

# 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.*

*June-July 2018*

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

#### **Encounter**

One of the basic questions in the Bible is "How do we encounter God?" The Bible is full of stories of how people encounter God. They begin in the Garden of Eden, where God walked with Adam and Eve. Cain encounters God, when God speaks to Cain about the anger in his heart. Noah encounters God, when he hears a voice asking him to build an ark. Abraham encountered God, when God pronounced a covenant with Abraham promising him a son. That son is Isaac who continues in God's covenant with Abraham. Isaac's son Jacob encounters God when he wrestles the angel and is given a new name, Israel, which means, 'the one who has prevailed with God.' In these stories, people encounter God, not of their own working, but because God made it happen. And he encountered them in the choices they made and in taking care of them.

The following article, written by the Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary, Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church, is a reminder that people are still encountering God in their choices and in their daily care. Therefore, as we enter into the season after Pentecost, when we have been entrusted by God to be his ambassadors, let us take to heart the recommendations of Rev. Dotson in his article, entitled "It's All about Relationships."

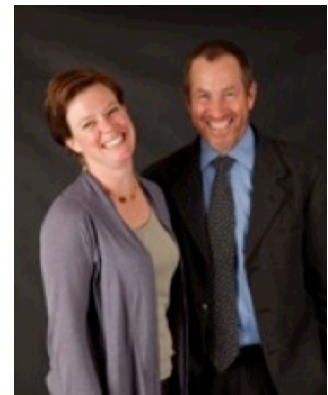
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#### **It's All about Relationships** – by Rev. Junius B. Dotson (reprinted with permission)

As you have been developing your personal sense of discipleship – both being a disciple and working to make disciples – you have undoubtedly developed some new relationships with people outside your church family. I hope some of these new relationships are with people who, frankly, make you a little uncomfortable.

Look at Wesley's General Rules in the Discipleship guide:

1. **Do no harm** by avoiding evil of every kind.
2. **Do good** as often as you can to as many as you can (to their bodies and to their souls).
3. **Practice the means of grace** taught to the disciples by Jesus.



The first two are pretty self-explanatory. Doing no harm and doing good are basic positive traits for humanity.

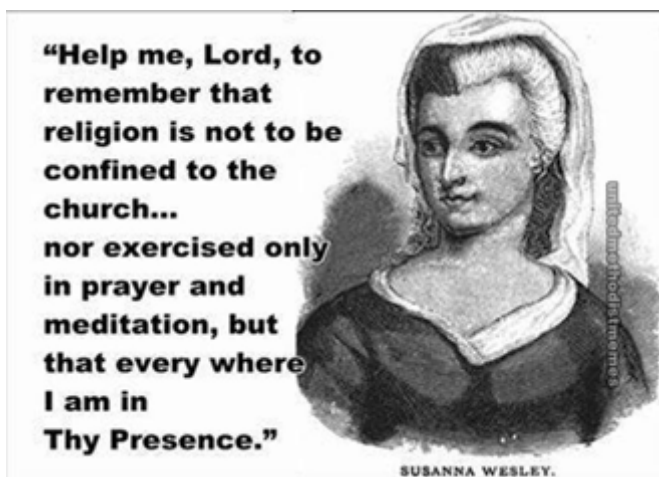
But what about the *means of grace*? They get more specific. They are divided into works of mercy and works of piety. Outward and inward discipleship. Let's look at the outward.

Those works of mercy that John Wesley taught and encouraged are actions. They require us to get outside. People not of our faith will see these. Regardless of their acceptance of Christianity in general or United Methodism in particular, people can't help but see these as actions that help humanity.

Look at these works and consider how you, your church and your family can make a positive impact on your community.

- Feeding the hungry – Can you discover whom in your community is at risk of hunger and who can join you – or who can you join – to help them?
- Clothing the naked – Can you supply warm coats or jackets to people whose clothing is inadequate for the weather?
- Caring for the sick – Can you drive people to doctor appointments or provide respite care?
- Visiting those in prison – Can you go and just sit and talk with someone incarcerated, proving they aren't forgotten?
- Sheltering the homeless – Can your church building offer a warm meal and a place to sleep?
- Welcoming the stranger – Can you befriend a lonely newcomer to your town who needs a new friend?
- Peacemaking – Can this start with something as simple as walking through a neighborhood outside your own to see all the people and just start conversations?
- Serving the common good – Can you think of something--just one thing--you can do that will help everyone?

All these works of mercy involve being in a relationship. You can do it. Get out there and show people the works of Jesus.

