

HOPEWELL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

'A Place to Find Hope and Be Well'

*20220 Hopewell Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050*

*Our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ
and minister to the needs of others in His name.*

June - July, 2016

Our Methodist Heritage: "Shouting Methodists"

One name commonly applied to early nineteenth century Methodists was "shouting Methodists" - a name Methodists were glad to accept and make their own. What was meant by the term, "shouting Methodists"?

Ed. note: With the focus on the church's history and centennial news, Pastor Lee has been offered a 'pass' on his monthly column.

At the very least, it meant that Methodists were a noisy lot, interrupting the preacher with exclamations of "Praise the Lord," "Hallelujah," and "Amen." Alexander Campbell declared that the Methodist church could not live without her cries of "Glory! Glory! Glory!" And he reported that "her periodical Amens dispossess demons, storm heaven, shut the gates of hell, and drive Satan from the camp."

But Methodist noise was not limited to noisy exclamations. Singing and clapping, groaning and crying, praying and exhorting, contributed to the din. In one Methodist hymnbook, dated 1807, the initial impression of a convert is reported:

The Methodists were preaching like thunder all about.
At length I went amongst them, to hear them groan and shout.
I thought they were distracted, such fools I'd never seen.
They'd stamp and clap and tremble, and wail and cry and scream.

It is clear that "shout" was a prominent part of the Methodist vocabulary. Nowhere is this more evident than in the refrains of their spiritual songs. "Shout, shout, we're gaining ground," they sang. "We'll shout old Satan's kingdom down." The word would appear in casual conversations. An aged person, for example, would rejoice at being still able "to shout," and a death would be recorded: "She went off shouting."

What did it mean to "shout"? "Shouting" was never mere noise. "Shouting" was neither preaching nor exhorting. Exhorting was a noisy performance, but the word had a technical meaning that was not broad enough to include even the "action sermon." Nor was "shouting" praying, not even when praying became a din as a congregation sought to "pray down" a sinner or to contend in prayer for the souls of the penitent.

"Shouting" was praise or, as it was often called, rejoicing. Both its practice, including the clapping of hands and its meaning was partly shaped by Old Testament texts (for example, Joshua 6:5-20; 1 Samuel 4:5-7; Psalm 32:11; Isaiah 42: 11-13). Initially, "shouting" was probably no more than uttering ejaculations of praise. But it quickly became, in addition to these ejaculations, a type of singing, a type of song, a "shout song," or just a "shout." ...continued

If a "shout" was an ejaculation of praise and a song of rejoicing, it also became the name of a religious service, a service of praise, a praise meeting. People spoke of going to a "preaching," of going to a "class meeting," and of going to a "shout", a praise meeting. "When we get home," they sang, "we'll have a shout in glory."

Finally, for some, a "shout" became a dance, a shuffling of the feet, a jerking of the head, a clapping of the hands, and perhaps an occasional leap. Most often it was a circular march, a "ring shout." Thus Webster's Third New International Dictionary defines "shout" as "to give expression to religious ecstasy, often in vigorous, rhythmic movements (as shuffling, jumping, jerking) specifically, to take part in a ring shout."

The term "shouting" suggests confusion, and this was the initial impression one gained of Methodist meetings. Devereux Jarratt, a Methodist himself prior to the separation of 1784, reported of a Methodist gathering in 1776 that "the assembly appeared to be all in confusion, and must seem to one at a little distance more like a drunken rabble than the worshippers of God." The development of a specialized vocabulary with highly technical meanings, on the other hand, suggests that there were patterns of group activity in the midst of the confusion, a degree of order and method in the apparent madness.

Source: <http://jesus.org.uk/blog/radical-christian-history/shouting-methodists>

UMW Report - *Marsha Clayborne, Secretary*

The UMW met at the Parkside Restaurant on Wednesday, May 11. Virginia Skinner was the hostess and brought her sister-in-law, Betty Lou Yancy and niece, Pam Moehuke. Eight members and three guests were present. The blessing was recited by Betty Lou. Barb Butler conducted the meeting, and the secretary and treasury report was given, followed by collection of dues and missions. The group agreed to have a plaque made for the cupboard and maybe for the dogwood tree.

The church picnic will begin at 6 PM on Tuesday, June 14, at the Gambier shelter house next to the Gambier library. The UMW will furnish the tableware and beverages. Everyone is to bring items for the silent auction and a covered dish.

