

# 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.*

*May - June 2014*

### **Pastor's Ponderings** – *Rev. Don Newland*

We could say any one of the three..."time to re-split the atom," "time to go to Mars," or "time to actually achieve world peace."

The fact is, in a year (more or less) we will be in celebration mode for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of our venerable church building. Now, this means that we can choose to do as little (patch here, patch there) or as creatively much as we design in making this a time of achievement and celebration. Also, as a congregation, we surely should plan to make this year to 18 months a time of both physical and spiritual celebration—if you will—stronger building and stronger souls! The atom, Mars, world peace or too little to even celebrate, and we have a choice!

We have, in some measure, this time in our hands. I would suggest that opportunity is here for a revival, of sorts, in our House and personal "houses." You all know that I am not particularly a "revival" preacher, but perhaps I can be of help in the next couple of months in laying some longer range plans to facilitate many great things, good things, holy things, to happen! Tell me what you think! Remember, "failing to plan is planning to fail."



### **Introducing Rev. Lee Cubie** – *Barb Butler, PPR Committee Chair*

Please extend a warm Hopewell welcome to Rev. Lee Cubie, who will be appointed as pastor of South Vernon and Hopewell United Methodist churches, effective July 1. Born in Corbin, KY, in 1955, Rev. Cubie (pronounced "Koo'bee") graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1973 and stayed in the area while completing his pastoral studies. His parents were both professors at Mt. Vernon Nazarene College. Before being appointed to Howard UMC, Lee was active at Epworth UMC (Gambier) as lay leader and adult Sunday school teacher as well as pulpit supply at Mt. Liberty UMC. In addition to serving at Howard UMC since 2007, Rev Cubie has his own carpentry



business (1988 – present).

He married his wife, Audra, in 2004. He has two adult children. Audra earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Kenyon College and completed advanced studies in City and Regional Planning. She recently returned to school to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Rev. Cubie's strengths for ministry include:

- Preaching: His sermons are based on the supremacy of Scripture
- Christian Education/Small Groups: He values small group discussion and Bible Studies. He stresses the importance of personal devotions and prayer.
- Missions/Outreach: He actively seeks opportunities to engage with the community in service projects and works of compassion.
- Ministry Gifts
  - Preaching and writing
  - Devotional Study
  - Empathy
  - Helpfulness
  - Craftsmanship

The ecumenical view of John Wesley, that God calls the world to Himself through all of His churches, as well as Wesley's understanding that salvation should be a personal experience, combine to embody Rev. Cubie's view of ministry. "I believe that reconciliation begins with unfettered examination of our faith guided through the Spirit and informed by scriptures and personal experience."

Lee and Audra live in Gambier, where he served as a village Councilmember from 2002-2010. He has also served on the Knox County Planning Commission.

On April 23, District Superintendent Jim Humphrey introduced Rev. Lee and Audra to the PPR Committees from Hopewell and South Vernon churches...and the PPR committees to each other. After a question-and-answer period and discussion, the committees and the Cubies prayerfully considered and accepted the appointment and the "yoking" of the two charges. Some details of the yoking were discussed, e.g., general financial responsibilities of each congregation and the occasional joint meetings of the two PPR committees.

Rev. Cubie's first sermon with us will be on July 6. Other details of the appointment and yoking of the two churches, e.g., worship times, will be shared as they are developed. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact one of the PPR members: Barb Butler, Jean Riley, Bev Lahmon, Ellen Kaiser, Don Russell, or Linda Joseph.

*Thanks to 3Rivers District for providing  
Rev. Cubie's biographical information*

**Financial Statement** -- Barb Butler, Treasurer  
as of 4-18-2014

Checking Account

Beginning balance 2-28-14	\$14,001.10
Receipts	\$9,774.01
Disbursements	\$(5,967.80)
Checking Balance 4-18-14	\$17,807.31

Building Fund Saving/certificates \$22,182.15

Financial Note: The church received a Memorial contribution in memory of Margaret Eaton and a very generous contribution from Beverly Lahmon in memory of her son, Tim Lahmon.

### United Methodist Women Report -- Marsha Clayborne, UMW Secretary/Treasurer

The UMW met at the Route 13 Stop on Thursday April 10 for lunch. Seven members were present and Barb Butler opened the meeting with a prayer. Barb conducted the meeting, and dues and missions were collected. Marsha Clayborne gave the secretary and treasurer's report. Bev Lahmon gave a thank you card to the UMW for the flowers, cards, prayers, and calls. Old business was discussed about how many of the ultimate cloths were sold. With new business, the group talked about ideas for UMW Sunday. Ellen Kaiser suggested maybe Mother's Day or Father's Day. We should talk to Don Newland to see what plans he has for the group. New officers for the year were discussed, and everyone made it unanimous to keep the same positions. The meeting was adjourned. Barb Butler had the group play a game called "Bible Number Quiz". Jean Riley won the prize. Another game was played, called "Easter Egg Guessing Game." Marsha Clayborne won that prize. Barb read a beautiful devotional called, "A New Beginning" from one of the Easter Ideals magazine. Spring is finally here.

### A Hopewell History Moment – from the 1881 *History of Knox County, Ohio* compiled by N. N. Hill, Jr. <https://archive.org/details/historyofknoxcou00hill>

Hopewell Methodist Episcopal church is situated on the East Union road, one mile west of the east line of the township. Its history cannot be obtained. The following facts are all that can be ascertained in reference to it. The present structure—a frame thirty-six by forty feet—was built under the auspices of Rev. Allen Moffat, in 1855. The present number of members is forty-three. The class-leaders are William Smith and David B. Kerr. A Sunday-school of thirty-five scholars is attached to this church. Michael Noon is superintendent.