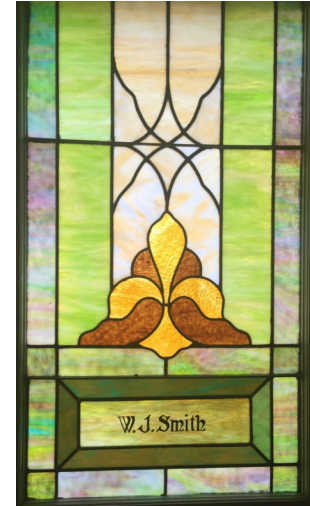


### Hopewell's Foundation Families – *William J. Smith* – by Marsha Clayborne

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

William J. Smith was born February 7, 1831, in New Jersey to James and Frances Smith. His father James was born in Ireland in 1798. The Smith family moved to Knox County and located a farm in Pleasant Township of 200 acres.

William J. married Susanna C. Baker, and they had six children: Addie, Leroy, Olive, Harry, Walter, and Lura. William J. and his family were active at the Hopewell Church and also the Pleasant Grange. William J. was one of the most highly respected citizens of Knox County. He was a member and a trustee of the church and also represented Hopewell as their class leader. He was a charter member, lecturer, and chaplain of Pleasant Grange. The earliest list of members at the Hopewell Church is recorded in 1876 in the Gambier Circuit Record. William J Smith died in 1904 and is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery along with other family members.



### United Methodist Women Report - Marsha Clayborne, Secretary

The UMW met at the home of Joan Coon and Eleanor Doup on Tuesday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. The eight members met for lunch and Joan blessed the meal. After the luncheon the group played a game called "Left and Right". A gift bag was given to each of the members. Barb started the meeting, and the secretary and treasury reports were given along with dues and missions collected.

The Sunday morning children's bags were discussed, and Marsha Clayborne and Joan Coon agreed to collect the items for the bags.

The UMW/Church family picnic will be Tuesday evening June 12 at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the shelter house in Gambier behind the Gambier Community Center. A silent auction will be held and everyone is to bring items to be auctioned off and a covered dish. The UMW will furnish the tableware and the beverages.

Ellen Kaiser adjourned the meeting, and Joan and Eleanor started the program. The members were asked to bring a picture of their mother and a "saying" that she said frequently. Games were played called "Mothers of the Bible" and "What a Mother Is." Jean Riley and Ellen Kaiser won the prizes. Eleanor Doup read devotions from Exodus 20:12, and Joan read two articles from the book "Perceptions" and about the two wolves.



**“Lest We Forget”** – adapted from History <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

#### EARLY OBSERVANCES OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country’s first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.



*Adam Lawhon continues the tradition of placing flags at veterans' graves in Hopewell cemetery.*

#### DECORATION DAY

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn’t the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Many Northern states held similar commemorative events and reprised the tradition in subsequent years; by 1890 each one had made Decoration Day an official state holiday. Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I.

#### HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



### Hopewell Family Photo



**Seth Lawhon** is captured looking handsome in his senior prom tuxedo.



**Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe** ...isn't she lovely?



**Jesse Gourley** was among seven Mt. Vernon High School students honored for achieving top 1% scores in the National Latin Test.

### HUMC Humor

- *Anonymous Contributor*

A young lady came to visit a young man in the hospital. His condition didn't allow too many visitors, but the young lady tried to march right in and was stopped by an older woman exiting. The older woman, who looked like a volunteer gray lady, said, "No outside visitors are allowed in this room." The young lady said, "Oh, that's all right I'm his sister." The older woman said, "How nice to meet you! I'm his mother."



**Isis Natalia Jean Young** celebrates her nursery school graduation with Great-great Grandma **Jean Riley**.

### Birthdays

#### June

- 10 Erin Lawhon
- 20 Greg Yashnyk
- 24 Lee Cubie
- 29 Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe

#### July

- 2 Mickey Gourley
- 2 Ellen Kaiser
- 16 Rev. Elliott Bush
- 20 Katie Beran
- 21 Ryan Rupp
- 29 Barb Butler

### "Be the Change..."

...that you want to see in our community."

That's the message of Starting Point's 'Baby Bottle Campaign' to help young families in Knox County. Please help by adding your loose change to a bottle (available at HUMC) and bringing it to the church on Father's Day, June 17.



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### **Mother's Day at Hopewell UMC**

*(Clockwise, from top left)* Pastor Lee donned his Wonder Woman mask to tell the history of Mother's Day and remember the importance of mothers...to the delight of a dozen youth...and the adult congregation. The youth presented white carnations to mothers, including Joan Coon and Joanne Purcell.

