HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS  
May 29, 2020  
Hopewell United Methodist Church  
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STAY CONNECTED

Weekend Worship: "Walking Through the Wilderness," Pastor Amy  
“The Cloud and The Tabernacle" Numbers 9:15-23

Like the Israelites before us, we are traveling through the wilderness. On Saturday night (May 30) at 5:25 PM or on Sunday (May 31) at 9:30 AM, log into Facebook or the Hopewell YouTube page. Sing. Pray. Hear the word. Together, we are more!

Drop into our new Virtual Coffee Hours on ZOOM. Use the links and passwords below to join the discussions. Chat with Pastor Dan and Patty & Bob Wiehler on Saturday from 4:45-5:15 PM (password: 903386). Join Pastor Keith and Deb Collins on Sunday from 10:15-11:00 AM (password: 875765).

After many weeks of Daily Devotions, we've decided to explore new opportunities for connection and conversation. Stay tuned for more information.

We’ve convened a small leadership team to interpret the upcoming yellow and green phases related to COVID 19 and to discern the best way forward. We want to open, but that process will be thoughtful and gradual to ensure the health and safety of our members and staff. Knowing what we need to do, how we need to do it, and where we can get the supplies to keep us safe ... that’s what we’re addressing now. We aim to communicate the team’s cautious plan sometime next week. We will do that via a special email communication as well as a mass phone call from the church office. If we do not have your current contact information, please send it to Lynne Kreher so you don’t miss this important update.
In June and July, we’ll be introducing a **new sermon series** called *Reel Stories. Real Truth: A Look at Faith Through Film*. Each week, we’ll suggest a movie to watch—and then, in worship, we’ll use that film to illustrate biblical truth. Grab some popcorn and your Bible. We’re in for a great summer!

Find strength, hope, and great conversation in these **Online Study** opportunities:

**Women’s Ministry’s Rooted Table** topical study in June will be PRESENCE! [Sign up](#) for a small group day and time that works best for you! Or email [Cheri Miller](#) for more information.

**Friday Morning** **Men of Faith** on Friday, June 5th at 6:30 AM with Allen Puy

**Saturday Morning** **Men of the Sabbath** on Saturday, May 30th at 8:30 AM  
(Password: 269729)

**Sunday Morning** **Bible Study** on May 31st at 9:00 AM with Joe Lisowski  
(Password: 511221)

The **Children’s Ministries Team** invites you to check out **this week’s Sunday night ZOOM call** for kids. ZOOM details can be found on the [blog](#) site. Lessons and news can be found on the [Hopewell UMC Children’s Ministries Facebook](#) page or under “News” on the [blog](#) site.

Sign into this week’s **Youth Ministry** meetings and hangouts using the links below.

**HYM Youth Group** on May 31, 2020  
**HYM Tuesday Hangout** on June 2, 2020 2:30 PM  
**HYM Thursday Hangout** on June 4, 2020 2:30 PM

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**CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND THE COMMUNITY**

This week’s prayer focus: **Assurance of God’s abiding presence**.

Please remember these folks in your prayers: Dan Baldwin; Mandi Benner; Dennis Call; Anita Kuhnle; Dan McVay; Donna Oeste; Denise Schroeder and Nancy Yarnall’s father.

Click [here](#) to post or receive prayer requests on **Hopewell’s e-prayer chain**.
Prayer is always the most we can do — not the least we can do. But we can also put our hands and feet and voices to work. **Here are some ways to love our neighbors this week:**

**Contribute to fund-raising** efforts of Hopewell, so we can respond to the needs around us. **Approximately $36,600 has been received so far!** Because of your generous contributions, we’ve been able to provide food and rental assistance to many families. If you would like to make assistance contributions, please include “COVID” as a memo.

**From one of our Well families:** “Thank you so much, we truly appreciate this!! I can’t even put into works how thankful we are.”

Hopewell is committed to providing three meals per month for **Safe Harbor**. You can help by donating pre-packaged food items or delivering the meals to Safe Harbor. To receive updates on what is needed for each meal, contact **Karl Findeison**.

Well done, Hopewell! We’ve made and donated over **1,600 masks** for health care workers and community organizations. To get involved, contact **Kim Schywstell**. If you are in need of a mask, please call the church office.

Help address food insecurity in our community by growing produce for the **Chester County Food Bank**. Even if you don’t have land, try growing in a pot! For more information and a list of suggested produce, click [here](#). Check out some tutorials [here](#). Hopewell will have produce bags available and stay tuned for the food agencies that will be prepared to receive your fresh produce.

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**GIVE TO THE MISSION**

When you give to the movement of Hopewell Church, you are changing lives. Thank you for your faithful commitment toward resourcing God’s ministry and mission through Hopewell Church.

Give electronically [here](#).

Give by Venmo at @Hopewell-UMC
Please include your full name in the comments section.

Tithes and offerings can be mailed to Hopewell United Methodist Church, 852 Hopewell Road, Downingtown, PA 19335.
STAFF UPDATE

Following God’s faithful leadership, Deb Boyd, Director of Lay Ministries, has accepted a position at the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. While we will miss her on staff, we are assured that she will continue to strengthen the ministries of Hopewell—and now, bring that same strength and passion to her new role … truly going Beyond the Walls of Hopewell to work for the unity, vitality, and vision of the larger church. We are proud of her for making this tough decision, and we send her onward with many blessings. Please send your notes of gratitude via email to our dear buddy Boyd.

We are so pleased to welcome back Kim Lloyd as the Interim Director of Youth Ministry. Working side by side with Hannah Wenk and our tremendous group of volunteers, Kim will help to bring creativity, warmth, and stability to our youth during this unique time.

BE ENCOURAGED!

During this tough time, it has been difficult to find the good, so I see my good in the feeling I have of the end of quarantine drawing near. When I’m outside, I see life continuing despite the pandemic, kids playing, people talking, people going on walks, and so much more. As for what God taught me, that would be patience, patience that my package will come soon, patience I’ll see my loved ones soon, and patience that this virus will end. I would like to end this with my favorite Bible verse “have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).

~Peace and love, Jack Smith, age 16