The theme for UMW Sunday will be "Grace and Service." Details will be announced soon. The UMW mission project will be to fill one of the baby bottles brought in by Audra Cubie and to put our extra loose change in by Father's Day.

The group discussed how the cemetery might be taken care of by the church and Pleasant Township.

Virginia and Betty Lou started the program. Betty Lou read devotions called "Do you know the lengths I go to save you" from Psalm 18. Games were played and prizes were won. The meeting was adjourned.



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**Hopewell United Methodist Church
Financial Statement**

-- Barb Butler, Treasurer

Apr 30, 2016

GENERAL FUND		YTD	YTD
Beginning Balance	Jan 1, 2016		\$5,049.30
Income			
Envelopes			\$11,524.50
Plate			\$1,021.50
Fund Raisers			\$2,021.04
Misc Inc			\$612.95
coin Jar			\$66.85
Total Receipts			<u>\$15,246.84</u>
Expenses			
Operating Expense		\$8,887.45	
Checking Balance Apr 30, 2016			\$11,408.69
General Fund Saving			\$10,000.00
Certificate of Deposit			<u>\$25,094.09</u>
General Fund Balance			<u>\$46,502.78</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND/saving			\$6,008.33
Certificate 9147			\$5,701.24
Certificate 8619			<u>\$5,375.51</u>
Building Maintenance Fund Balance			<u>\$17,085.08</u>
Summary of Centennial Capital Campaign as of May 1, 2016			
18 Pledges	\$35,540.00	Paid	\$31,155.00
Youth Coin Jars			\$182.00
Quilt Silent Auction			\$500.00
Individual Donations			\$1,000.00
Cash Donations			<u>\$108.00</u>
			<u>\$32,945.00</u>

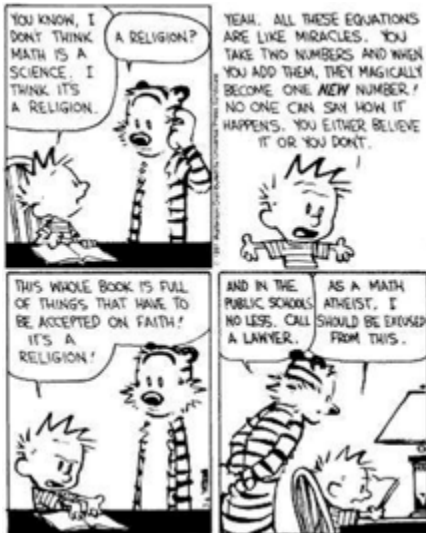
← We are enclosing this financial statement to show just how blessed and loved this little country church is in celebrating its Centennial. Our capital campaign was quite successful, and the celebration weekend was unforgettable! Our wishes and prayers are that in another 50 years, Hopewell will still be a very strong country church, spreading the word and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

--Barb Butler

Coupons

The Fredericktown Community Library would like to thank everyone who is donating their unwanted and expired coupons to help military families overseas. Most of the coupons are in fliers of the Mount Vernon News on Saturdays or the Columbus Dispatch on Sundays. You may give your coupons to me, and I will be glad to deliver them to the library. Thank you.

--Marsha Clayborne



Hopewell Centennial Celebration -- Recap of Projects, Activities, and Accomplishments

It's been a full, busy, and rewarding year at Hopewell UMC!
Following is a summary of some of the year's work—and some tasks remaining, lest we be too satisfied.

- Cornerstone centennial celebrated – Aug 2, 2015
- Dedication centennial celebrated
 - Apr 30, 2016 - Open house
 - May 1, 2016 –
 - Catered lunch
 - Centennial program
 - Rededication service
- Capital campaign conducted – Approx. \$35K raised
- Timothy Noble concert held – Oct 11, 2015
- “Hopewell’s Got Talent” held – Jan 24, 2016
- Coin jars filled by youth
- Original bell repainted/mounted/restored to belfry – Apr 16, 2016
- Parking area acquired/surfaced – Apr 29, 2016
- Centennial quilts designed/sewn
 - 1 quilt sold in silent auction to D. J. Johnson for \$500
 - 1 quilt hangs in sanctuary
- Centennial cookbook (over 150 recipes) published
- Cabinet in Sunday school room stained and sealed
- Area near church sign landscaped
- Old church sign erected
- Bench in Sunday school area re-covered
- New Christian and American flags placed in sanctuary
- Outhouse restored
- Paint removed from stained glass windows
- Church sanctuary/Sunday school room thoroughly cleaned
 - Pews cleaned and polished
 - Floors cleaned and polished
 - General dusting/vacuuming
- Folding doors repaired
- Cemetery trees trimmed/cut
- Storm windows removed, cleaned, replaced
- Broken storm windows replaced
- Touch-up paint applied outside
- Time capsule acquired/painted and filled
- New front door lighting installed
- Application made for National Registry of Historic Places
- Church history researched and updated

