

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.*

November - December 2013

Do You Have Time? -- *Pastor David Havens*

We all have the same amount of time. But the demands on our time vary from person to person. Being a good manager of our God-given gift of time can be a big challenge. We hurry the kids to school, straighten the house, put the evening meal in the oven on time bake, leave for work...then sometimes struggle with what is on the day's work agenda...fight traffic, try to squeeze some time together to eat a quick meal and pay some bills, then off to more meetings and activities later to return home hoping to unwind enough to get some quality rest, only to repeat the process day after day! Some retired people tell me it is often not a whole lot different for them either!



We even race to church, falling into the pew or chair to catch our breath! But soon our minds are filled with thoughts of activities planned for the rest of the day and the coming week. Just relaxing by lingering in God's presence to soak up the presence on the LORD in the heartfelt worship may seem like a luxury, something wonderful that we know is very precious, very important, but something that we feel we really cannot afford because such an activity takes time. We feel spent, all washed out from the week's demands so we pass up the opportunity. But does this approach work? Are we really better off? If we are not careful, the that is to be set aside for worship, rest, and refreshment for body, mind, and spirit just becomes another hectic day. If we are not careful, we can leave our lives spiritually malnourished, which in turn affects our mind and body as well as our nervous system. The mind becomes weary, the body exhausted, the spirit weak. Too heavy a load is put on our nervous system. We live on the edge. As a result relationships suffer. And with the spirit in weakened condition, we too easily give in to temptation in a vain search to find relief. Somehow we forget that they who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength. (cf. Isaiah 40:31 a KJV)

Could it be that we over schedule ourselves? We often feel we have no time for the things we really want to do. Reading stories to our children, taking a vacation, or strolling through the park are luxuries we feel we can't afford because of the time they take. We may not even take

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time to nurture our relationship with the LORD. Yet, if we don't attend to this vital, essential part of our daily life, when will we? By whose time do we set our watch, make our agenda, mark our calendar? Is it by the World's Standard Time, the world's way of doing things that ignores those elements that are most important? Or do we live by God's Standard Time, by setting aside time for the things in life that matter most?

The problem may very well be that we often over schedule ourselves. Perhaps the need is to make some adjustments, even cut back in certain areas, maybe deciding between several agenda items. But beware! We need to be on guard lest we make the mistake that some have made by cutting back or cutting out the time set aside for worshipping the LORD with other Christian believers and the time we spend in our personal devotions. Those are cutbacks that we cannot afford to make or, if they have already been made, cutbacks that we cannot afford to continue making.

"Lean on, trust and be confident in the LORD with all your heart and mind, and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all our ways know, recognize and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear and worship the LORD, and turn [entirely] away from evil. It shall be health to your nerves and sinews, and marrow and moistening to your bones." Proverbs 3:5-8 (Amplified)

Hope to see you at Sunday School and Worship!

Happy All Hallow Even! -- Don Russell, Chairman of Administrative Council

Did you know that "Halloween" is a shortened form of all Hallow Even (All Saints' Day Eve), and that All Saints' Day is recognized by Western liturgical churches as a Christian feast in honor of all the saints, celebrated since 1549?

We know from our readings of scripture that many of the saints were ordinary, if not reluctant people who were inspired by God to transform the world by their actions.

We, as Christians, should be aware that we too are just ordinary people who may, through our acts and interactions, "make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ and minister to others in His name."

We can make a difference in our world by simple acts of love, kindness, and consideration of others, i.e., contributing to food bank; participating in crop walk; visiting others who are ill; and just by being good examples for others by our prayers and deeds.

Happy All Hallow Even!

Calvin
and
Hobbes



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

The UMW met at the Parkside Restaurant on October 8 at 1:00 p.m. Seven members were present. Barb Butler was the hostess. The minutes and treasury report were given followed by dues, missions, and birthday money collected. Joan Coon suggested that we sell the Miracle Cloths again. Barb will see if we could order a minimum of 50 at a time. The coat drive deadline will be the end of October. A yearly total of \$100 is given to the East Ohio Conference Three Rivers District from the UMW for mission giving and call to prayer and self-denial. Members voted to support the CROP walkers from Hopewell UMC with \$50. The UMW would also pay for the meals of the pastor and his wife at the Mullet Dinner in November. The group would get together before the Trim-a-Tree to make treat bags for the children at Christmas. The date for the Trim-a-Tree will be Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is to bring some kind of finger food for the party. Barb had the group play a game called "The Cake Game". Everyone had to match the right word to the right name to the cake; prizes were won by Ellen Kaiser and Eleanor Doup. In another game, "Guess the Weight of the Candy Corn in a Jar," Joan Coon and Marsha Clayborne won the prizes. Barb's devotions were titled "Recipe for Friendship", with a chocolate chip cookie inside a plastic bag. The recipe said to mix all ingredients thoroughly and bake with love. To the group, Joan Coon and Eleanor Doup gave burlap fabric pumpkins which they had made. Barb closed the meeting with prayer.

