

HOPEWELL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

'A Place to Find Hope and Be Well'

20220 Hopewell Road

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

October – November 2017

Pastor's Ponderings -- Pastor Lee Cubie

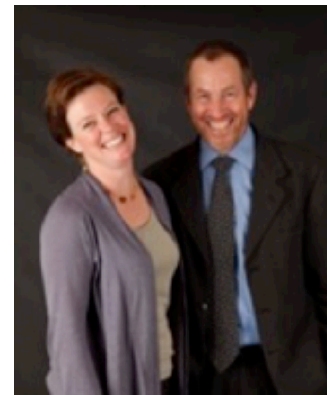
Day to Day

"...our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself." Philippians 3:20-21

Our faith in Christ is an expression of unique beauty. It truly is. It is a means in which peace and joy may enter our lives. What other facet of this human experience has been so wonderfully crafted to bring us face to face with love itself? Yet we still struggle to give it the time, the expression it deserves. This happens to me all the time. I am pressed with chores and obligations and I must be reminded from where my life comes. I tend to live day to day. But the beauty of our faith is that this day that I live in is not the final day. I am to be living, anticipating the next day.

I need to pause here and explain how I am using the word 'day.' The word 'day' in scriptures can be used to refer to daylight. It can refer to a 24-hour period. It can refer to an indefinite length of time. It can also refer to a new age. It is in the sense of a new age that I am using the word 'day.' It is the same way that Zechariah uses it after the birth of his son, John the Baptist, "A new day will dawn upon us from above because our God is loving and merciful." (Luke 1:78 GW) The new day, the new morning is used to describe God's blessings upon mankind. Anticipating the next day is my focus in Christ. I am to live more than one day at a time. I am to live in fullness of the coming day. This is how Paul can say, "Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." (Phil. 4:11 RSV) Paul is living in the promise of the new day as it dawns upon him. Again, Paul writes, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope; because creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Romans 8:18-21 RSV)

It is the promise of this new day that inspired not only the "great cloud of witnesses," but also our Lord and Savior, "Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of God." (Hebrews 12:2 RSV) The new day, the day that the Lord shall make and is making in us now. It is



this hope that is set before us, the full dawning of the new day, the resurrection of mankind and the end of futility for creation, that inspires Paul. He writes,

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” (Phil. 3:7-10 RSV)

Therefore, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:4-7 RSV)

Pastor-Parish Relations Report -- *Elaine Farie, PPR Chair*

Our LCPA (Local Church Profile Annual) information was reviewed with our district superintendent, Dr. Bradley Call, on Monday, September 25th at Gay Street Methodist Church at 6 p.m. The PPR Committee from South Vernon also attended.

We appreciate input from everyone. You are the parish.



United Methodist Women Report - *Marsha Clayborne, Secretary*

The UMW meeting was held at the home of Marsha Clayborne on Tuesday, August 8. Marsha recited the blessing for the eight members present. Barb Butler started the meeting and the secretary report was given along with dues and missions collected. The school supplies that were collected at church were distributed by Ellen Kaiser to the Columbia School. The UMW would like to thank everyone who donated these items for the children. Items for New Directions were given to Jean Riley. Thanks to the members for their donations. Barb talked to the group about UMW Sunday that will be on October 29. Ellen Kaiser adjourned the meeting. Devotions were read by Marsha about the rewards to heaven. Everyone received a nice crown after they read a scripture verse. The UMW picnic will be Tuesday September 12 at 5:30 at the Gambier Shelter House [subsequently moved to Hopewell Church due to weather]. The UMW will furnish the beverages and tableware. Please bring a covered dish and silent auction items. Bev Lahmon and Virginia Skinner will host the next meeting on Tuesday, October 10.

UMW/Church Family Picnic – *Marsha Clayborne*

The UMW/Church Family Picnic was held at the Hopewell Church on Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30. There were around 25 people that attended the event for the great food, fun, and fellowship. [Ed. note: No one went home hungry!] Pastor Lee Cubie gave the blessing. Bob Joseph was the auctioneer, and Adam and Pete Lawhon were the runners for the evening. Thank you, Bob, Adam and Pete for a wonderful job. The UMW would like to thank all of you all for raising the \$200.00 on the donated items and to those who gave generously.

