

# 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.*

*April - May 2017*

### **Pastor's Ponderings -- Pastor Lee Cubie**

#### **What Kind of Church?**

What kind of church did God seek to establish when he sent his only begotten Son into the world? What kind of church was Jesus seeking to establish when he confronted the moneychangers in the temple? What kind of church was Jesus seeking to establish when he was praying to his Father in heaven? What kind of church was Jesus seeking to establish when he healed the leper, the lame, and the deaf, mute and blind? What kind of church was Jesus seeking to establish when he went from town to town teaching in their synagogues?

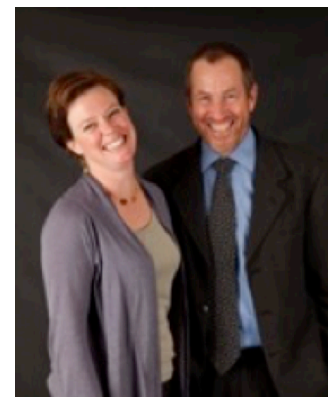
What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he allowed Judas to leave the upper room to betray him? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he allowed himself to be captured? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he allowed himself to be struck by his tormentors? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he allowed himself to be interrogated by the high priest, by Herod, by Pontius Pilate? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he allowed himself to be forced to carry his cross? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he allowed himself to be stripped and nailed to a tree? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he breathed his last? Can you tell me?



I said, "Take up your cross and follow me."

You gave up potato chips for Lent.

What kind of church was his Father establishing when he tore the curtain in two in the Holy of Holies, when he shook the ground and split the rocks, when he darkened the sky, when he opened the graves and resurrected the dead? What kind of church was the Father



establishing when he resurrected his Son? Can you tell me? Is it the church we find in the world today?

What kind of church were the Father and the Son establishing when they sent the Holy Spirit into the upper room when the disciples had gathered to pray? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he struck Paul off of his horse and blinded his eyes? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when he had Ananias risk his life to heal Paul? What kind of church was Jesus establishing when Paul was stoned, in peril from wild animals, floods, and storms? What kind of church are you seeking today?

What kind of church was God establishing in his creation? Are you ready to be that church today?

### **The Stinemetz Family—by Marsha Clayborne**

*(Ed. note: Marsha Clayborne has been inspired to research the history of families whose names appear on the stained glass windows at Hopewell UMC. At "Hopewell's Got Talent" in January, she displayed her talent by describing the life accomplishments of Elmer J. Brown. Here is another product of her studies.)*

John W. Stinemetz was born in Germany in 1756 and came to this country soon after birth. At Hagerstown, Maryland, John married Hannah Hays of Virginia. Nine children were born in this union, George, Henry, Solomon, John, Abraham, Nancy, Isaac, Hannah, and Samuel. In 1826, the family moved to Knox County.

Abraham Stinemetz was the 5<sup>th</sup> child to John and Hannah Stinemetz. He was born in 1800. He married Catherine Lahmon in Knox County on March 30, 1830. They had five children: Elizabeth, Abraham, John, Alva, and James. Abraham died in 1830 and is buried in the Hopewell cemetery. The Stinemetz family lived in Knox County for many years.

Alva Stinemetz was the 4<sup>th</sup> son of Abraham and Catherine. He was born in 1838 and grew up in Pleasant Township. He married Mary Smith, daughter of J.B. Smith and Mary Brewer on December 30, 1869. They had seven children. Angeline, Benton, Howard, Clinton, Mary, Lenna, and Susan. The family lived on Hopewell Road and attended the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church.

Clinton Stinemetz was grandfather to Jean Riley and Eleanor Doup. Clinton and Gertrude Steinmetz had 8 children, Marie, Lawrence, Dale, Ila, Robert, Helen, Floyd, and Richard; Eleanor Doup's father is Lawrence and Ila is Jean Riley's mother. Somewhere along the line, the spelling of the Stinemetz name was changed to Steinmetz.

Besides going to church, the children attended the Hopewell School. The ladies were members of the Ladies Aid or UMW today. The families were involved in the Pleasant Grange. Besides farming, Clinton served 39 years as clerk for Pleasant Township.

Clinton's oldest daughter, Marie, attended the Hopewell School and later returned in 1922 as a teacher. Marie attended Ohio University in Athens and later The Ohio State University. She taught at the Morgan School in 1921 on Martinsburg Road and the Hopewell School in 1922. She also taught Sunday school at the Hopewell Church.