Thanks to the Berans -- *submitted by Don*

Newland

Our thanks to Joe and Katie Beran for the great ladder which they made as a gift to the church just before leaving for their new assignment. We have not had a ladder of this quality for many years. Thanks to the Berans!

Thanks to the Lawhons...

...for hosting the Community Get-together at their farm on Oct 12. Many neighbors and friends, including Hopewell church families, enjoyed food, fun, fishing and fellowship at their home on Beckholt Road.

Please pray for

- our neighbors who struggle financially to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- our men and women in uniform and their families.
- all persons on our prayer list and prayer chain.
- Hopewell United Methodist Church and Pastor David and Karen
- our government leaders and our nation.
- college students at Kenyon and MVNU.
- the unspoken hurts, needs and concerns of us all.

Financial Statement -- *as of 9/30/2013,* *submitted by Barb Butler*

Beginning Balance 1/1/2013	\$6,031.65
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$27,235.88
Year-to Date Disbursements	<u>(\$25,155.79)</u>
Balance as of 9/30/2013	\$8,111.74
Bldg Fund Savings / Certificates	\$21,087.03

Christmas Poem -- *by Mary Cryder,*

late aunt of Bob Joseph

The Light of Christmas

Comes sometimes when we are not looking
As it came to....

Noah, pounding away on his ark
Sure in the knowledge of rain
Job, refusing to be shaken
By the misery of his comforters
Jonah, sitting in gourd shade
Watching gourd weaken, worm grow

To us all, may it come again
And may we know it when we see it.

Community Leaders --Submitted by Don Newland

Recently, Greg Yashnyk and daughter Marissa took leadership in the Mt. Vernon area Walk for Alzheimer's...an effort to raise money in support of research toward the elimination of the worst effects of this severe health issue. The *Mt. Vernon News* published an excellent article on the Yashnyks. Greg and Amy often worship at Hopewell, and when Marissa is not required to work, she attends, too. Many thanks for making your faith an active, living Christian faith!

CROP Report: Don Walked, Marsha Rocked -- Report from Don Newland/Marsha Clayborne

Marsha Clayborne and Don Newland collected \$300 from generous Hopewell donors for the CROP Walk. Don represented this church by walking from the downtown square to Riverside Park with nearly 100 other volunteers from about a half dozen other churches. Over the years, Don has walked for CROP about 28 times! Meanwhile, back at her home, Marsha Clayborne supported CROP in an alternative way by rocking in her rocking chair for the duration of the walk.

Special Adult Sunday School features --Submitted by Don Newland

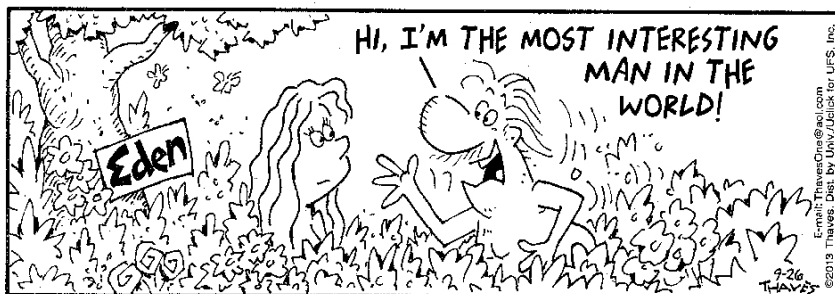
Beginning Sunday, October 20 and possibly through Sunday, November 2, the adult Sunday School class will be learning about how the Protestant Reformation came about, looking specifically at the persons of Martin Luther and John Wesley, Mr. Wesley being the "founder" of the people called Methodists. We will make full use of the scriptures as we make this study. If you do not normally attend the class, please join us to learn together. October 31 is All Saints Day which is seen as a key date in the beginning of the Reformation under Martin Luther.

Harvest Home and Home Coming --Submitted by Don Newland

In our church calendar, we are planning for Sunday, November 10 to be a celebration and time of thanks for the harvest and also a Sunday to invite others to attend worship, especially those who have in the past or more recently been part of the Hopewell congregation. Certainly not just for the sake of numbers, but could it be possible for us to achieve a "modern" attendance record on this Sunday? Think now concerning who you will invite and shepherd toward attending on that Sunday!