Hopewell's Foundation Families – Luella Warman – by Marsha Clayborne

[Ed. note: This article is another product of Marsha's research about families who are memorialized in the beautiful stained glass windows at Hopewell Church.]

Luella Warman was born south of Mt. Vernon in 1863. Her father and mother were Alfred (1838-1914) and Matilda McKibben (1840-1903) Warman. She had many brothers and sisters. The Warmans were well known in Pleasant Township. Warman's steam gristmill and sawmill were located on Martinsburg Road 5 miles southeast of Mount Vernon. The original structure was a Mulay sawmill built by the Bell brothers in 1850 and operated by them for a few years. The Bells sold the mill to Mr. Graham, who sold it to John Warman Sr. in 1860. Mr. Warman operated it until 1865, until John Warman Jr. purchased it from his father. The original mill burnt down in 1866. After the erection of the new mill, Mr. Warman added a pair of wheat buhrs.

The Warman family had attended Pleasant Hill Christian Church, which was organized in 1845 and was active for more than 40 years. It stood on part of the Ed Breece farm, along State Route 586, and was abandoned before the 1930's. Luella died at the age of 77 in 1940. She was a member of Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church (now Hopewell UM Church) and is buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery where most of her family is buried and where the Pleasant Hill church she attended no longer exists.



Nursing Outreach Ministry -- Elaine Farie

Occasionally members from within our congregation can be undergoing illnesses that remind us that no one is guaranteed a lifetime without the “unexpected.”

We believe God is the Great Physician, and Prayer is a Powerful Medicine. God Bless us as we Trust and Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Knox County CROP Walk, Sunday, October 15 at Riverside Park.

Registration at 1:30 p.m. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. from Riverside Park to the Public Square and back.

Looking to make a difference in our local community and in communities worldwide, the Knox County CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal of 100 walkers and hopes to raise \$10,000 to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce or eliminate hunger. A portion of the funds raised here in Knox County will go to Interchurch Social Services food pantry.

Last year 50 walkers raised more that \$6,000 through the CROP Hunger Walk. This year Knox County CROP Walk and some 1,000 other communities nationwide are joining together in interfaith CROP Hunger Walks around the theme “Ending hunger one step at a time.” Many of the Walkers will be proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live – as well as with the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks.

From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks are fighting hunger. You may give your donations to Marsha Clayborne or Erica Wolfe. Thank you.

-- Contributed by Marsha Clayborne



Prayer Chain -- Marsha Clayborne

The prayer chain is a way for people to share their joys and concerns within the congregation. Here is how it works: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call the first person on the prayer chain, Marsha Clayborne. She will then call the pastor, and so on down the chain. If you get a call on the chain and call the next person but no one answers, please leave a message on his or her voicemail about who needs prayer; then call the next person on the list. If you want to be added to or taken off the prayer chain list of callers, please let Marsha know. Thank you.

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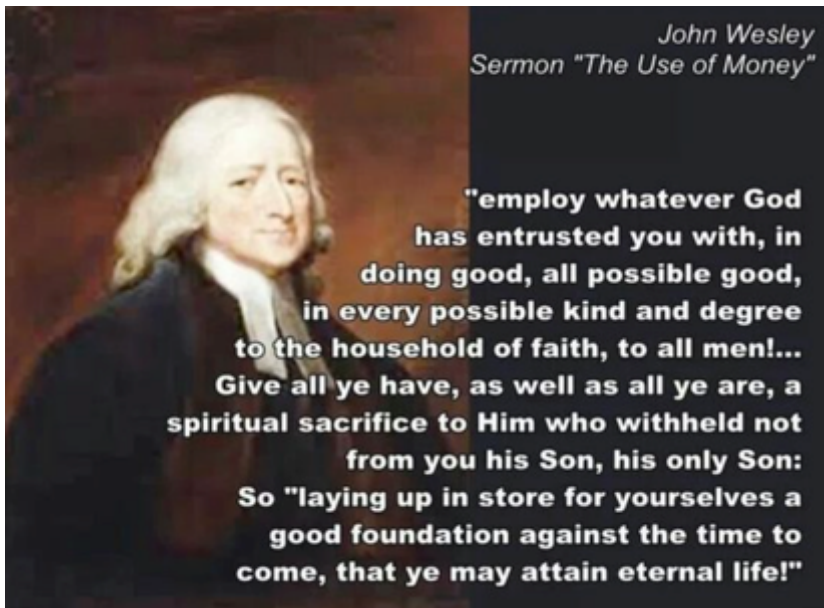
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Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a strong preaching on the devil.

