 1% cash back for all Gold Card purchases for those that have registered for the program. If you would like to register for this program, go to the [www.mycommunityrewards.com](http://www.mycommunityrewards.com) website. Hopewell's user name is hopewellumc. The rebate checks we receive are donated to missions through the Connectional Ministries Fund (CMF). This is an easy way to support missions through the United Methodist Church. Thank you for your participation! **We recently received a check for \$232.12 for Gold Card purchases from July 1 thru December 31, 2009.**

**SAFE HARBOR OPEN HOUSE** The Staff and Board of Directors invite you to an Open House and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, March 13 at their expanded and renovated property in West Chester (20. N. Matlack Street). Safe Harbor is the only temporary shelter for the homeless in Chester County, and with government and philanthropic dollars has been involved in a major building project over the past year. Drop in to the Open House next Saturday between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. Remember: Hopewell UMC recently contributed \$5,000 to Safe Harbor through our **Beyond the Walls** campaign for missions.

### **MISSIONS CELEBRATIONS AT HOPEWELL IN MARCH**

March 20/21 - Contemporary Services  
Report from the Mississippi work camp

Sunday, March 28 - 9:30 in the main sanctuary  
Lynda Commale talks about her recent trip to Uganda

Sunday, March 28 - Noon in the Adult Ministry Center (luncheon)  
Joshua Beideman reports of his experiences in the Holy Lands

*Dear Pastor Morton and Congregation,*

*It is a pleasure to present your church with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of your faithfulness to the Connectional Ministries Fund of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, the World Service Fund and the General Church Fund.*

*The financial resources that you give through these apportionment funds provide support for the conference as well as for ministries throughout the world.*

*I deeply appreciate your faithfulness and commitment to paying 100% of the amount apportioned to your church. May God richly bless you as you continue to shine as a beacon of God's light and love to the world.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rev. Dr. Christopher Jacob Kurien, SE District Superintendent*

**Note: Hopewell UMC contributed more than \$91,000 to United Methodist missions in 2009!**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Director of Children's Ministries: Patty Wiehler (patty@hopewellumc.org)  
Assistant: Kelly Rohrbaugh (kelly@hopewellumc.org)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30** – Sunday school is offered during the 9:30 worship hour for all children ages 2 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Room assignments are posted throughout the church hallways.

**JUNIOR CHURCH @ 10:55** – Junior Church is offered during the 10:55 worship hour for all children ages 3 years to 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Junior Church will be held in rooms Adam & Bethlehem (upstairs).

**Please say a special thank you to our volunteer teaching staff. Their service in HIS name is a profound gift to our children!!**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** – All children, ages 3 years (by 9/30/10) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate each Sunday night from 6-7 pm as follows:

Cherub Choir (Preschool & Kindergarten)	Room Bethlehem
God's Little Children (1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)	Room Ecclesiastes
God's Children (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Thompson Music Room

**SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** – All children, Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us each Sunday night from 6-8 pm for a time of fellowship with Christian friends and leaders. Each week the children gather for a time of prayer, educational games, topical discussions, hands-on missions, games and recreation. Choir participants can join in at 7 pm. ***Please consider joining us...and bring a friend!!!***

**CREATIVE ARTS FOR CHRIST** – We are currently in the midst of a 4-week Lenten photography block. ***It's not too late to join us!*** All 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us each Tuesday night from 6-7:00 pm. Detailed information and registration forms are available at the Children's Welcome Center in the church lobby, or on our website at [www.hopewellumc.org](http://www.hopewellumc.org).

**UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING - has one week left!** As the season comes to a close, we lift thanks to God for the partnerships created through this ministry, for the numerous volunteers who served our children in HIS name, and for the continuous support of our church family. God is good!!

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE RETREAT** – is Friday and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Detailed information and registration forms can be found at the Children's Welcome Center in the church lobby, or on our website at [www.hopewellumc.org](http://www.hopewellumc.org). **Registration deadline is TODAY!!!**

**PIZZA BINGO RESCHEDULED** – The annual **Family Fun Night** sponsored by Pioneer Club has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> due to this past weekend's storm. Detailed information and registration forms can be found at the Children's Welcome Center, and on the Pioneer Club link on our website. ALL families are invited to join in the fun!!! **The new registration deadline is Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you registered for Pizza Bingo already and are unable to make the rescheduled date, please contact Patty in the church office for a refund.