The first Stinemetz reunion was held at Riverside Park in 1926. The Steinmetz family still meets every year for their family reunion today. Several Steinmetz/Stinemetz family members still attend Hopewell United Methodist Church.



The Stinemetz Family window in the choir loft. Photo by Linda Joseph

### Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – Elaine Farie, PPR Chairperson

Our Hopewell PPR Committee has now met with the PPR committee of South Vernon United Methodist Church to complete the annual “Pastor Evaluation, Assessment and Action Plan.” As sister churches, we prayerfully considered all the areas on these forms to be evaluated, pertaining to Pastor Lee’s ministry to both congregations.

The completed summary form will be given to the Three Rivers district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Call, by the required date of May 1.

We feel very Blessed to have Pastor Lee as the “Shepherd of our Flock.”



*A pastor’s role*

### Nursing Outreach Ministry – Elaine Farie, R.N.



A date of Sunday, May 7 is chosen for us all to celebrate “LIFE”. The 9:30 AM worship time will be shared with Lauren Stevens, Community Outreach Partnership coordinator, from Lifeline of Ohio. She will speak on the need for organ, eye and tissue donation – with the focus on the Christian aspect of this – since we are all God’s

Creations. She will then attend services at South Vernon United Methodist Church, with the same message.

### Overheard in an Orchard

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,  
“I should really like to know  
Why these anxious human beings  
Rush about and worry so.”

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,  
“Friend, I think that it must be  
That they have no Heavenly Father  
Such as cares for you and me.”

--Elizabeth Cheney  
(shared by Eleanor Doup)

### Did You Know...About John Wesley? (Part 2) --by the editors of Christian History Institute

Because of the enormous output of publications designed for the common man, John Wesley has been called “*The Father of the Religious Paperback.*” Sermons, tracts, pamphlets of every kind— numbering around 5000 items came from his pen!

When John and Charles Wesley founded the “Holy Club” at Oxford in 1729, *not more than five or six members of the House of Commons went to church at all!*

When John Wesley had his “heart strangely warmed” on May 24, 1738, he was *already ordained as a minister of the Anglican Church!*

The greatest success of Methodism was not among the rich and “successful” but among the poor; but ironically, *simple commoners were often the very ones who persecuted Wesley and the open-air preachers most!*

For all the power of his eyes and voice, John Wesley measured *five-feet-three inches tall and weighed 128 pounds!*



### UMW Report - Marsha Clayborne, Secretary

The UMW met for lunch at the home of Barb Butler on March 21. Eight members were present. The blessing was given by Barb before the delicious meal was served to the members. Barb read devotions called "Birds, Bees, Flowers, and Faith." She also read scripture from Isaiah 61:1-3. Games were played and prizes won by Joan Coon and Ellen Kaiser. Barb started the meeting, and the secretary and treasury report was given along with dues and missions collected.



The group discussed the annual credit union dinner that will be held on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The group also talked about mission work to help out some of the local organizations in Mount Vernon. Personal and needed items will be collected and distributed to them. The next meeting will be at the home of Joan Coon and Eleanor Doup in April. The meeting was adjourned by Ellen Kaiser and Virginia Skinner.

### Jean Riley Honored by New Directions

On March 9, Jean Riley received the Mary Hendrickson Award for her longtime, faithful service to New Directions Domestic Abuse Shelter and Rape Crisis Center. Jean (as volunteer coordinator) and Mary (as center director) were the first hires for the Center in 1982, and 35 years later—just this February—Jean turned in her keys. Jean scheduled volunteers for the 24-hour call-in hotline.

New Directions provides the hotline, safe housing, sexual violence advocacy, group support, and more...free of charge. The center receives funds from United Way, as well as from events such as the benefit dinner at Kenyon College where Jean was honored. For more information about the center: <http://newdirectionsshelter.org>



### Erin Lawhon – Athlete of the Week

Erin Lawhon was honored as the National Pitcher of the Week by the National Christian College Athletic Association. Erin was also awarded the Crossroads League's top pitcher award on March 13.

Pitching for Grace College (Winona Lake, IN), she went 3-0 from the mound during the week of March 5, including a gem to upset No. 2 St. Xavier University (Chicago). Lawhon threw a three-hitter over SXU to lead Grace's 6-0 blanking of the second-ranked Cougars.