One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?'

The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'



Special Events in October – November:

Tuesday, October 10 – UMW meeting, 1 PM
 Sunday, October 15 – Crop Walk, 1:30 PM
 Sunday, October 29 – UMW Sunday, 9:30 Worship service
 Sunday, November 5 – Scioto Ridge Boys concert, 1:30PM
 Sunday, November 5 – Charge Conference, 4 PM, at Mulberry Street UMC

Birthdays

October

5 Shirley Hughes
 8 Ellie Purcell
 17 Pete Lawhon
 18 Bev Lahmon
 19 Erika Kanuckel-Wolfe
 21 Aubrey Purcell
 22 Elaine Farie

November

2 Sara Lawhon
 10 Wendy Cedoz
 13 Vitold Uscilowski
 22 Gary Hughes
 29 Bob Joseph

Hopewell Family Photos...



Happy 90th Birthday, Jean Riley!

Family and friends of Jean gathered at Hopewell Church for celebration and food on September 16. Jean grew up in the church and continues to live a life of service to the Lord and to her family and church.

Photo credits to Kimberly Butcher Smith who posted on Facebook.



Capital campaign dollars at work

The electrical wiring/outlet update was almost complete as of early September. New 200-amp service and breaker box (*far left*) are installed (we previously had just 60 amp service). New outlets in the "Sunday School" room have been installed and the old outlets are being replaced throughout. The air conditioner (*compressor at near left*) and natural gas furnace are installed and ready for summer's heat or winter's cold. Lighting update/project still to come.

-Thanks to Hopewell trustee John Wolfe for photos and facts.

The Entire Bible Explained In One Facebook Post. This Guy Nails It.



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Holy Bible: the TL;DR version (too long; didnt read)

GENESIS

God: All right, you two, don't do the one thing. Other than that, have fun.

Adam & Eve: Okay.

Satan: You should do the thing.

Adam & Eve: Okay.

God: What happened!?

Adam & Eve: We did the thing.

God: Guys..

THE REST OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

God: You are my people, and you should not do the things.

People: We won't do the things.

God: Good.

People: We did the things.

God: Guys....

THE REST OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

God: You are my people, and you should not do the things.

People: We won't do the things.

God: Good.

People: We did the things.

God: Guys....

THE GOSPELS

Jesus: I am the Son of God, and even though you have done the things, the Father and I still love you and want you to live. Don't do the things anymore.

Healed people: Okay! Thank you!

Other people: We've never seen him do the things, but he probably does the things when no one is looking.

Jesus: I have never done the things.

Other people: We're going to put you on trial for doing the things.

Pilate: Did you do the things?

Jesus: No.

Pilate: He didn't do the things.

Other people: Kill him anyway.

Pilate: Okay.

Jesus: Guys....

PAUL'S LETTERS

People: We did the things.

Paul: Jesus still loves you, and because you love Him, you have to stop doing the things.

People: Okay.

PAUL'S LETTERS PART II

People: We did the things again.