**EASTER MISSIONS FESTIVAL** – *Save the date!!!* All ages are invited to join us on Saturday, 3/27/10 from 10am until noon as we gather in celebration and mission. The morning includes chapel time, hands-on missions for the entire family, games, food, and our annual egg hunt. Mark your calendars and watch for more details in the weeks to come.

**FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY** – In this season of Lent, we once again invite families to assemble an Easter Basket for disadvantaged children in our community. Visit the “Butterfly Tree” in the lobby for more details on how to participate. **The baskets should be wrapped in cellophane and returned by Saturday, 3/27/10.** All baskets will be blessed during our Easter Missions Festival chapel time.

**SUMMER CAMP 2010** Do the mountains of snow have your dreaming of summer? Get a jump start on your planning and visit the Conference website at [www.epaumc.org/camping](http://www.epaumc.org/camping) for information on exciting summer camping experiences. Camp brochures are also available at the Children’s Welcome Center in the church lobby. Both day camp and overnight experiences are offered. All Hopewell campers are offered “Camp Cash” discounts when registering. Full scholarships are also available. Contact Patty Wiehler in the church office for details.

**HOPEWELL UMC SPONSORED DAY CAMP @ INNABAH** for children ages 4-7 years old is scheduled for Monday, 6/21- Friday, 6/25/10. This experience includes a daily, fun-filled bus ride from Hopewell’s parking lot. This is a great first-time experience for young campers with many familiar faces as camp leaders.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010** Save these dates!!! – July 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be available beginning Sunday, March 28, 2010. Watch for more details in the weeks to come.

#### **PIONEER CLUB NEWS**

**PIONEER CLUB REGISTRATIONS** – Children ages 3 years (by 9/1/09) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade gather each Wednesday night from 6-7:30 pm. Detailed information & registration are available at the Children’s Welcome Center in the church lobby, or visit our website at [www.hopewellumc.org](http://www.hopewellumc.org). **Session 3 began on Wednesday, 2/24. This is a great time to join and check us out!!!**

#### **OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES** **BROWN BAGGING IT**

Please join the OAM group for a special presentation this Thursday at 11:30 am. Rachel Kohl will be giving a talk about The Resurrection and books for children. Rachel is active with the Hopewell Library. We have not been able to meet for several months due to the weather so this affords us a great opportunity to catch up and share time together. Please bring a sandwich or salad. Your beverage and dessert will be provided. If you need a ride or have other questions please call Peggy Puy at 610-363-8857. Blessings to all!

## FINANCE

### Operations:

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Total Income Budgeted:	\$ 104,625	\$ 205,919
<b>Actual Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 96,446</b>	<b>\$ 192,453</b>
Total Expenses Budgeted:	\$ 111,283	\$ 205,058
<b>Actual Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 104,900</b>	<b>\$ 189,017</b>

**January Designated Giving Update** Thanks to the contributions we received for January Designated giving, we were able to send **\$1,000** to Camp Corson in Puerto Rico. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

**February Designated Giving** Last month, many folks from Hopewell UMC enjoyed a weekend retreat together at Black Rock Center in Lancaster County. This intergenerational retreat is always a highlight in our year, and participants receive a significant discount on their registration costs because of fundraisers throughout the year and Designated Giving. Your dollars received last month will allow some new faces at Hopewell to share in the 2011 Intergenerational Retreat. Thank you for your gifts of \$475.

**March Designated Giving** The winter snow storms have left the church buried under high snow removal bills. Through February, our bills are approaching \$4,000 which is already well over the budgeted amount, and we still have several cold, winter months (don't forget November and December!) in 2010. Your March designated dollars will help us dig out from this expense and hopefully keep the Trustee budget under control. Thank you.

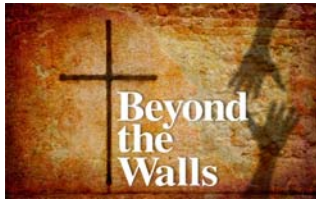
### **Interested in Computers and Giving???**

A task force is being created to look into the possibility of offering online giving through the Hopewell website. Folks who have knowledge of computer websites and/or online giving are encouraged to contact Jim Kreher at jim.kreher@itt.com or 215-275-9173 to join our team.