Frank & Ernest

BOB THAVES



Christmas Poem -- by Mary Cryder, late aunt of Bob Joseph

Some, checking workmanship
Of rough-hewn stable
Or judging quality of manger hay,
May not have even seen the Christ
Or worshipped Him that day.

'Twas there, of course, not here,
And then, of course, not now,
Priorities askew,
They did not bow.

Blessing of the Pets -- Karolyn Smith

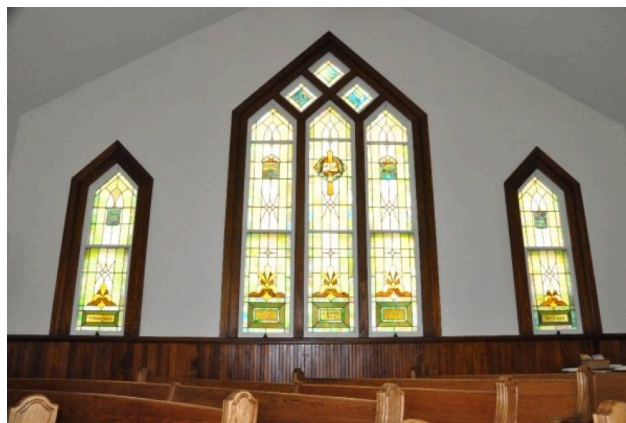
On October 13th at 2PM, the pets at Hopewell United Methodist Church were blessed by Pastor David Havens with assistance from Rev. Don Newland. There were six furry four-legged friends (dogs) who were blessed. Parker, Daisy, Jesse and Tara were among them. They were all bright-eyed and ready to be blessed. Many other pets (13-14) were blessed in spirit with their master proudly wearing (or holding) a picture of their pets. Three community people attended, two from Mt. Vernon and one from Beckholt Road. Pastor David said, "I encourage you to have a pet blessing every day, as you pray with and over our pets." Each pet received a certificate of blessing and a treat. The humans enjoyed refreshments. Thank you to all who participated or helped. *[Editor's note: Thanks to Karolyn and Mary Smith for proposing, planning and publicizing this activity.]*



A Hopewell History Moment: "Easier? Really?" -- from the 1976 history by Rev. Dale Epple

[In the late 1800's] the work of the pastors became simplified as the circuits became divided and roads better developed. Formerly in the earliest days of the circuits in the 1800's, the traveling elders, as they were called--those only who could administer the sacraments at will wherever they went--took upwards of two weeks to circumnavigate their areas. They kept their mounts saddled and their seats warm. But with the church having come so far, as well as the countryside having opened up so much since those early times, the pastor had an easier time of ministering.

1927 brought Amity under the Gambier Circuit during the pastorate of Rev. Harry Young. As a result of this change, the Gambier Charge once again increased to three preaching points. Sometime after 1949, Amity was transferred to a full station itself, and by 1951, no ties between Amity and Gambier-Hopewell are to be noted.



Nov-Dec "Things to Do" List

- *Sign up for Kroger community rewards (see Linda Joseph or Barb Butler)
- *Donate cold weather clothing to the UMW coat drive by Oct 31 (see Marsha Clayborne)
- *Invite someone to the Nov 10 Harvest Home and Home Coming celebration
- *Make a reservation to attend the Amish meal, sponsored by UMW on Nov 12 (see Bev Lahmon)
- *Dec 1: Help with the Hanging of the Greens
- *Dec 8 or 15th will be Advent Family Night. Watch the bulletin for details
- *Nov 3 and Dec 1: Communion Sundays. Bring food items for Interchurch Social Services food pantry

Note from (former HUMC Pastor) Elliott Bush

Sep 7, 2013

Hi, Hopewell Friends,

I see you have a new pastor and quite a few new and prospective members. Congratulations! You are obviously spreading the gospel effectively. We are still in the more than month-long process of moving into our condo in Upper Arlington. Still downsizing, too. No matter how much we gave away before we moved, we are still making regular trips to Goodwill with all the stuff that won't fit, and we wonder why we moved. The gospel lesson a couple of weeks ago was Jesus reminding us that our riches do not consist in our accumulations. Amen to that!

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Give us a few more weeks to get the pictures on the wall and a few more things put away and come and visit when you are in Columbus.

November and December Birthdays

Nov 2	Sara Lawhon	Dec 3	Jessie Gourley
14	Harold Hoagland	7	Joan Coon
17	Karen Havens	7	Joe Beran
24	Darren Stanton	7	Donna Spinks
29	Bob Joseph	18	Gabriel Schiavi
		24	Lucy Burwell
		25	Melody Schiavi

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