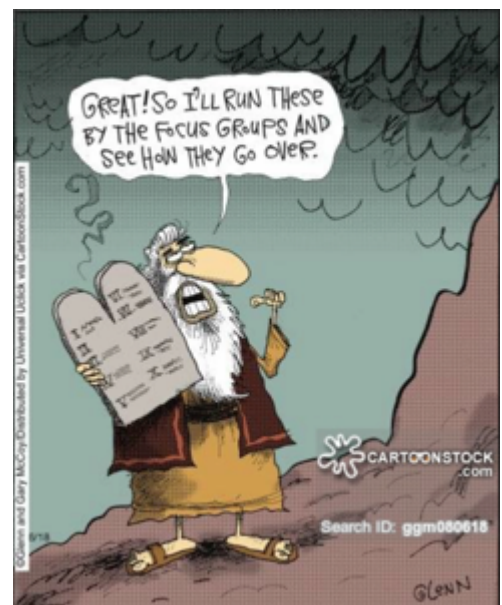
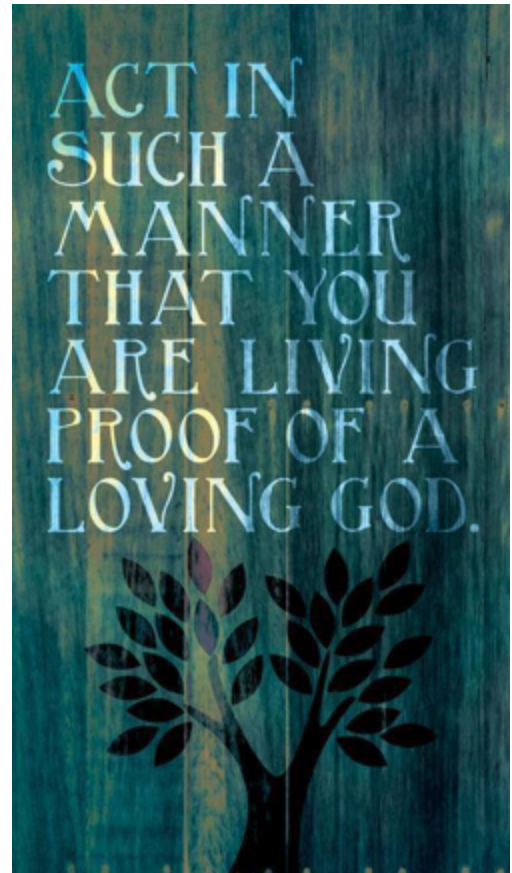
Paul: Guys.....

REVELATION

John: When Jesus comes back, there will be no more people who do the things. In the meantime, stop doing the things.

THE END

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Acolytes...

...have been part of the church in one form or another for nearly 2,000 years.

The word *acolyte* comes from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning follower, a helper or assistant. In the early church, acolytes were a clerical order. Acolytes carry into worship the light, processional cross, banners or Bible and assist the pastor with communion, baptism and other duties. **Children and youth often serve as acolytes**, but adults can serve as well.

"Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world'" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Many congregations use two candles on the altar to point out that Jesus was both a human being and God. At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. ... This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve."

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A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five- and six-year-olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill....'

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a babysitter.'

"Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel."



Gospel Quartet to Sing at Hopewell UM Church

The Scioto Ridge Boys gospel quartet will present a one-hour concert at Hopewell United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 5 at 1:30 PM.

Through the joyful gift of music, the Scioto Ridge Boys gospel quartet delivers a spirit-filled message of God's love and grace. Since 1992 when they began singing the praises of the Lord, many people have heard their witness and message of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beginning in their home church, Scioto Ridge United Methodist in Hilliard, Ohio, the Scioto Ridge Boys have sung at the Ohio State Fair, the Indiana State Fair, Lancaster Campground, the Lakeside Association at Hoover Auditorium, West Ohio Annual Conference and General Conference of the United Methodist Church, several West Ohio Methodist events, as well as many churches, retirement centers, and community events—nearly 500 venues—in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

The ensemble of Mark Snider (tenor), Barry Weaver (tenor), Bob Houston (baritone) and Bob Joseph (bass) blends traditional and contemporary Southern Gospel selections in their concerts. Audiences enjoy the joyful, enthusiastic, sometimes humorous, yet vital, witness that the Scioto Ridge Boys deliver in their performances, along with close melodic harmony and lyrical interpretations.

The quartet has recorded favorite songs in seven CD projects, including the 2016 release, "So Richly Blessed," which features the SRBoys with some fantastic instrumental arrangements by Emmy^R-award winning producer, Dave Powers. Proceeds from CD sales support projects and missions within the church and community and around the world.

If you like good old-time, close vocal harmony, you'll surely enjoy the music of the Scioto Ridge Boys.

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Singing the promise of God's hope and love

Scioto Ridge Boys

Gospel Concert



Bob Joseph Mark Snider Barry Weaver Bob Houston

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2020 Hopewell Road, Mt. Vernon OH

Sunday, November 5, 2017

1:30 PM Concert

Free will offering

Refreshments