Future Needs and Plans

- Upgrade electrical system
- Improve lighting in sanctuary and Sunday school room
- Repair cracks in walls and ceiling
- Mark road crossing for safety
- Improve condition of Hopewell cemetery
- Determine community needs and meet those needs

Birthdays

June

- 10 Erin Lawhon
- 20 Greg Yashnyk
- 24 Lee Cubie
- 29 Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe

July

- 2 Ellen Kaiser
- 2 Mickey Gourley, Jr
- 16 Elliott Bush
- 20 Katie Beran
- 21 Ryan Rupp
- 24 Mike Stevens
- 28 Mary Stevens
- 29 Barb Butler

“Others”

Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for Others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I'd do for You
Must needs be done for Others.
Let “Self” be crucified and slain
And buried deep: and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for Others.

And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in Heav'n's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of Others.

Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee.

by C. D. Meigs (1917)

Don't judge others just because
their sins are different than yours.

Faith is seeing light with your
heart when all your eyes see is
darkness.

-- quotes shared by Eleanor Doup

A Partial History of the Hopewell UM Church Bell



- The bell was probably forged at Foote Foundry in Fredericktown and placed in the Hopewell belfry during construction in 1915-1916. Details of the purchase and installation are unknown.
- During the late 1960s, due to deterioration of the belfry, the bell had to be removed for safety.
- Carroll and Mary (Smith) Lybarger, members of Hopewell UMC, offered to keep the bell rather than have it thrown away.
- The bell was removed during the summer of 1968 or 1969 and moved to their home at 1325 Westwood Drive.
- The Lybargers moved to 17940 Hopewell Road in 1970, and the bell followed to that address a year later.
- They moved the bell to 17820 Hopewell Road when they moved again (approx. 1982).
- In 1986 Carroll sold the property to nephew Dan & Sandi Smith who then became the keepers of the bell until it was returned to Hopewell United Methodist Church in Autumn 2015. Cary Purcell and Bill Lawhon picked up the bell at that time.
- Custom Cutters (Mt. Vernon) sand blasted and powder coated the bell in March 2016.
- Cary designed and made the new bell stand/carriage in April, and the bell and stand were re-installed in the belfry on April 16, 2016. The installation team included Cary Purcell, John Wolfe, Mickey and Mick Gourley, and Bill Lawhon.
- Jean Riley and Natalie Gourley were the first to ring the reinstalled bell, at the church rededication service on May 1.
- Bell details:
 - The only visible marking on the bell is the raised number “28.”
 - The bell is made of cast iron and is 24” in diameter at the opening.
 - The bell stand is made from about 24’ of 4” X 6” treated lumber and 32 galvanized 6” lag bolts.
 - It sits perpendicularly across three 3” X 10” joists and is secured to the belfry floor with eight galvanized 8” lag bolts.
 - The carriage-type (rather than hanging) bell weighs about 200-250 lbs., and the bell stand weighs about 150 lbs.



From notes by Dan & Sandi Smith and Cary Purcell;
photos by Joanne and Aubrey Purcell



Easter sunrise service



Sunrise Breakfast



Baptizing Amelia



Recipe Book Assemblers

The dedication centennial was marked by an open house on April 30 and by a catered lunch, celebration program, and rededication service on May 1. The Rev. Dr. Brad Call, 3Rivers District Supt., and five former pastors (and Pastor Lee Cubie) were present. Jean Riley and Natalie Gourley were the first to ring the church bell, and we continued to fill a time capsule with letters to the future, photos, current maps, and other memorabilia. A centennial quilt was hung in the sanctuary. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

--photo by Aubrey Purcell

Many more photos at

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