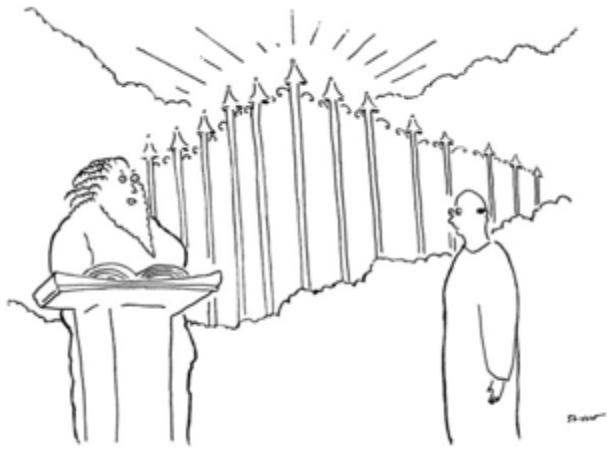


**Thank you, Cheryl McCracken,...**  
*...(above)* for praising God and gracing the Hopewell congregation with your piano music. We will miss you this summer as you care for your father down South.

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

*(below)* "He is risen indeed!" On a brisk Easter morning, members of Hopewell and South Vernon churches gathered around the fire (that Seth Lawhon started) to proclaim the risen Lord.





"Sure, you're in, but it's not really heavenly until you upgrade to premium Heaven."

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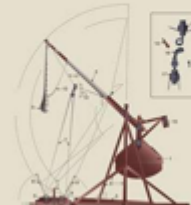
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#### UMW/Church Family Picnic

Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 PM at the shelter house in Gambier behind the Gambier Community Center. A silent auction will be held and everyone is to bring items to be auctioned off and a covered dish. The UMW will furnish the tableware and the beverages.

# June 2018

June 2018							July 2018 ▶
◀ May 2018	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Dare Day National Doughnut Day	<b>2</b> National Bubba Day National Trails Day
<b>3</b> Repeat Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Holy Communion	<b>4</b> Hug Your Cat Day National Cheese Day	<b>5</b> Hot Air Day World Environment Day	<b>6</b> D-Day (1944) National Yo-Yo Day	<b>7</b> National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	<b>8</b> Best Friends Day Name Your Poison Day	<b>9</b> Donald Duck Day National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day	
<b>10</b> Iced Tea Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/ Refreshments B'day: Erin Lawhon	<b>11</b> National Corn on the Cob Day	<b>12</b> Red Rose Day National Jerky Day 6 PM UMW Church Picnic at Gambier Park	<b>13</b> Sewing Machine Day	<b>14</b> Flag Day	<b>15</b> Smile Power Day Global Wind Day	<b>16</b> Fresh Veggies Day National Hollerinw Contest Day	
<b>17</b> Father's Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	<b>18</b> International Sushi Day International Picnic Day	<b>19</b> Juneteenth National Kissing Day	<b>20</b> National Bald Eagle Day Ice Cream Soda Day B'day: Greg Yashnyk	<b>21</b> Summer solstice National Selfie Day International Yoga Day	<b>22</b> Take Your Dog to Work Day	<b>23</b> National Pink Day	
<b>24</b> Swim a Lap Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship B'day: Lee Cubie	<b>25</b> Log Cabin Day	<b>26</b> Beautician's Day Forgiveness Day	<b>27</b> Sun Glasses Day	<b>28</b> International Body Piercing Day	<b>29</b> Camera Day Waffle Iron Day B'day: Annika Kanuckel-Wolfe	<b>30</b> Meteor Day	



July 2018							
◀ June 2018	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
							August 2018 ▶
<b>1</b> Canada Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Holy Communion	<b>2</b> World UFO Day  B'day: Ellen Kaiser B'day: Mickey Gourley, Jr	<b>3</b> Compliment Your Mirror Day	<b>4</b> Independence Day Sidewalk Egg Frying Day	<b>5</b> National Bikini Day Work-a-holics Day	<b>6</b> International Kissing Day	<b>7</b> International Cherry Pit Spitting Day	
<b>8</b> Video Games Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship/Refreshments	<b>9</b> National Sugar Cookie Day	<b>10</b> Teddy Bear Picnic Day	<b>11</b> Cheer up the Lonely Day	<b>12</b> Pecan Pie Day	<b>13</b> Barbershop Music Appreciation Day	<b>14</b> Bastille Day National Nude Day	
<b>15</b> National Ice Cream Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	<b>16</b> Fresh Spinach Day  B'day: Elliott Bush	<b>17</b> World Emoji Day	<b>18</b> National Hot Dog Day	<b>19</b> National Raspberry Cake Day	<b>20</b> Moon Day National Ugly Truck Day  B'day: Katie Beran	<b>21</b> National Junk Food Day  B'day: Ryan Rupp	
<b>22</b> Parents' Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship	<b>23</b> Vanilla Ice Cream Day	<b>24</b> Cousins Day Tell an Old Joke Day	<b>25</b> Threading the Needle Day	<b>26</b> Aunt and Uncle Day	<b>27</b> Take Your Pants for a Walk Day	<b>28</b> National Day of the Cowboy	
<b>29</b> National Lasagna Day 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship B'day: Barb Butler	<b>30</b> Father-in-Law Day	<b>31</b> Mutt's Day	<b>Notes:</b>				