#### **From the Church Fathers...on wealth and giving:**

“Woe to those who live in wealth and luxury and give nothing to the poor! They shall have to render an account, for they ought to love their neighbors as themselves. They didn't have compassion for them when they were destitute.”

~ Clement (Late 1<sup>st</sup> Century)



A Capital Campaign  
with a twist

## Beyond the Walls - Year II

It's all about the Mission:

- ♦ Safe Harbor     ♦ Good Works
- ♦ Camp Innabah   ♦ Katrina Relief
- ♦ Bridge of Hope

“We are what he made us to be: ♦ South Africa, including our fulltime missionary  
created in Christ Jesus  
for good works.”  
(Ephesians 2:10)

**Pledged so far: \$147,959.00**

**The DREAM goal: \$210,000.00 (again!)**

**Received to date: \$165,705.62**

**Remember: Year Two ends April 30, 2010**

*Dear Members of the Hopewell United Methodist Church,*

*Thank you so VERY much for the donation of \$12,500.00 for the purchase of various interior building materials, cabinets, flooring and appliances needed for Danny Peterson's home which we are building. And also for the \$1,000.00 left by your work team for Danny to purchase some furniture.*

*At this point, EVERY dollar is important! It is people like you, who continue to come to the Gulf coast to work hard (and pay for their stay) and send generous donations, that truly make a difference in rebuilding the hearts and homes of these people in post-Katrina Mississippi, who are now in the fifth year of recovery! Thank you again for this expression of your generosity and kindness. Together we are going to overcome this tragedy! We are building 4 more new houses this year, as well as doing rehabs, so we are making progress! Even though Camp Gulfside is closing in March, the work in Hancock County will continue to be done by the volunteers out of Camp Love in Gulfport. The work goes on!!*

*May God richly bless you,  
Jennie Lowery  
Camp Gulfside  
Volunteer Coordinator*

### SEMINAR FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA will be the site of the Weber Memorial Lecture Series on Friday from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Brian McLaren, one of the leading thinkers in the church growth movement, will speak on “Singing the Song We Almost Forgot: Christian Faith Post-Christendom.” Several of the Hopewell UMC staff will attend, including Pastor Steve, George Haimbach, and Shauna Ridge.

## DONATION STATION

Located Downstairs by the Family Life Center

*Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."*

Matthew 25: 34-36

### Health Kits for Haiti

We are collecting the following items to make Health Kits for UMCOR. These items may be left in the collection bin marked "HEALTH KITS for HAITI."

Hand towels (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels), washcloths, combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized), nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), bath-size bars of soap (3 oz. and up), toothbrushes (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes), and 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.

### Grace Café

Cold weather is here and this homeless ministry run out of Arch Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia is in need of new warm socks, gently worn or new "hoodie" sweatshirts and men's pants of all sizes. We are also collecting the following items which will be used to serve dinner each time we go down: peanut butter, jelly, boxed pasta, pasta sauce, parmesan cheese, Bisquick or Jiffy mix, brownie mix, sandwich bags, foil, plastic wrap, cases of water and thick ply garbage bags. *Please contact Shauna Ridge at [shauna@hopewellumc.org](mailto:shauna@hopewellumc.org) if you are planning to join us. If you are able to donate food, please contact Donna Johnson at [donadesigns101@comcast.net](mailto:donadesigns101@comcast.net) or 610-942-9756.*

### Safe Harbor

This men's shelter in West Chester is in need of the following items: individually wrapped snack items, cans of coffee and cans of drink mixes. These items can be left in the Donation Station downstairs.

### Project One – Help us stock their Dry Goods Bank

Items Needed for the Dry Goods Bank at Project One: Deodorant, Body Soap, Lotion, Toothpaste, Mouthwash (no alcohol), Toothbrush (medium - firm), Razors (men and women), Shampoo, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Dish soap, Cleanser, Pine oil, Sponges, Scouring pads. Please leave them in the Donation Station downstairs.

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## Recent Visitor to Hopewell UMC

Jennifer Flannery

*Welcome!*

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