### To Benefit Hopewell's Treasury...

Please renew your annual membership in the Kroger Community Rewards by updating at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) or call Linda Joseph (740-326-6272) or Barb Butler (740-398-9868).

### Vision Team Meeting – Bob Joseph

It's past time for the Vision Team to

- a) update progress on team-suggested initiatives and
- b) look ahead once more.

Let's plan to meet on **Wednesday, May 14, 6 PM at Allison's Finer Diner,** 11587 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mt. Vernon. All are welcome to attend, even if this would be the first time.



"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood."  
--Daniel Burnham, the architect who, along with John Root, planned the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.



### How Church Dollars are Spent -- reprinted from 3Rivers District Newsletter

When you put a dollar in the regular offering at your church...

- 90 cents will remain at your local church for your church to decide how to spend
- About 8 cents will go to support programs in the district, annual (regional) conferences and jurisdictions\*
- 2 cents will go to support the denomination's seven apportioned funds\*\*

\*Because of the different ways annual conferences fund their clergy pension and health benefits, the actual percentage of local church spending going to apportionments can vary significantly from conference to conference. In annual conferences where these benefits are apportioned (rather than direct billed), the percentage of all local church spending for apportionments can range as high as 13 percent.

\*\* This distribution does not include special offerings your church might take up such as collections for Special Sundays or Advance designated giving to disaster relief.

### Thank God for Little Things

Thank You, God, for little things  
that often come our way,  
The things we take for granted  
but don't mention when we pray,  
The unexpected courtesy,  
the thoughtful, kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to help us  
in the time of sudden need.  
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,  
of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet surprise"  
from never-dreamed-of places.

--by Helen Steiner Rice  
(submitted by Eleanor Doup)



### Please pray for

- the children of HUMC (and the world) that they may know love, safety, and security.
- Hopewell United Methodist Church and the churches of Knox County.
- persons in our community who are living with fear, discomfort, and disease.
- our men and women in uniform and their families.
- the nations and their government leaders, dealing with increased tensions and violence.
- the families of those whose loved ones have been lost in disasters.
- the silent hurts, needs and concerns that all of us bear.

### May and June Birthdays

May 7	Bitsi Gourley
May 12	Phyllis Gourley
May 19	John Wolfe
Jun 10	Erin Lawhon
Jun 20	Greg Yashnyk
Jun 24	Lee Cubie
Jun 29	Annika Kanuckel Wolfe

## Worship Committee – Irma Newland

The Worship Committee met for an organizational session following a morning worship service in March. The following members were present: Marsha Clayborne, Bob Joseph, Irma Newland and John Wolfe. Bob and Irma will chair the group.

Discussion ensued concerning aspects of enhancing the worship services. One focus was on special music with suggestions of persons within our own congregation as well as outside persons taking part. Thought was also given to upcoming Lenten and Easter services.

Members of the Committee were active participants in those services. No Ash Wednesday service was held due to snowy weather, but the ash element was used the following Sunday by Rev. Don to usher in the Lenten season.

Marsha provided palms for Palm Sunday. She and Irma helped Rev. Don with the Maundy Thursday sacrificial meal. Bob was instrumental in ordering the Good Friday observance with a number of readers involved.

An Easter sunrise service at 7:00 AM found our group of followers gathered around an outdoor fire, prepared by Ellen Kaiser and Bill Lawhon, to observe a "morning like the first morning." The Wolfe Family Trio (John, Annika, and Rylanne) presented special music for the early service. The ladies then served a great breakfast.

The later service opened with the Hopewell OPT (organ, piano, trumpet) Trio with Irma, Joanne

Purcell, and Sara Lawhon participating. Rev. Don led both of the morning services. An aggregate attendance of 111 persons participated in the Holy Week/Easter services.



### Follow Hopewell UMC...

...on the Web:

[www.mvhopewellumc.org](http://www.mvhopewellumc.org)

(Thanks to Ryan Rupp for setting up this new site, which we can use to reach out to the community.)

...on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/HopewellUMCMtVernon](http://www.facebook.com/HopewellUMCMtVernon)

### “Thank You” Notes

To Our Hopewell Family,  
Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for Isaac on the day of his baptism. It was so unexpected and so very thoughtful. It make the day all that much more special. We appreciate it all so much. Thank you, again.

*Adam, Jessica and Isaac Hartney*

Friends of Hopewell Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for the wonderful and delicious desserts you provided for Tim’s memorial service. Thank you for the love and support you have shown our family in this time of loss and sorrow and especially to our dear, sweet Beverly.

Thank you for your love and kindness.

Blessings,

*Wendi Lahmon and Family*

Hopewell Church:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent for Tim. Thank you for your prayers. Your kindness in a special way brought God’s blessing to my day.

*Bev, The Family of Tim Lahmon*

To Hopewell United Methodist Church:

I want to “Thank You” very much for the beautiful flowers while I was at the Laurels. Thank you again.

*Virginia Skinner*

### HUMC Photo Album March – April 2014



Rev. Don Newland baptized Isaac Lee Hartney, son of Adam and Jessica Butler Hartney on 3/23/2014.



Three Lawhon grandchildren assisted Rev. Don by displaying interpretive paintings of Jesus.



John and Erika, Annika and Rylanne Wolfe became HUMC members on Easter morning.



At sunrise on Easter morning, the early and faithful gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.



More than 25 HUMC volunteers worked to make the CES Credit Union dinner a successful fund-raiser.



The rhubarb pie began disappearing a little early.



The serving line was set and ready to serve about 350 guests at the dinner, served on 4/14.