For that week, Erin posted a 2.07 ERA with 14 strikeouts in 23.2 innings. Overall, she pitched in seven different outings for the Lady Lancers in the week of March 5.

On April 1, the Grace College Lancers play Mt. Vernon Nazarene University in a double header (3 and 5 PM) at MVNU's diamonds on Newark Road. From <http://gclancers.com/archives.aspx?path=softball> with Ryan Rupp's assistance.

(Ed. note: Erin's mother, Sara Lawhon, recently delivered a 'care package' to her from the HUMC congregation.)





**HUMC Finance Report** – Barb Butler, Treasurer**Balances**

as of February 28, 2017

General Fund	\$55,686.94
Building Maintenance Fund	\$19,597.92
Centennial Capital Campaign Fund	\$33,734.72

**Finance Committee Report:**

The Finance Committee reviewed and approved two requests for funds, those being one of community outreach and the second honoring a church icon.

**Birthdays****April**

- 2 Adam Lawhon
- 3 Kyler Beauchamp

**May**

- 7 Bitsi Gourley
- 12 Phyllis Gourley
- 19 John Wolfe

**Special Events in April – May...**

**Monday, April 10 – CES Credit Union Dinner**, served by HUMC as a fundraiser. Barb Butler is coordinating donations of pies and cakes, as well as the preparation and serving of chicken sandwiches and hotdogs. Many volunteer opportunities are available from 2:30 PM to 8 PM.

**Wednesday, April 12 – UMW**, 1 PM at Eleanor and Joan's home.

**Thursday, April 13 – Maundy Thursday Love Feast**, 6 PM at HUMC.

**Friday, April 14 – Good Friday Community Service**, noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

**Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunrise Service**, 7 AM at HUMC

Breakfast – 7:45 AM

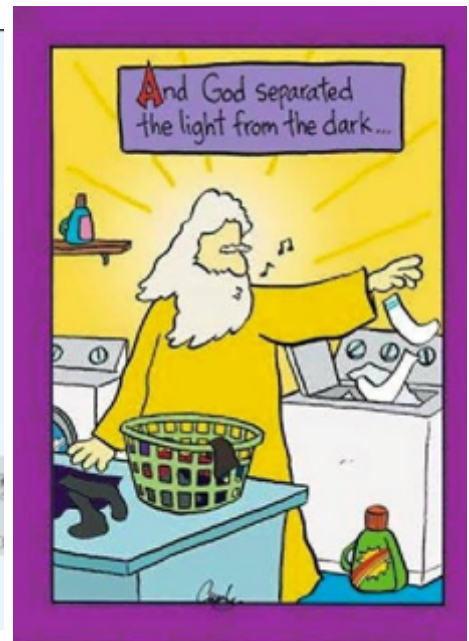
Worship Service – 8:30 AM

**Sat., April 22 – Ruth Steinmetz's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration**, Gambier Fishing Club, 12:30 - 3

**Saturday, May 6 – Spring Clean-up Day**, 9 AM to 2 PM. Bring a dish to share for lunch.



Twenty members of the Hopewell church family enjoyed pancakes/sausage on Shrove Tuesday at Batemantown UMC.

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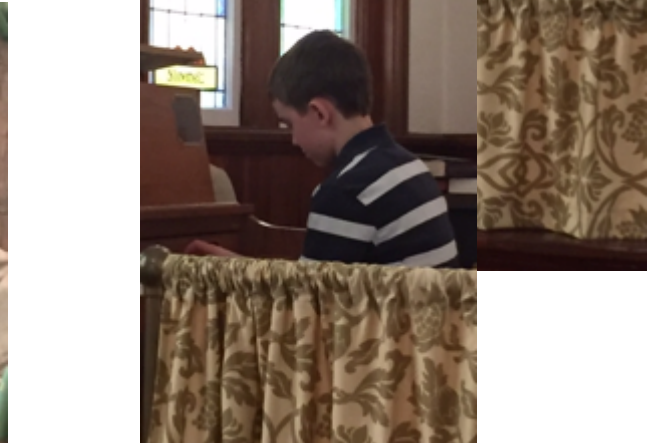
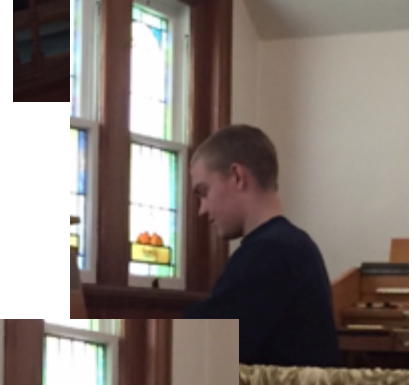
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## Hopewell's Got Talent – January 29



