

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Hopewell UMC,

Greetings from the congregation at Hopewell United Methodist Church, where we are celebrating the centennial year of the current church building at the corner of Hopewell and Jacobs roads (20220 Hopewell Road): The cornerstone was laid on August 1, 1915, and the building was dedicated, debt-free, on April 30, 1916.

To commemorate the centennial and rededicate the church to God's service, we are planning special activities for the weekend of April 30-May 1:

Saturday, April 30 – The church will hold an **open house from 12-4 PM** with tours and light refreshments. Stop in for a few minutes and see this historic building, learn (and share) facts about early Knox county and the role of Hopewell church in the community, and enjoy some cookies and punch.

Sunday, May 1 – Please feel welcome to attend any or all activities of the day

- 8:30 AM Sunday school
- 9:30 AM Worship service – Pastor Lee Cubie
- 12:30 PM Lunch (no charge; **RSVP** to Bob Joseph at 614-565-1102)
- 1:30 PM Centennial celebration program – a time of sharing memories and honoring the faithfulness of our forebears.
- 2:30 PM Re-dedication service – a commitment to the next 100 years of celebrating God's love and grace, including ringing the church bell, which is being restored to the belfry.

Would you mark your calendar and plan to join us in the festivities? If you are not able to attend, you are invited to share thoughts and memories about Hopewell UMC and the community in a note to the congregation, c/o Bob Joseph, 241 Valleybrook Circle, Howard, OH 43028.

This congregation has been an important part of the community since 1832...and continues to "make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ, and minister to the needs of others in his name." If you would like to see what's happening at Hopewell UMC lately, please visit the Web site at <http://mvhopewellumc.org>.



Hopewell M.E. Church, c1920



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