Demonstrating that "Hopewell's Got [a wide variety of] Talent" were (clockwise from upper left) Elaine Farie's Heimlich maneuver, performed on happy 'victim' Marsha Clayborne; Annika and John Wolfe's vocal/instrumental duo; Marsha's bio summary of Hopewell patriarch Elmer Brown; and instrumental music by the Lawhon family (Seth – piano; Pete – piano; Sara Lawhon – trumpet and Ryan Rupp – organ; and Gina – piano).



## Evelyn's Baptism – March 19

Evelyn Ruth Hartney was baptized by Pastor Lee Cubie in the presence of many loving family members, including parents Adam and Jessica (Butler) Hartney, big brother Isaac Hartney, and proud grandmother Barb Butler. Bill Lawhon and Audra Cubie assisted with the service.





### Kroger Community Rewards – Barb Butler/Linda Joseph

If you've not joined the program, please consider signing up! If you're already a member, you must renew annually by August. The rewards program has benefitted Hopewell UMC by more than \$1,523.39 since enrolling in December 2013.

1. Sign in or create a new account at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
2. Once signed in you can enroll or update your Community Rewards under your account. Your sign in name must be the same name that's on your Kroger Plus card.
3. Enter your e-mail address and a password; verify it.
4. Answer the questions.
5. Enter Hopewell UMC's NPO #91901.

After your account is established, you can enroll your account for community rewards to Hopewell UMC. You also have options to load digital coupons on your Kroger card for additional savings. Contact Barb or Linda if you have any questions. Good luck! And thank you!

### Irma Newland Appreciation Sunday – March 12

We saluted and thanked Irma for 11 years of service as organist and pianist at Hopewell with a potluck luncheon, gifts, and cards. Barb Butler provided the pansy arrangement, and Erika Kanuckel-Wolfe prepared a beautiful cake. We



thank God for her music that filled the sanctuary and our hearts for so many years.



### Piano recital – March 26

Four Hopewell youth, students of Barb Brodbeck, performed piano solos in a recital at Mulberry St. UMC. The Hopewell musicians (*back row, from left to right*) are Natalie Gourley, Leah Gourley, Gina Lawhon, and Pete Lawhon.



## Highlights of Church Council Meeting

A group of 12 met on March 19 to hear reports and discuss the business of Hopewell UMC. Finance, Pastor-Parish and UMW reports are summarized elsewhere in this newsletter.

Trustees:

1. Spring Cleanup will be scheduled for May 6 from 9 AM to 2 PM.
2. Wiring and lighting need to be upgraded, and trustees are inviting ideas on locating outlets and lights and are calling on a lighting expert for advice—with priority to preserving the architectural integrity. They requested and were granted a budget of up to \$15K for the project.
3. The fuel oil furnace will need to be replaced, probably within two years. Ohio Cumberland (Mark Ramser) has offered to run the gas line under two roads to the church at no charge—a savings of at least \$8K. A natural gas furnace could be in place by next heating season. The system would require ductwork changes but would retain the current grates...and would include air conditioning. Trustees were granted a budget of \$7,500 for the project.
4. Cabinets and countertops, being planned for the north wall of the Sunday school room, would include plumbing for a (future) sink and outlets for multiple crockpots. Trustees will gather estimates for the project.
5. Projects completed in the past two years include: roofing, drainage, parking, painting, bell restoration, and sound system.

Pastor Lee reviewed the list of committee assignments (to be published in a future newsletter). Some committees need more members.

Old business: Bill reported on progress in restoring broken tombstones in the cemetery, a project which he, his hired hand Ivan, and grandson Seth have undertaken.

New business: Bill has developed an 'Evangelism Plan' for contacting neighbors, friends, acquaintances, and former members—with a goal of bringing others to Christ and increasing membership at HUMC. A number of ideas were offered, e.g., find new neighbors through realtors and county auditor; hold special events; visit neighbors with something in hand; and promote the benefits of a small church family.

